

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
TELEPHONIC REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2020
APPROVED MINUTES

1. Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: Ronald Panziera called the Regular Telephonic Meeting of the Monterey County Board of Education to order at 3:02 PM.

1.2 Roll Call all present

BOARD MEMBERS:

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:

Alex Cockerham
Christopher Devers
Cindy Dunn
Justin McCollum
Dr. Colleen Stanley
Dr. Ernesto Vela

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance: Christopher Devers 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. 2/3 vote required if any item is added to the Agenda.

1.4.1 Changes to the Agenda: None

1.4.2 Additions to the Agenda: Harvey Kuffner requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of retired elementary school principal Mezola Benton, after 23 years with Monterey Peninsula Unified School District. In 1990 she co-chaired the Education Advisory Fort Ord Community Task Force organized by Congressman Panetta, worked for Sylvia Panetta, and was recognized in 2010 for her contributions in public policy to the American Association of University Women in Monterey County. Dr. Deneen Guss requested that the meeting also be adjourned in memory of Belica Vasquez, beloved Alternative Education staff member. Chris added that she was very dedicated to the students and was a pleasure to work with.

1.4.3 Adoption of the Agenda

MSC 20-21-17 (7-0) Harvey Kuffner, Judy Pennycook

AYES: Ron Panziera, John McPherson, Harvey Kuffner, Judy Pennycook, Janet Wohlgemuth, Mary Claypool, Lupe Sánchez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

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

2. Communications

2.1 Correspondence: Correspondence received pertaining to the Proposed 2020-21 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for the Monterey County Office of Education Alternative Education Program was read into the record during Item 7.5.1.

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 20-21-18 Mary Claypool, Lupe Sánchez

AYES: Ron Panziera, John McPherson, Harvey Kuffner, Judy Pennycook, Janet Wohlgemuth, Mary Claypool, Lupe Sánchez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

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

*3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Telephonic Regular Board Meeting of August 12, 2020

*3.2 Approval of Teacher Temporary Certificates for September 9, 2020

*3.3 Adoption of Resolution No. 20-21-07, Honoring and Recognizing California Native American Day

*3.4 Adoption of Resolution No. 20-21-12, Honoring and Recognizing Filipino American History Month

*3.5 Adoption of Resolution No. 20-21-13, Honoring and Recognizing California's Week of the School Administrator

4. Unfinished Business Action Items: None

5. New Business Action Items

*5.1 Provisional Internship Permit Application for the Education Specialist Credential

No questions were received.

MSC 20-21-19 Janet Wohlgemuth, Lupe Sánchez

AYES: Ron Panziera, John McPherson, Harvey Kuffner, Judy Pennycook, Janet Wohlgemuth, Mary Claypool, Lupe Sánchez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

"That the Monterey County Board of Education approves the Provisional Internship Permit for the 2020-2021 school year."

*5.2 Provisional Internship Permit Application for the Education Specialist Credential

No questions were received.

MSC 20-21-20 Janet Wohlgemuth, Harvey Kuffner

AYES: Ron Panziera, John McPherson, Harvey Kuffner, Judy Pennycook, Janet Wohlgemuth, Mary Claypool, Lupe Sánchez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

"That the Monterey County Board of Education approves the Provisional Internship Permit for the 2020-2021 school year."

The Board moved to Item 7.5

*5.3 Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 20-21-11, Availability of Textbooks and Instructional Materials for 2020-2021, 3:30 PM

5.3.1 Open Public Hearing: President Panziera opened the public hearing at 3:32 PM.

5.3.2 Receive Public Input and Comment: None

5.3.3 Close Public Hearing: President Panziera closed the public hearing at 3:32 PM.

MSC 20-21-21 Lupe Sánchez, Harvey Kuffner

AYES: Ron Panziera, John McPherson, Harvey Kuffner, Judy Pennycook, Janet Wohlgemuth, Mary Claypool, Lupe Sánchez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

"That the Monterey County Board of Education adopts Resolution No. 20-21-11, determining that there are available to students, sufficient textbooks and instructional materials that are consistent with content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the State Board of Education."

