

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
TELEPHONIC REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2020
APPROVED MINUTES

1. Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: President Ronald Panziera called the Regular Telephonic Meeting of the Monterey County Board of Education to order at 9:04 AM

1.2 Roll Call: All Present

BOARD MEMBERS:

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| 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:

Ginny Brown
Alex Cockerham
Christopher Devers
Justin McCollum
Dr. Colleen Stanley
Dr. Ernesto Vela

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance: Dr. Ernesto Vela 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
- 1.4.2 Additions to the Agenda
- 1.4.3 Adoption of the Agenda

MSC 20-21-22 (7-0) Harvey Kuffner, Lupe Sanchez

AYES: Ronald Panziera, John McPherson, Harvey Kuffner, Judy Pennycook, Janet Wohlgemuth, Mary Claypool, Lupe Sanchez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

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

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 20-21-23 (7-0) Judy Pennycook, Harvey Kuffner

AYES: Ronald Panziera, John McPherson, Harvey Kuffner, Judy Pennycook, Janet Wohlgemuth, Mary Claypool, Lupe Sanchez

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 September 9, 2020

3.2 Adoption of Resolution No. 20-21-14, Recognizing October as California School Bus Safety Awareness Month

3.3 Adoption of Resolution No. 20-21-15, Recognizing October 23-31 as Red Ribbon Week

3.4 Adoption of Resolution No. 20-21-16, Recognizing October as National Bullying Prevention Month

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION: Dr. Deneen Guss

4. Unfinished Business Action Items

4.1 Approval of the 2020-21 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for the Monterey County Office of Education Alternative Education Program

Chris Devers, Senior Director of Alternative Education, explained that this plan addresses supplemental and concentration funding for unduplicated students: English Language Learners, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, homeless and foster youth, as well as adjudicated and expelled students. The plan was co-written by the Alternative Education leadership team with input from stakeholders and staff serving the students, parents and community partners. Assessment teams ensure services to the students provide a high quality education and a successful transition to future education and college & career for students in our programs. Building Healthy Communities submitted public comment to several COEs and school districts, and they were read at the public hearing. This plan addresses how Alternative Education programs are meeting those

requests and is an accurate reflection of what is needed and being done in our programs. School Site Council, ELAC and DLAC engagement as well as parent engagement in the process is of high importance and we continually adapt meeting times to accommodate parent needs in order to ensure their engagement.

MSC 20-21-24 (7-0) Lupe Sanchez, Harvey Kuffner

AYES: Ronald Panziera, John McPherson, Harvey Kuffner, Judy Pennycook, Janet Wohlgemuth, Mary Claypool, Lupe Sanchez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

"That the Monterey County Board of Education approves the 2020-21 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for the Monterey County Office of Education Alternative Education Program."

4.2 Approval of the 2020-21 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for the Monterey County Home Charter School

Justin McCollum, MCHCS Principal, stated that significant feedback was solicited from all stakeholders. Opportunities for feedback from parents and stakeholders are ongoing. The primary goal was to pivot to a virtual setting that offers everything from pre-Covid educational plans. Enrichment and intervention programs continue to be offered, and resources address equity for all students and that staff and parents have the training needed for success. Devices for students have been set up quickly, securely, and appropriately due to diligent service from T&O. All students who need devices have them, and those that lacked connectivity now have hotspots for their homes. This ensures consistent methods for staff, students and parents for virtual communications so that clear expectations are set. Through the process, all requests of stakeholders have been met.

MSC 20-21-25 Mary Claypool, John McPherson 7-0

AYES: Ronald Panziera, John McPherson, Harvey Kuffner, Judy Pennycook, Janet Wohlgemuth, Mary Claypool, Lupe Sanchez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

"That the Monterey County Board of Education approves the 2020-21 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for the Monterey County Home Charter School."

