

Monterey Peninsula Unified School District
Minutes
Regular Board Meeting

August 5, 2002

The Board of Education of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District met in regular session at 5:45 p.m., on the above date at the Instructional Materials Center, 540 Canyon Del Rey, Monterey, California.

The meeting was called to order by President Eggers.

Board Members Present: Robert Eggers
 Regena Lauterbach
 Marjorie Troutman
 Daniel Villa

Board Members Absent: Resa Foss
 Shanda LeBoeuf
 Carlos Noriega

Staff Members Present: Jim Burnis
 Robert Costa
 John Lamb
 Bob Riefe

DLIFLC & POM Representative Present: Cindy Rothstein (for Ron Graddy)

The President declared that a quorum was present and the Board proceeded with the order of business.

No public comments regarding the closed session agenda were made.

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:47 p.m. and reconvened at 7:02 p.m. to take the following action:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by President Eggers.

President Eggers acknowledged Presidio of Monterey Child and Youth Services School Liaison Officer Cindy Rothstein.

No reportable actions were taken in closed session.

No additional items were added to the agenda.

PERSONNEL

MSC* Villa, Troutman

Approve/Ratify Personnel Items

RESOLVED that the certificated and classified personnel items be approved as submitted.

AYES: 4

COMMUNICATIONS

President Eggers acknowledged correspondence from Ashley and Cheryl Burrell regarding the elimination of a bus stop, and two e-mails and a conversation with Marina parent Debbie Ford regarding the elimination of the late bus at Seaside High School.

SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

Ms. Troutman called attention to articles in the California Educator regarding vocational and career planning for high school students and the importance to continue expansion of career planning for students. She announced that a District reception to welcome Dr. Callahan is tentatively scheduled for August 23, 4:00 p.m., at the Instructional Materials Center.

President Eggers acknowledged newly appointed Superintendent of Schools Daniel Callahan in the audience.

Acting Superintendent Bob Riefe acknowledged Los Arboles Middle School Assistant Principal Elmer Canady and King Middle School Assistant Principal Martin Enriquez in the audience.

Mr. Villa spoke about receptions for Dr. Callahan throughout the community and to have the major cities, chamber of commerce, and community organizations involved.

SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS - NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Joe Bennett, Bay View School Principal, congratulated the Board on the hiring of the new superintendent and chief business officer and the tough choices that had to be made. He referred to the elimination of the Hilltop bus stop and said it is uphill from Bay View School on a busy artery and it isn't within a mile from the school. He expressed support to reinstate the stop and said the City of Monterey expressed a willingness to work with the District to find creative funding sources to fund the stop.

Maria Buell, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) President, provided a status report and read aloud a proposal for a charter school at former Juan Cabrillo School focused on the learning of language, oceanography, and technological studies. She said the charter school will enable the student population to receive an education that provides instructional methodologies and materials that would better prepare them to make future contributions to the community. She requested the District's support and said she would provide a proposed budget as well as a copy of her presentation to the Board.

Ewalker James, Citizens League for Progress (CLFP) President, said the City of Seaside and CLFP is organizing a reception for Dr. Callahan at the Oldemeyer Center and that he will confirm the date and details with the Superintendent's Office.

Christina Sabilino, Monte Vista School parent, expressed concern regarding the elimination of a bus stop on Soledad Street in Monterey and asked if anything can be done to change the situation. She expressed a willingness to pay a fee for her son to ride a bus.

Gloria Shaw and Diane Grotjohn, representing Learning for Life Charter School, provided an update on the status of the school and an agreement to contract Ms. Grotjohn to assist with accounting and use of a curriculum and diagnostic program. They said the school is set to open on September 9 at 330 Reservation Road in Marina.

Carol Saxton, Highland School secretary and California School Employees Association (CSEA) officer, said classified employees are dedicated and have worked unselfishly behind the scenes closing down schools and preparing for the first day of school. She hoped the Board will make an effort to let them know how deeply appreciated they are.

Debra Laughton, Monterey Parks and Recreation Committee Chair, spoke about the Hilltop bus stop that was eliminated and asked the Board to work with the City and provide alternatives to transport Bay View School students to the after school center at the Hilltop facility.

