



DRAFT MINUTES
MCUSD Board Meeting
District Office Board Room

May 9, 2024

1. Open Meeting:

President Jennifer Kiser opened the meeting at 4:30 PM. Present were Robert C. Hill, Kimberly Harper, Bob Morse, Bob Collins, and Jeff Aranguena, the Superintendent.

A. Public Comment for Closed Session:

2. Closed Session: As there were no public comments, the Board entered into closed session at 4:32 PM.

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: Superintendent

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE [Gov. Code § 54957]

In moving to Open Session at 5:30 PM there were technical issues with the Zoom.

3. Reconvene in Open Session: The schedule was adjusted, bringing forward presentations while working through the Zoom issue.

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by President Kiser

C. Items not on the Agenda:

The Superintendent would like to add the Golf Team presentation and move the Student Board Member Report forward to 3E & F.

The Superintendent will also move item 10B, Athletic Budget Development and Update to be presented along with Item 11B, Athletic Facilities/Fields Priority List Update

E. Golf Presentation: Coach Blessing introduced students Lobaugh and Verceles who competed in the CIF-SJS VI Golf Tournament. The students shared their experience with the board.

F. Student Board Member Report: Maegan Matchett shared the end of the year ASB plans for prom and graduation as well as her plans for the future. The Board presented Ms. Matchett with a plaque for her service as the student board member for the 2023-24 school year.

The Zoom connected at 6:05 PM at which time the board proceeded with the meeting.

- A. Announce Closed Session Action: It was announced that in closed session the Board conducted the annual evaluation of the Superintendent
- D. Approval of the Agenda:

Moved by Mr. Collins to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Morse.

AYES: Hill, Harper, Morse, Kiser, Collins. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Motion Passes.

The regular MCUSD meeting was recessed to open the Public Hearing for both the MCUSD and MCOE at 6:09 PM.

4. Public Hearing: By-Trustee Area Election System: opened for mcoe/mcud

- A. Pre-map Public Hearing #2: Legal representative David Soldani confirmed that the demographer has reviewed the current County Board of Supervisor maps and found them to be compliant with the Fair Maps Act and aligned with the criteria needed.

Mr. Soldani proceeded to share with the room questions and answers that had been provided to the board regarding pros and cons, costs, litigation/liability, and possible effects on board seats.

The question of representation was once again brought up. It has been presented that by moving to a by-trustee voting system, voters in districts would have no say over the representation of the high school. Mr. Soldani repeated his prior response which is that no matter which district a trustee represents, whether they are voted in by an at-large or a by-trustee system, the first responsibility of every board member is to every student in the school district, not to an individual school site, not to a building.

K Monson: Ms. Monson echoed the lawyer's response that the duty of each representative is to all the students in the district as a whole.

B Cone: Ms. Cone spoke of appreciation for the board going through the process and shared the parallel she sees of Mariposa being able to vote for congressional representation from their county, and not having that voted on by the entire state. Speaker: It was shared that the board should make decisions based on the entire student population

L Eidelheit: Ms. Eidelheit asked the board to please move to a by-trustee area voting process as it is in the best interest of the school district and would align with how the board of supervisors is elected. In response to a comment regarding Mariposa not having protected classes, she spoke to the largest native american and hispanic communities.

B Collins: Ms. Collins spoke of choosing a voting process for the right reasons.

M. Ahmadi: Mr. Ahmadi spoke in favor of a by-trustee area voting process

Burnikoff: Letter read in support of shifting to by-trustee area voting process

Mr. Soldani responded to board questions regarding if they chose to remain with an at-large voting process and they were served with a lawsuit. He let the board know that what would most likely happen is they would receive a letter informing them that they needed to change to by-trustee area voting and at that point they should not fight it but proceed with the process to change as there has not been one example of a district winning a CVRA, FVRA, FMA suit. Once a letter is received, the district must respond to that request and is required to pay whatever fees the letter writer has incurred, this usually begins at \$30K.

It was confirmed that the first of two Post-Map Public Hearings will take place on May 23, 2024 at 4:30 PM.

