

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2018
APPROVED MINUTES

1. Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: President Claypool called the Regular Meeting of the Monterey County Board of Education to order at 9:01 AM in the Dr. Ray Charlson Board Chambers of the Monterey County Office of Education.

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
Lupe Sánchez	Trustee Area #7
Dr. Nancy Kotowski, Secretary to the Board	

STAFF TO SUPERINTENDENT:

Michelle Archuleta
Garry Bousum
Darius Brown
Ginny Brown
Chris Devers
Dr. Deneen Guss
Jeff Hardig
Joshua Jorn
Colleen Stanley
Carla Stewart
Dr. Ernesto Vela

GUESTS:

Melanie Crall
Becki Hadley
Millennium Charter High School Parents,
Staff, and Board

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance: Board Member Lupe Sánchez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.4 Adoption of Agenda

Changes, additions (based on Board Bylaw 9322 – Provision of Emergency/Urgency), and approval of the Agenda as presented. 23 vote required if any item is added to the Agenda.

1.4.1 Changes to the Agenda: Dr. Kotowski requested that the Board move to Item 11 first, and also requested to pull Item 5.3 as Janet Wohlgemuth is now President Elect of CCBE so she cannot be the County Delegate. Additionally, she requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Jerry Zimmer, long time MCOE employee.

1.4.2 Additions to the Agenda: None

1.4.3 Adoption of the Agenda:

MSC 18-19-29 (7-0) Judy Pennycook, Harvey Kuffner

“That the Monterey County Board of Education adopts the agenda as amended.”

The Board moved to Item 11.

2. Communications

2.1 Correspondence: None

2.2 Oral Comments from the Public *(Comments from the public are limited to items both within the Board's jurisdiction, as well as not on the agenda. The Board may limit public comments to no more than three (3) minutes, at the discretion of the Board President. Public comment will also be allowed on each specific agenda item prior to Board action thereon.):* None

3. Consent Agenda

(Action Items included on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and are acted on by the County Board in one motion. There is not discussion of these items before the Board vote unless a member of the Board, staff, or public requests specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Agenda. It is understood that the Administration recommends approval on all Consent items. Each item on the Consent Agenda approved by the County Board shall be deemed to have been considered in full and adopted as recommended.)

MSC 18-19-30 (7-0) Harvey Kuffner, John McPherson

"That the Monterey County Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda as presented."

3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2018

3.2 Approval of the Teacher Temporary Certificates of December 12, 2018

3.3 Adoption of Resolution No. 18-19-19, National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month and National Human Trafficking Awareness Day

4. Unfinished Business Action Items: None

The Board moved to Item 6.1.

5. New Business Action Items

5.1 Annual Organizational Meeting

5.1.1 Election of President of the Monterey County Board of Education

Judy Pennycook nominated Janet Wohlgemuth for Board President for a term of December 12, 2018 through December 11, 2019, with a second by Ron Panziera. The nomination carried with a vote of 7-0.

MSC 18-19-31 (7-0) Judy Pennycook, Ron Panziera

"That Janet Wohlgemuth be elected as the President of the Monterey County Board of Education."

5.1.2 Seating of the newly elected President

President Wohlgemuth presented Mary Claypool with a personalized photo collage and orchid as a token of appreciation from the Board and staff for her distinguished leadership as Board President.

5.1.3 Authorize the newly elected President to sign official documents

MSC 18-19-32 (7-0) John McPherson, Lupe Sánchez

"That the Monterey County Board of Education authorizes the newly elected President to sign official documents."

5.1.4 Election of Vice President of the Monterey County Board of Education

Judy Pennycook nominated Ron Panziera for Board Vice President for the term of December 12, 2018 through December 11, 2019, with a second by John McPherson. The nomination carried with a vote of 7-0.

MSC 18-19-33 (7-0) Judy Pennycook, John McPherson

"That Ron Panziera be elected as the Vice President of the Monterey County Board of Education."

5.1.5 Seating of the newly elected Vice President

5.1.6 Appointment of County Board Representatives to Outside Agencies and County Board Committee Members

Monterey County Board of Education

President: Janet Wohlgemuth

Vice-President: Ron Panziera

Monterey County Committee on School District Organization

Chairperson: Ron Panziera

Vice-Chairperson: John McPherson

Equal Opportunity

Representative: Mary Claypool

Representative: Lupe Sánchez

Parliamentarian

John McPherson

Harvey Kuffner

CSBA Legislative Representative

Janet Wohlgemuth

Representatives to Outside Agencies/Organizations

- 1) **Child Abuse Prevention Council**
Representative: Judy Pennycook
Alternate: Ron Panziera
- 3) **Monterey County Schools Insurance Group**
John McPherson
- 4) **Monterey County School Boards Association**
Representative: Mary Claypool
Alternate: Janet Wohlgemuth
- 5) **California County Boards of Education Voting Member**
Representative: Janet Wohlgemuth
Alternate: John McPherson

JPA Representatives

- 1) **Community Human Services**
 Representative: Harvey Kuffner
 Alternate: Mary Claypool

Standing Committees

- 1) **Monterey County Board of Education Policy Committee**
 Chairperson: Harvey Kuffner
 Representative: Lupe Sánchez
 Representative: Ron Panziera
 Alternate: Janet Wohlgemuth
- 2) **Monterey County Board of Education Facilities Master Plan Committee**
 Chairperson: Judy Pennycook
 Representative: John McPherson
 Representative: Mary Claypool

Ad-Hoc Committees

- 1) **Monterey County Board of Education – Board Goals**
 Representative: Ron Panziera
 Representative: Mary Claypool

MSC 18-19-34 (7-0) Judy Pennycook, Mary Claypool

“That the Monterey County Board of Education appoints County Board Representatives to outside organizations, County Board Committee Members and Officers as decided at the Annual Organizational Meeting.”