4.3 Approval of the 2020-21 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for the Open Door Charter School

Chris Devers presented the plan. The new program services 18-24 year students who want to earn their high school equivalency or diploma. This is a non-classroom based program for independent study. The teacher meets 1-1 with students practicing social distancing and safety protocols. Students are being held accountable to complete a specific volume of course work weekly. There is a focus on technical education for

college and career. The program provides a step up in life for the adult students. The program works closely with partners on how to direct supplemental and concentration funds. Dr. Colleen Stanley shared that the budget overview for parents that will be presented in December will be aligned with the plan that is approved.

MSC 20-21-26 (7-0) Janet Wohlgemuth, Harvey Kuffner

AYES: Ronald Panziera, John McPherson, Harvey Kuffner, Judy Pennycook, Janet Wohlgemuth, Mary Claypool, Lupe Sanchez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

"That the Monterey County Board of Education approves the 2020-21 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for the Open Door Charter School."

5. New Business Action Items

5.1 Approval of the 2020-22 English Learner Master Plan

Dr. Ernesto Vela explained that the plan that highlights the Monterey County Office of Education's policies, procedures, and goals for English Learners. The plan is aligned with the California Department of Education's vision for English Learners in California. Reclassification of students to English language proficient is the most prevalent part of this across all programs. The plan is reflective of the most current research based best practices for English Learners.

MSC 20-21-27 (7-0): Lupe/Judy (7-0)

"That the Monterey County Board of Education approves the Monterey County English Learner Master Plan."

6. Unfinished Business Non Action Items: None

7. New Business Non Action Items

7.1 Payment of Claims for August 2020

Dr. Colleen Stanley reported that she received no questions from Board members.

7.2 First Reading of Board Policy 1312.3, Uniform Complaint Procedures

Harvey Kuffner explained that the changes include GAMUT's August update with changes in the law for county offices of education.

7.3 First Reading of Board Policy 1312.4, Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures

Harvey Kuffner stated that this reflects GAMUT changes for county offices of education.

7.4 First Reading First Reading of Board Policy 1340, Access to Public Records

Harvey Kuffner explained that the updates reflect the Public Records Act.

7.5 First Reading First Reading of Board Policy 3320, Claims and Actions Against the Monterey County Office of Education

Harvey Kuffner stated that this policy reflects claims procedure and the Government Claims Act. Dr. Colleen Stanley stated that she had collaborated on this policy.

7.6 First Reading of Board Policy 5117.1, Interdistrict Attendance Appeals

Harvey Kuffner explained that the changes reflect GAMUT's updated appeals processes.

7.7 First Reading of Board Policy 6020, Parent Involvement

Harvey Kuffner stated that with Dr. Ernesto Vela's assistance, the two policies concerning parent involvement and Title 1 schools were combined into one policy in accordance with the GAMUT sample.

7.8 Proposed Deletion of Board Policy 6020.1, Parent Involvement (Title I Schools)

Harvey Kuffner stated that this policy deletion is because it was combined with the policy on Title 1 schools in the previously reviewed Board Policy 6020.

7.9 First Reading of Board Bylaw 9323.2, Actions by the County Board

Harvey Kuffner explained that this policy clarifies actions not on the agenda and voting procedures.

7.10 Quarterly Summary Report for Uniform Complaints for April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020: Instructional Materials Deficiencies, Emergency or Urgent Facilities Conditions, and Teacher Vacancies or Misassignments

Dr. Ernesto Vela reported that there were no complaints from April 1 – June 30, 2020.

8. Reports from Superintendent and/or Staff

8.1 Superintendent's Report

- Small learning pods are now allowed and are being offered at some schools in our county.
- Waivers are now being considered by the Health Department. When a waiver is approved by the Health Officer, it will be posted on the State Public Health website and MCOE will also post it on our website. Waivers are now being considered as our metrics are moving in the right direction.
- The metrics used by CDPH is improving for Monterey County. If the numbers continue to go in the right direction, we may move from purple into red at some point and when that occurs, we will be able to open school in a modified in-person setting such as a hybrid model.
- CDPH is recommending that when schools open in a hybrid model, staff be tested on a regular basis such that all staff are tested every two months.