The MCUSD/MCOE Public Hearing was closed at 6:53 PM to reopen the regular MCUSD meeting.

Based on the interest in item 13A, the Board moved this item up.

13. School Board Proposed Policy Discussion/Edits/Changes/Revisions

A. Second Read: BP 6142.93, Science Instruction

Jewel: Letter read in favor of keeping the language that has already been agreed upon by the board and community

Hodge: Letter read in opposition to CSBA changes

VonRaeder: Letter read in opposition to CSBA changes

Tucker: Letter read in opposition to CSBA changes

Wall: Letter read in opposition to CSBA changes

Eariling: Letter read in opposition to CSBA changes

Blew: Letter read in opposition to CSBA changes

Montoya: Letter read in opposition to CSBA changes

Bernicoff: Letter read in support of CSBA changes

Trustee Collins read BP 6144, Controversial Issues, and spoke of the policy relating to his belief that all discussions should be allowed in science instruction. Discussion and clarification between board members ensued. Questions were raised as to what are the expectations for teachers, class discussions if all topics are allowed.

B Collins: Ms. Collins delivered a revised draft of the language she would like to submit for consideration to the board

B Moore: Mr. Moore spoke in opposition to CSBA language

K Monson: Ms. Monson spoke in support of the CSBA language

C Dunn: Mr. Dunn spoke in opposition to CSBA language

R Shull: Mr. Shull spoke in opposition to CSBA language

M Wilson: Ms. Wilson spoke in opposition to CSBA language

M Ahmadi: Mr. Ahmadi spoke in opposition to CSBA language

E Eidelheit: Ms. Eidelheit spoke in support of the CSBA language

Mr. Morse clarified that the proposed language is not new, the district is simply behind in updating this policy.

C River: Ms. River spoke as a tribal member and of the CSBA language in place to protect all peoples of varying views

Trustee Collins spoke again of not expecting teachers to share their religious views, but to allow students to ask questions, and for educators to make decisions about how they will respond.

Trustee Hill added that no one is trying to push religion into the classroom, and wants students to have their freedom of speech to ask questions.

Trustee Morse added that while freedom of speech continues to be raised, the board's legal representatives have stated that this is not a freedom of speech issue.

Trustee Kiser shared information regarding religion being allowed to be discussed in schools, and other policies in place to protect the language in the science policy. She believes religious discussion in science class is already being governed.

Trustee Collins provided new language for consideration. *"Philosophical and religious theories that are based, at least in part, on faith and are not subject to scientific test and refutation can be responded to pursuant to existing board policies; BP 6141.2, BP 5145.2, and BP 6144."*

Moved by Mr. Hill to submit new language to the legal team, and bring back the new language to the June meeting as a first read/discussion, seconded by Mr. Collins

AYES: Hill, Harper, Morse, Kiser, Collins. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Motion Passes.

The Board took a break from 8:31 PM to 8:45 PM

5. Public Comment: None

6. Standing Reports:

- B. MCTA Report: None
- C. CSEA Report: None
- D. Superintendent Report: Superintendent Aranguena shared information on seasonal fundraising events including the recent FFA dinner and upcoming Kid's First Dinner, and Sober Grad fundraiser.

7. Consent Agenda: Items A - P

- A. Approval of Consent Agenda
- B. Minutes
- C. Overnight, Out of State or Unusual Liability Field Trips for Students - LDP
- D. Overnight, Out of State or Unusual Liability Field Trips for Students - MCHS
- E. Overnight, Out of State or Unusual Liability Field Trips for Students - MCHS

- F. Ratification of Monthly Warrants
- G. Monthly Ratification of Contracts & Agreements under \$15,000
- H. Resignations/Leaves and Employment/Personnel Changes
- I. Valenzuela/CAHSEE Lawsuit Settlement; Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaint
- J. MCUSD/MCTA MOU Regarding Summer Self-Directed Professional Development
- K. Resolution 24-34, Ordering Governing Board Member Election for Districts 2, 4, & 5
- L. Approval to Designate CIF Representatives to the League 2024-2025
- M. Approval of Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Member
- N. Approval of Academic Calendar for 2026-2027
- O. Contract with County Of Mariposa - Parks & Recreation Department MOU to provide funding for 2024 Summer Camp Program using Expanded Learning Opportunities Funding (ELOP)
- P. Contract with Lozano Smith Attorneys at Law - Legal Services Renewal Agreement for 24/25 school year

Moved by Mr. Morse to approve all items on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Collins

AYES: Hill, Harper, Morse, Kiser, Collins. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Motion Passes.