The Board moved to Item 7.4

6. Unfinished Business Non Action Items: None

7. New Business Non Action Items

*7.1 Early Learning Program (ELP) Surplus Property

Josh explained that surplus property is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis in the following priority order; 1) MCOE Divisions and Departments, 2) school districts,

3) 501(c)(3) and churches. If no interest, the products are then taken to Monterey Regional Waste Management District for salvage.

*7.2 Special Education Surplus Property

No questions were asked.

*7.3 County Office Evaluation of Fiscal Oversight Provided to the South Monterey County Joint Union High School District

Dr. Deneen Guss explained that Assembly Bill 1840 changed the responsibility of who the Trustee reports to, which used to be the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) and is now the County Superintendent of Schools. The County Trustee for South Monterey County Joint Union High School District (SMCJUHS) works with Colleen Stanley and the Business Office staff for regular reviews. AB 1840 also calls for the evaluation of the County Superintendent. The Fiscal Crisis Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) completed an in-person review of the County Superintendent/Business Office in March. Dr. Guss commended Colleen and the Business Office team for doing an outstanding job in helping to support SMCJUHS in staying in good fiscal solvency.

Michelle Giacomini, Deputy Executive Officer II with FCMAT, commended Dr. Guss as well. She explained that this was a unique, first-of-a-kind report from AB 1840 that requires FCMAT to monitor the County Superintendent's fiscal oversight of SMCJUHS and to report the findings to the Department of Finance (DOF), SPI, and the State Board of Education (SBE). MCOE's review is the first of four in the State that will take place this year, which due to Coronavirus, had been postponed and will be done virtually. She stressed that this was a positive review with very good findings, which is not the norm. During the review process, FCMAT used a tool that looked at three reporting periods; 1) annual, 2) interim, and 3) unaudited actuals. The outcome was that the County is doing very well in the job of fiscal oversight. FCMAT will be back on an annual basis to review the District's fiscal oversight until there is no longer a Trustee in the district.

Colleen thanked Michelle and reported that she had met with the Financial Analysts and all recommended items had been added to the checklist, and that they would also provide a summary for all unaudited actuals, including MCOE's, in the future.

No questions or comments from the Board.

The Board moved to Item 5.3

*7.4 Monterey County School District 2020-21 Adopted Budget Summary

Dr. Colleen Stanley presented page 89 in the agenda packet. She reported that, even with recent fiscal challenges, districts have no more deficit spending than during the previous year and that they will be fiscally solvent during 2020-21. However, the two subsequent years could be a concern. The Business Office will monitor district spending carefully.

The Board moved to Item 8.1

*7.5 Public Hearing on the Proposed 2020-21 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for the Monterey County Office of Education Alternative Education Program, Monterey County Home Charter School, and Open Door Charter School, 3:10 PM

*7.5.1 Alternative Education Program

- 7.5.1.1 Open Public Hearing: President Panziera opened the public hearing at 3:10 PM.
- 7.5.1.2 Receive Public Input and Comment – President Panziera read into the record public input and comment received from Laura Tinajero, Alma Cervantes, Rosalyn Green, and Gabriela Manzo.
- 7.5.1.3 Close Public Hearing: President Panziera closed the public hearing at 3:17 PM.

*7.5.2 Monterey County Home Charter School

- 7.5.2.1 Open Public Hearing: President Panziera opened the public hearing at 3:17 PM.
- 7.5.2.2 Receive Public Input and Comment: None.
- 7.5.2.3 Close Public Hearing: President Panziera closed the public hearing at 3:18 PM.

*7.5.3 Open Door Charter School

- 7.5.3.1 Open Public Hearing: President Panziera opened the public hearing at 3:18 PM.
- 7.5.3.2 Receive Public Input and Comment: None.
- 7.5.3.3 Close Public Hearing: President Panziera closed the public hearing at 3:18 PM.

The Board moved to Item 6

8. Reports from Superintendent and/or Staff

8.1 Superintendent's Report

8.1.1 Report of MCOE Program Activities:

- Following an incident where students were seen in front of Taco Bell needing free Wi-Fi service for distance-learning, Supervisor Luis Alejo requested a meeting that Deneen facilitated last Friday that included Salinas District Superintendents and a few Board Members, City staff and the Interim Mayor, along with a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) representative to look at how to resolve connectivity issues that some students had been experiencing. Currently, the City is working on a dark fiber network project. Another meeting will take place within the next couple of months to discuss ways to address this digital divide through various means, such as legislation or partnering entities, in order to achieve this common goal of closing the digital divide.
- Guidance for small learning pods that came out one week ago has been changed to any combination of 16 people instead of only 12 students and two adults. Today the California Department of Education (CDE) held a webinar regarding the learning pods. An archived version can be found on the CDE website.