- 5.1.7 Approval of Establishment of Calendar of Regular County Board Meetings for Board Year 2019
 January 16, 2019, February 13, 2019, March 13, 2019, April 10, 2019, May 8, 2019, May 29, 2018 (Budget Study Session), June 12, 2019, July 17, 2019, August 14, 2019, September 11, 2019, October 16, 2019, November 13, 2019, December 11, 2019

Meetings will begin at 9 AM with the exception of the September meeting, which will begin at 3 PM.

MSC 18-19-35 (7-0) Judy Pennycook, Mary Claypool

“That the Monterey County Board of Education establishes the schedule of regular meeting dates for the 2019 Board year.”

- 5.1.8 Measure the Success of Achieving Selected County Board Goals

The Board consensus was to conduct the Board Retreat on February 13, and to invite Brigid McGrath-Massie to facilitate the meeting.

5.1.9 Establish a Completion Date for Identifying the Next Year's County Board Goals

The Board established January 31 as the date to complete the submission of Board Goals for 2019. Additionally, the consensus was to submit the self-assessment at this time as well.

MSC 18-19-36 (7-0) Mary Claypool, Judy Pennycook

"That the Monterey County Board of Education establishes January 31, 2019 as the completion date for identifying the Board's goals for 2019."

5.1.10 Review a Tentative Calendar of Reports to the County Board and Visitations to School Sites

It was agreed that rather than scheduling visitations during Board meetings, the Superintendent's Office staff will notify the Board when the County Superintendent will be visiting school sites, and Board members can attend if they so wish.

5.1.11 Review of County Board Member Compensation

The Board reviewed the County Board member compensation comparison matrix of other Class III Counties. No changes were made to the present compensation amount.

5.1.12 Distribute County Board Self-Assessment Questionnaire and Establish a Completion Date, as Well as a Date to Review and Discuss the Results

January 31, 2019, was established as the completion date for the self-assessment. The results will be discussed at the February 13, 2019, Board Retreat.

MSC 18-19-37 (7-0) Mary Claypool, Harvey Kuffner

"That the Monterey County Board of Education establishes January 31, 2019 as the date for completion of the Board Self-Assessment, and February 13, 2019 as the date to review and discuss the results."

5.2 2018-19 Budget Revisions

Garry Bousum presented the 2018-19 budget revisions, which reflect the adjustments between the original adopted budget and the first interim report. The first interim report balance after the budget revisions have been processed is \$23,841,308.

MSC 18-19-38 (7-0) John McPherson, Harvey Kuffner

"That the Monterey County Board of Education approves the revisions to the 2018-19 budget since the 45-Day Budget Revise."

5.3 California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly Nomination

This item was removed from the agenda.

The Board moved to Item 7.1.

6. Unfinished Business Non Action Items

6.1 Millennium Charter High School Update

John McPherson recapped the letter sent to the Millennium Charter High School Board that was introduced into the record at the November meeting. MCOE agreed to hire an outside forensic auditor, which confirmed that Millennium Charter High School concluded the month of October with a deficit balance of <-\$312,988.48>.

Mr. McPherson stated that based on the forensic audit, the subcommittee does not change their recommendation that the Millennium Charter High School stop operations December 31, 2018. He stated that essentially the school was bankrupt at the conclusion of the 2017-18 school year, and school operations should not have begun for the current school year. He voiced his support of the implementation of a program with Alternative Education for Millennium students, and reiterated that the Board needs to proceed with the best interest of tax payers and students.

Dr. Ernesto Vela and Chris Devers of MCOE Student Services spoke regarding the Alternative Education programs.

Jose Arreola, President of the Millennium Charter High School Board, stated that they were not aware of the deficit going into this school year, or ending last year. If the Board was made aware, there may have been different decisions made going into the 2018-19 school year. He stated that the MCHS Board was under the impression that by the end of 2018, the school would be cash flow positive. The MCHS Board was then notified they would be held to positive cash flow from month to month. He did agree the MCOE Alternative Education program was an option, as well as a loan from the County Office resulting in the best option for the students. Mr. Arreola reviewed the cost saving measures taken, including moving from the Sherwood campus, which would save an estimated \$15,000 a month, as well as the option to become a dependent charter school. He stated he felt there needs to be other alternatives considered.

