

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING / BOARD RETREAT
FEBRUARY 21, 2018
APPROVED MINUTES

1. Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: President Mary Claypool called the Special Meeting / Board Retreat to order at 9:12 AM.

1.2 Roll Call

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary Claypool, President	Trustee Area #6
Janet Wohlgemuth, Vice President	Trustee Area #4
Harvey Kuffner	Trustee Area #1
John McPherson	Trustee Area #2
Judy Pennycook	Trustee Area #3
Ronald Panziera	Trustee Area #5
Dr. Nancy Kotowski, Secretary to the Board	

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION:

Sergio Alejo	Trustee Area #7
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STAFF TO SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Deneen Guss
Carla Stewart

2. Welcome/Comments:

Board President Mary Claypool welcomed the attendees, thanked them for electing her President for 2018 and she commended the Board Members on their significant successes in 2017 in streamlining the Board meetings and providing visible, quantifiable service to children and their families in Monterey County.

Dr. Kotowski requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of long-term County Office transportation department employee, Christine Caldeira.

3. Getting to Know Each Other and the Superintendent

Facilitator Brigid McGrath Massie distributed a Strength and Achievement Instrument which was completed by the Board, the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent.

4. Insights from the Board's Self-Assessment

The Board reviewed the 2017 Board Self-Assessment results and generally agreed that tremendous progress had been made in making the Board meetings more productive and impactful.

The Board members reviewed eight of their mandated duties which include:

- a. Approving the budget of the County Superintendent of Schools
- b. Serving as a Board of Appeals for students expelled by local districts
- c. Serving as a Board of Appeals for families that have been denied inter-district transfer requests
- d. Conducting matters of school district organization
- e. Acquiring, leasing and conveying MCOE property
- f. Approval of instructional materials for Court and Community Schools
- g. Setting the Superintendent's Salary
- h. Hearing Charter School Appeals

The attendees took a quiz regarding Board protocols. It was agreed that the protocols ensure that Board meetings are conducted within all legal parameters and that all viewpoints are respected and heard.

5. Review of 2017 Goals/Build on the success of those goals

The Board members reviewed the goals they established and implemented in 2017.

6. Board Goals: Linking the Board's goals to the mission statement to meaningfully impact the education of children in Monterey County

Due to the tangible results of the 2017 goals, they were used as a springboard for the development of the 2018 Board goals.

7. Develop an Action Plan for 2018 Goals

Goal #1: Development of a Master Plan for Facilities

Priority #1: Community School

Priority #2: West Campus/CTE Grant

Goal #2: Development of a Master Plan for the 2019 Educational Summit

Priority #1: Identify and "reserve" keynote speakers

Priority #2: Brainstorm to ensure that the Summit's content is innovative and impactful

Priority #3: Consider past successful breakout sessions for inclusion

Priority #4: Educate Board members on business issues focusing on construction

Goal #3: Encourage and promote programs of opportunity that help close the achievement gap

Priority #1: Identify who/where the achievement gap is

Priority #2: Include breakout sessions on the LCAP and the new Dashboard at the 2019 Summit

Priority #3: Identify programs that help to close the achievement gap and share them with the Districts

Goal #4: Continue efforts on awareness and prevention of human trafficking

Priority #1: Continue serving on the Committee; recommend that the Summit include a session on human trafficking and ensure that the new Superintendent is informed of the importance of this effort

8. Future Direction of the Board and MCOE

President Claypool stated that the mandated responsibility of setting the superintendent's salary would be conducted by an Ad-Hoc committee appointed by the President at a future meeting. It was the consensus that the Policy Committee convene and review Board Policy 2121, Setting the County Superintendent's Salary, as well as the CCBE Guidelines, and bring any recommended changes to the full board for consideration and approval.

9. Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Kotowski expressed her admiration and respect for the work of the Board and cited examples of Board members consistently going "above and beyond" in their Board work in service to the children and families in Monterey County.

10. Board Member Comments

Every Board member expressed their continued commitment to the relevance and importance of the Board's work.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 PM in memory of MCOE employee Christine Caldeira.

Approved: March 7, 2018

Mary Claypool, President

Nancy Kotowski, Ph. D.,
Secretary to the Board