8. Instructional Programs:

- A. Review of Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) 2024-2025 Rough Draft: Ms. Leonard shared the newly invested infographics for the information being presented.

9. Student Support Services:

- A. School Discipline Research Update: Ms. Miller updated the board on policies and information in place that was emailed to them regarding questions that have come up from board members. Ms. Miller shared that in the next steps she will be meeting with principals to gather more information and will bring this information back in June.

The MCUSD meeting was recessed at 8:59 PM to enter into the public hearing

B. PUBLIC HEARING: EASIE/ Title 6 Federal Indian Education Allocation

C River: Ms. River of the Southern Sierra Miwok spoke of AB1703, the Indian Education Task Force Act, which allows for the Miwok to create a steering committee to write regional curriculum and are hoping that some of those

funds could go towards initiating the task force and help as they work towards rolling out the curriculum as part of the mandate.

The public hearing was closed at 9:05 PM to reopen the regular board meeting.

10. Finance and Business:

- A. REVIEW / Accounting on Bond Expenditures: No questions
- B. Athletic Budget Development and Update: Ms. Wight shared the process to create an athletic budget of approximately \$98K based on a 3 year review of financial needs. It was shared that historically the ASB has funded sports programs, while the district is responsible for upkeep of grounds, district money is spent in the classrooms. Ms. Azevedo added that 100 % of the gate fees pay for the officials, and added that with the development and addition of an athletic budget, the coaches are feeling very supported. The process began with a needs assessment from the coaches and has allowed for the planning of replacing items including uniforms and equipment on a cycle.
- 11 B. Athletic Facilities/Fields Priority List Update: Ms. Mayfield continued the budget conversation sharing the process of how needs are being addressed and the priority list created. It was pointed out that the fields look great, the work being done is evident and creating a source of community pride.

11. Maintenance, Transportation, Operations, Facilities, and Warehouse:

- A. Delegation of Authority & Authorization to Proceed with Bidding Process for Bid #24-06 Generators for Lake Don Pedro Elementary & Woodland Elementary Schools Project - BOND & PG&E Reimbursement
 - Moved by Mr. Collins to approve the agenda item, seconded by Mr. Morse.
 - AYES: Hill, Harper, Morse, Kiser, Collins. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Motion Passes.

12. Personnel

- A. Addition of Temporary Community Schools Positions
 - Moved by Mr. Hill to approve the agenda item, seconded by Mr. Morse
 - AYES: Hill, Harper, Morse, Kiser, Collins. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Motion Passes.
- B. Summer Extra Hourly Bus Driver Positions for 2023-2024
 - Moved by Mr. Morse to approve the agenda item, seconded by Mr. Hill
 - AYES: Hill, Harper, Morse, Kiser, Collins. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Motion Passes.
- C. Summer Extra Hourly Food Service Positions for 2023-2024
 - Moved by Mr. Morse to approve the agenda item, seconded by Mr. Hill

AYES: Hill, Harper, Morse, Kiser, Collins. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Motion Passes.

D. High School Summer School Positions for 2023-2024
Moved by Mr. Morse to approve the agenda item, seconded by Mr. Hill
AYES: Hill, Harper, Morse, Kiser, Collins. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Motion Passes.

E. Athletic Director Job Description Update: Superintendent Aranguena provided that currently staff is meeting with union partners regarding the boards request to add hours to the position.

F. High School Flag Football Proposal
Moved by Mr. Hill to approve the agenda item, seconded by Mr. Morse
AYES: Hill, Harper, Morse, Kiser, Collins. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Motion Passes.