Several Millennium Charter High School parents, as well as graduated students' parents, spoke regarding their love for the school, and the difference it has made in their children's lives. It provides a unique opportunity, not necessarily available at a regular high school.

Landa Rosebraugh, Treasurer, Millennium Charter High School Board, stated that the administration and the Board of Millennium have been working hard to mitigate all that has come their way. She shared their interpretation of the forensic audit, and that the potential scenarios presented by the Alternative Education program had not been released to the Millennium Board until now.

Dr. Guss shared that a charter school only has the ability to be changed to direct funded before June 1 of a given year and the timeline is controlled by the CDE.

John McPherson spoke regarding his personal experience with Millennium while his daughter was attending. The school ended up releasing 80% of the staff and changed the schedule, resulting in the loss of 50 students.

Harvey Kuffner requested the matter be agendaized for action.

Judy Pennycook expressed concern about the timing, and in order to avoid the students being in limbo, that the MCOE Board needs to have a special meeting to make a decision before the end of the year. Staff prepared alternatives because they do not want to leave students with uncertainty.

Mary Claypool stated she knew it was an emotional issue as a parent, but it is also a financial issue, and she does not see the school coming together quick enough to continue through the end of the school year. She said it is not fair to the student or parents, as well as the Board, to continue operating in limbo.

Lupe Sánchez, spoke regarding her daughter's experience at Millennium.

The consensus of the Board was to schedule a special meeting for December 19, 2018, at 9 AM to consider options, and take action, related to Millennium Charter School.

The Board took a recess at 10:15 AM and reconvened at 10:21 AM. The Board then moved to 5.1.

7. New Business Non Action Items

7.1 Payment of Claims for November 2018

Colleen Stanley presented the item.

7.2 Quarterly Summary Report for Uniform Complaints for July 1 – September 30, 2018: Instructional Materials Deficiencies, Emergency or Urgent Facilities Conditions, and Teacher Vacancies or Misassignments

Dr. Deneen Guss reported there were no complaints to report.

7.3 First Reading of Proposed Changes to Board Bylaw 9110, Terms of Office

Harvey Kuffner presented the item.

7.4 First Reading of Proposed Changes to Board Bylaw 9310, Board Policies and Bylaws

Harvey Kuffner presented the item.

7.5 First Reading of Proposed Changes to Board Policy 4010, Conflict of Interest

Harvey Kuffner presented the item.

7.6 First Reading of Proposed Changes to Board Policy 5125, Student Records

Harvey Kuffner presented the item.

7.7 First Reading of Proposed Changes to Board Policy 5144.3 Exhibit, Expulsion Appeal Handbook

Harvey Kuffner presented the item.

7.8 First Reading of Proposed Changes to Board Policy 6144, Controversial Issues

Harvey Kuffner presented the item.

7.9 Monterey County Office of Education 2018-19 First Interim Report

Garry Bousum presented the item.

7.10 Quarterly Investment Report for Period Ending September 30, 2018

Garry Bousum presented the item on behalf of Mary Zeeb.

7.11 Surplus Property

Garry Bousum presented the item.

8. Reports from Superintendent and/or Staff

Dr. Kotowski distributed the Board calendar.

8.1 Superintendent's Report

8.1.1 Report of MCOE Program Activities

- Retirement Event
- Differentiated Assistance / Soapbox piece in newspaper
- AB1840

8.1.2 Upcoming Events

- Employee Holiday Social

Ron Panziera left the meeting at 11:49 AM.

8.2 Staff Reports

8.2.1 Head Start and Early Head Start Monthly Report for October 2018: Written report included in the Board packet.

8.2.2 Head Start Update: Sonia Jaramillo presented an update on current Head Start projects and programs.

8.2.3 California's System of Accountability and Support: Dr. Kotowski distributed the list of the eight districts that qualify for differentiated assistance.

9. Comments by Members of the Board

9.1 Board Members: John McPherson expressed regarding Millennium not taking any responsibility for the current status of the school. He requested to see on the next agenda both revocation and funding through the end of the year.

Judy Pennycook felt that revocation was only option at this point, too little too late, and anything other than that would be a gift of public funds. She also reiterated that the verbal attack on staff was unnecessary.

10. Reports from Board Members

10.1 Legislation: John McPherson

10.2 Community Human Services: Harvey Kuffner

10.3 Child Abuse Prevention Council: Judy Pennycook

10.4 Monterey County Schools Insurance Group: John McPherson

10.5 CSBA Annual Conference Reports: John

11. Staff Recognition: Jeff Hardig, Principal, Alternative Education

The Board moved to Item 6.1.

12. Consideration of Items for Future Meetings

- 12.1 Proposed Future Commendatory Resolutions: Judy Pennycook requested a commendatory resolution for the volunteer group working on the TOT lot in North County.

- 12.2 Proposed Future Agenda Items

- Community School and Master Facilities Plan

13. Next Meeting Dates:

To Be Determined at Annual Organizational Meeting

14. The meeting was adjourned in memory of Jerry Zimmer at 12:15 PM.

Approved: January 16, 2019

Janet Wohlgemuth, President

Deneen Guss, Ed. D.,
Secretary to the Board