Dr. Guss will be looking into testing with Stanford Health to possibly bring more testing with quick result testing to Monterey County. The testing fee would be paid by the insurance plan.

- We are making great progress on our Digital Divide project and are anticipating another generous donation. We are about \$1M away from meeting the requests for devices in Monterey County.
- The parking lot project is underway. It has been a long term project goal and much needed for safety reasons. Two other construction projects that are underway are updating the staff lounge and the two bathrooms across from the Superintendent's office.

8.1.1 Upcoming Events: None

8.1.2 Staff Reports: None

9. Comments by Members of the Board

9.1 Board Members

Janet Wohlgemuth thanked Dr. Guss and Terri Dye and her staff for their participation in the virtual CCBE conference this year. The CEO and founder of Zoom gave a wonderful presentation of what the county offices of education do and wanted feedback from educators on how to make Zoom better for our students. Linda Darling Hammond spoke about next steps and where education may be going in the future. Capitol Advisers presented an outlook for hot items with the coming elections.

Mary Claypool shared that PK Diffenbaugh, Superintendent of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, just opened a culinary school at Marina High. The program will focus on farm to table sustainability and will have an organic garden and indoor and outdoor cafes. She applauds PK for continuing to come up with opportunities for students.

Lupe said she was invited to a groundbreaking for much needed student housing at CSUMB in Marina. Twelve (12) townhome units will provide 58 student beds.

10. Reports from Board Members

10.1 Legislation: Janet Wohlgemuth reported that the CCBE Board of Directors approved this board's recommendation for Outstanding Legislator of the Year, Robert Rivas. He will be recognized virtually during the December meeting. CCBE will be asking for student artwork, the winner decided by the MCOE, that will be presented to the legislator to hang at his office that will represent students in the county. They must have the artwork in by October 15. Harvey Kuffner stated that as a freshman Assemblymember, he was appointed to the Agricultural Committee, which is an historical event.

Harvey Kuffner stated that the passing of Ruth Bader Ginsberg is a large loss to us all.

10.2 Community Human Services: Harvey Kuffner stated that he is working on an evaluation/questionnaire with Alana Myles with the purpose of seeking feedback from the board and staff regarding how the executive director works with them, as well as feedback on the effectiveness of their services in the community. This information will be discussed at the next CHS board meeting.

- 10.3 Child Abuse Prevention Council: Ron Panziera reported that he received an email from Ginger Pierce seeking nominations for additional CAPC board members.

Dr. Colleen Stanley is interested in applying to serve on the Board and will send her resume. Ginger Pierce also sent an email regarding mandated reporter training. This email was forwarded by Jessica Hull to all board members.

- 10.4 Monterey County Schools Insurance Group: John McPherson stated that he would be pleased to participate in the ceremony to recognize Robert Rivas. MCSIG has named a new Executive Director, Roxanne Buckner. They are working to mitigate subscribers' inability and challenges in seeing dental service providers. Judy shared that she has experienced some reimbursement issues in the transition from Blue Cross to Blue Shield. Dr. Colleen Stanley shared that MCSIG's rate setting meeting was yesterday. The proposed increase was 9.3% across the board but our increase will only be 8.3%. During open enrollment, watch for changes in the PPO plans. A \$500 additional emergency room co-pay. If it is established that the visit was for a true emergency, the \$500 additional co-pay will be refunded.

11. Staff Recognition: None

12. Consideration of Items for Future Meetings

12.1 Proposed Future Commendatory Resolutions: None

12.2 Proposed Future Agenda Items:

- CSEY / TOY Recognition

- Employee of the Month Recognition (ongoing)

13. Next Meeting Date:

November 18, 2020 – 9 AM

Agenda Items Due November 6, 2020

14. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 AM.

Approved: October 14, 2020

Ronald Panziera, President

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