G. High School Stunt Team Proposal
Moved by Mr. Hill to approve the agenda item, seconded by Mr. Morse
AYES: Hill, Harper, Morse, Kiser, Collins. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Motion Passes.

H. Middle School Soccer Proposal
Moved by Mr. Morse to approve the agenda item, seconded by Mr. Hill
AYES: Hill, Harper, Morse, Kiser, Collins. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Motion Passes.

I. Monthly Ratification of Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services, Inc. Assignment Confirmation Contracts for Interim Staffing Services due to vacancies
Moved by Mr. Morse to approve the agenda item, seconded by Mr. Hill
AYES: Hill, Harper, Morse, Kiser, Collins. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Motion Passes.

14. Policy and Regulation:

A. Approval of Second Reads: Items B - M
Moved by Mr. Collins to approve the Policy and Regulation Second Reads, seconded by Mr. Morse
AYES: Hill, Harper, Morse, Kiser, Collins. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Motion Passes.

B. Second Read: BP 1250, Visitors/Outsiders and the Accompanying Administrative Regulation

C. Second Read: BP 1260, Educational Foundation

D. Second Read: BP 1410, Local Agencies TO RETIRE

E. Second Read: BP 1323, Contests for Students TO RETIRE

F. Second Read: AR 3311.3, Design-Build Contracts

- G. Second Read: BP 3460, Financial Reports and Accountability the Accompanying Administrative Regulation TO REVIEW
- H. Second First Read: BP 3551, Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund and Accompanying Administrative Regulation
- I. Second Read: BP 5116.2, Involuntary Student Transfers
- J. Second Read: BP 5131.9, Academic Honesty
- K. Second Read: BP 6146.4, Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities
- L. Second Read: BP 6162.5, Student Assessment
- M. Second Read: AR 6173.3, Education for Juvenile Court School Students
- N. Acknowledgement of First Reads: Items 0 - Z
 - Moved by Mr. Collins to acknowledge the Policy and Regulation First Reads, seconded by Mr. Morse
 - AYES: Hill, Harper, Morse, Kiser, Collins. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Motion Passes.
- O. First Read: 3270, Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies and the Accompanying Administrative Regulation
- P. First Read: BP 330, Expenditures and Purchases and the Accompanying Administrative Regulation TO REVIEW AND RETIRE
- Q. First Read: BP 3310, Purchasing Procedures and the Accompanying Administrative Regulation BOTH TO RETIRE
- R. First Read: BP 3515.4, Recovery for Property Loss or Damage and the Accompanying Administrative Regulation
- S. First Read: BP 3516, Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan and the Accompanying Administrative Regulation
- T. First Read: AR 3516.3, Earthquake Emergency Procedure System TO RETIRE
- U. First Read: BP 3553, Free and Reduced Price Meals and the Accompanying Administrative Regulation
- V. First Read: 5145.7, Sexual Harassment and the Accompanying Administrative Regulation
- W. First Read: BP 6163.4, Student Use of Technology and the Accompanying Administrative Regulation TO RETIRE
- X. First Read: BP 6175, Migrant Education Program and the Accompanying Administrative Regulation
- Y. First Read: BP 7140, Architectural and Engineering Services TO REVIEW and the Accompanying Administrative Regulation
- Z. First Read: BB 9124, Attorney

15. Reports:

- A. Enrollment Reports: No Questions

16. Governance: Moved to June

- A. Board Handbook
- B. Board Training

17. Closing Items:

- A. Correspondence:
- B. Future Agenda Items:
- C. Next Meeting Date: Special PUBLIC HEARING meetings are tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 23 & 30, 2024, at 4:30 PM.
Regular Meeting will take place on Thursday, June 13, 2024, with Open Session at 5:30 PM in the MCUSD Board Room and via Zoom.
- D. Adjourn:

Moved by Mr. Morse to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Hill

AYES: Hill, Harper, Morse, Kiser, Collins. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Motion Passes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Aranguena, Superintendent