- Deneen recognized MCOE team members that have worked hard in the midst of the fires, evacuations, and pandemic. Even though the following employees had either been evacuated or were helping family members, they continued to work serving our students and families. The following employees have gone above and beyond: Deb Brau, Joe DeRuosi, Sean Crosno, David Millar, John Horvath, Sheila Keifetz, Jack Peterson, Taylour Matz, Rod Garcia, Maria Ramirez, Abmber Albertoni, and Annabelle Dennis. Also, congratulations to Chris Devers who has been appointed to the Juvenile Court, Community and Alternative School Administrators of California (JCCASAC) Board to represent Monterey County at the State level.

8.1.2 Upcoming Events: Dr. Guss invited Board Members to attend these events

- Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 6:00 PM –Census Town Hall
- Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 3:00 PM – African American Community Forum
- Monday, September 14, 2020 from 5:00 – Monterey County School Boards Association (MCSBA) Workshop on Implicit Bias

8.2 Staff Reports

*8.2.1 Early Learning Monthly Written Report for August 2020: No questions or comments from the Board.

*8.2.2 Annual Charter School Oversight Report: No questions or comments from the Board.

9. Comments by Members of the Board

President Panziera reported a Facebook request to announce who is talking in the Board meetings. He stated that there are currently no live public comments, but that the Board is open to public comments at all times and comments can be emailed in by 5:00 PM the night before the Board meetings. The Board will not be doing Zoom meetings until ensured they are totally secure.

9.1 Board Members: none

10. Reports from Board Members

10.1 Legislation: Janet Wohlgemuth had a productive meeting yesterday with Region 9 Delegate from Santa Cruz and Jimmy Panetta, who is currently writing bi-partisan letters and getting support for the Dream and CARE Acts. He is still in negotiations that could possibly mean \$7 billion for California toward the digital divide, as well as other funding. He continues to push toward closing the gap on the digital divide broadband, especially in Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties. They also discussed how the fires are affecting our two Counties and doing all we can to receive federal funds to help those that had been impacted. Some schools in Santa Cruz County still have not started because of the fire. Another topic of discussion was the potential of teachers retiring and other funding sources to encourage young people to get into the profession of teaching, as well as possible loan forgiveness legislation.

*10.2 Community Human Services: Harvey Kuffner drew attention to the news release on page 174 in the agenda packet "Local Teams Join Forces to House 100 Homeless Youth"

explaining that CHS joined the Coalition of Homeless Service Providers and 18 other community partners in a 100-day challenge to try to find residences for homeless youth. He also requested that, because of an increase in MCOE's budget with the Learning Loss Mitigation Funds (LLMF), the Board reconsider the request that CHS made previously to provide a contribution of \$11,000 to the agency. Board Member Pennycook pointed out that Robert's Rules of Order do not allow the Board to reconsider a decision that has already been made. Colleen explained that these funds are restricted for things such as Learning Loss Mitigation, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and the Digital Divide.

10.3 Child Abuse Prevention Council: Ron Panziera received an email from Virginia Pierce stating that the CAPC Board would like to increase their Board membership. Applications are due on September 26 for anyone interested.

10.4 Monterey County Schools Insurance Group: John McPherson reported that there was no meeting in July, and he has not yet received the August minutes to report.

11. Staff Recognition: Employee of the Month Recognition: None

12. Consideration of Items for Future Meetings

12.1 Proposed Future Commendatory Resolutions

12.2 Proposed Future Agenda Items

- CSEY / TOY Recognition

- Employee of the Month Recognition (ongoing)

13. Next Meeting Date:

September 23, 2020 – 9 AM

October 14, 2020 – 9 AM

Agenda Items Due September 8, 2020

Agenda Items Due September 28, 2020

14. The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 PM in memory of Mezola Benton and Belica Velasques.

Approved: September 23, 2020

Ronald Panziera, President

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