

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD RETREAT  
FEBRUARY 12, 2020  
APPROVED MINUTES

1. Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: President Ronald Panziera called the Regular meeting of the Monterey County Board of Education to order at 9:08 AM in the Bunkhouse Conference Room of the Harden Foundation.

1.2 Roll Call

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ronald Panziera, President	Trustee Area #5
John McPherson, Vice President	Trustee Area #2
Harvey Kuffner	Trustee Area #1
Judy Pennycook	Trustee Area #3
Janet Wohlgemuth	Trustee Area #4
Mary Claypool	Trustee Area #6
Lupe Sánchez	Trustee Area #7
Dr. Deneen Guss, Secretary to the Board	

**STAFF TO SUPERINTENDENT:**

Joshua Jorn  
Carla Stewart  
Dr. Ernesto Vela

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance: Ronald Panziera 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: Ron Panziera requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Michael Payne, former SUHSD Board member.

1.4.2 Additions to the Agenda: The agenda had been amended to include Item 3.8, Adoption of Resolution No. 19-20-32.

1.4.3 Adoption of the Agenda:

MSC 19-20-46 (7-0) John McPherson, Janet Wohlgemuth

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

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. New Business Action Items

3.1 Approval of the 2019-2020 Comprehensive School Safety Plan for Monterey County Alternative Education Program

Dr. Ernesto Vela presented the item.

MSC 19-20-47 (7-0) Judy Pennycook, Lupe Sánchez

"That the Monterey County Board of Education approves the 2019-2020 Comprehensive School Safety Plan for the Monterey County Alternative Education Program."

3.2 Approval of the 2019-2020 Comprehensive School Safety Plan for Gabilan School

Joshua Jorn presented the item.

MSC 19-20-48 (7-0) Judy Pennycook, Mary Claypool

"That the Monterey County Board of Education approves the 2019-2020 Comprehensive School Safety Plan for Gabilan School."

3.3 Approval of the 2019-2020 Comprehensive School Safety Plan for Arthur B. Ingham

Joshua Jorn presented the item.

MSC 19-20-49 (7-0) Judy Pennycook, Mary Claypool

"That the Monterey County Board of Education approves the 2019-2020 Comprehensive School Safety Plan for Arthur B. Ingham."

3.4 Approval of the 2019-2020 Comprehensive School Safety Plan for Bard Blades Early Childhood Education Center

Joshua Jorn presented the item.

MSC 19-20-50 (7-0) Judy Pennycook, Mary Claypool

"That the Monterey County Board of Education approves the 2019-2020 Comprehensive School Safety Plan for Bard Blades Early Childhood Education Center."

3.5 2019-2020 Consolidated Application and Reporting System (CARS) for Funding Categorical Aid Programs

Dr. Ernesto Vela presented the item.

MSC 19-20-51 (7-0) Judy Pennycook, Janet Wohlgemuth

"That the Monterey County Board of Education approve the Consolidated Application (Winter Release) for funding and reporting of Categorical Aid Programs."

3.6 Adoption of Resolution No. 19-20-31, Resolution in Support of Proposition 13, Californians for Safe Schools and Healthy Learning

Joshua Jorn presented the item.

MSC 19-20-52 (7-0) John McPherson, Janet Wohlgemuth

"That the Monterey County Board of Education adopts Resolution No. 19-20-31 as presented."

3.7 California County Board of Education (CCBE) County Board Governance Workshop

MSC 19-20-53 (7-0) Mary Claypool, Judy Pennycook

"That the Monterey County Board of Education approves the travel request of Harvey Kuffner to attend the California County Boards of Education Conference in Sacramento, California, from March 15 – 16, 2020."

3.8 Adoption of Resolution Number 19-20-32, Recognizing and Honoring Salinas High School, 100 Years on Main Street

MSC 19-20-54 (7-0) Janet Wohlgemuth, Judy Pennycook

"That the Monterey County Board of Education adopts Resolution No. 19-20-32, Recognizing and Honoring Salinas High School, 100 Years on Main Street, as presented."

4. Welcome/Comments: Ron Panziera, President, welcomed everyone to the retreat.

5. Leadership Insights and Discussion

Board members discussed, clarified and gave examples of various situations where the Board and the Superintendent have successfully collaborated resulting in good outcomes for students in Monterey County.

Brigid distributed the CCSESA/CCBE diagram of Board and Superintendent functions. Members of the Board spoke regarding Dr. Guss doing a good job but stretching herself to the max; they suggested she narrow the field and find dependable employees to help.

The Board took a break at 10:10 AM, and reconvened at 10:16 AM.

6. Review and Discussion of the Board's Self-Assessment Questionnaire: The self-assessment was reviewed by the Board. Board members commented that it is a helpful instrument to identify potential areas of communication challenges among Board members. Additionally, it was noted that many areas of the self-assessment have improved each year.
7. Develop Action Plans for the Goals Identified by the Subcommittee: Board members collaboratively developed actions plans related to the three goals previously submitted and vetted by the Goals Subcommittee. Board members reviewed portions of the 2019 Community Needs Assessment prepared by the Monterey County Community Action Partnership.
8. Board Member Comments: Board members compared their perceptions of their team member style to the perceptions of their fellow Board members. It was noted that the diversity of styles on the Board contributes to its collective ability to make substantive contributions to the issues and responsibilities of the of the Board. An exercise to facilitate Board members in sharing their insights into their roles as community leaders was discussed.
9. Superintendent Comments: Dr. Guss thanked the Board for their support during her first year as County Superintendent.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 PM in memory of Michael Payne.

Approved: March 11, 2020

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Ronald Panziera, President

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