Kay Russo, Monterey Recreation and Community Services Director, said there are 21 children enrolled at the Hilltop after school program and 18 of the children need transportation. She said the city manager and a councilman is concerned and asked that the District and City sit down and work out a solution for the safety of the children.

Rick Ziel, Monterey Bay Teachers Association (MBTA) President, welcomed Dr. Callahan to the District and said he looks forward to working with the Board and CSEA to bring MPUSD back to greatness.

ACTION ITEMS

MSC Troutman, Lauterbach

Approve Resolution #02/03-1: Equitable Salary for All Employees

Ms. Troutman agreed that enhancement is important and that it be considered a major priority. She suggested that the resolution be amended as follows so the Board is not tied to salary enhancement as the highest priority because it could limit the Board when an issue arises that may be equally or more important:

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District Board of ~~Trustees~~ Education places ~~the highest priority~~ enhancement of compensation of all employees as a high priority, as additional funds become available, ~~on the enhancement of all employees' compensation~~ while continuing to maintain safe, clean school campuses with all essential teaching materials provided to District students to maximize student learning.*

RESOLVED that Resolution #02/03-1: Equitable Salary for All Employees be approved as amended.

AYES: 4

MSC Villa, Lauterbach

Approve Signatures of Board Representatives Effective August 12, 2002

Chief Business Officer Jim Burnis said the change reflects the addition of Dr. Callahan and the removal of Mr. Riefe as authorized signatures of Board representatives effective August 12.

RESOLVED that the attached authorized signatures of Board Representatives effective August 12, 2002, be approved as submitted.

AYES: 4

MSC Villa, Troutman

Approve Memorandum of Understanding Agreements with International School of Monterey and Cypress Grove Charter High School

Ms. Troutman suggested that the item be tabled to the next meeting pending clarification of the agreements.

RESOLVED that the Memorandum of Understanding agreements with International School of Monterey and Cypress Grove Charter High School be continued to the August 19, 2002, regular Board meeting.

AYES: 4

REPORTS

Acting Superintendent – Mr. Riefe reported on first day enrollment and said 10,849 student were in attendance compared to the projected enrollment of 12,202 indicating 91% enrollment. He said Cabinet members visited the schools in teams this morning and observed active learning. Mr. Riefe said enrollment will be addressed the first two weeks of schools and that secondary schools are working to make sure each student has a schedule and is in class. He referred to open enrollment and impacted schools. He said a report regarding the first two weeks of school will be presented at the next meeting.

DLIFLC/POM Representative – Ms. Rothstein reported on first day of school celebrations and said she visited three schools that serve a majority of the military population. She also reported on her attendance at a national conference for school liaison officers.

Staff Members - Transportation Director Bill Martin provided an update on the California Highway Patrol re-inspection of the transportation department and said the District's status was upgraded to satisfactory. He said the department will continue to address areas for improvement and commended staff for their efforts. Mr. Martin reported on the first day of school and said there were some overloaded buses. He referred to the shortage of staff and drivers and said the department is working together to provide bus coverage.

In response to Ms. Troutman's question regarding the elimination of the Bay View-Hilltop and Soledad bus stops and the feasibility of charging students to ride the bus, Mr. Martin said there are practical and problematic concerns with lack of staff and equipment.

Mr. Burnis said there are no students living in the Hilltop area. Until there are enough drivers for the regular routes, Mr. Burnis said adding another route would be difficult.

Superintendent Search Update

President Eggers reported that Dr. Callahan's starting date is August 12. He said a one-day California School Boards Association single district training session with the Board and Dr. Callahan will be conducted in the near future.

INFORMATION ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING

Review Proposed Classified Job Descriptions

- Chief Accountant
- Budget Analyst
- Buyer
- Driver Instructor

Personnel Services Director Robert Costa reviewed the proposed classified job descriptions and clarified questions from Board members.

CONSENT AGENDA

MSC Troutman, Villa

Duplication of paragraphs were noted on the April 9, 2002, special board meeting meetings.

RESOLVED that the Consent Agenda be approved as corrected.

- Approve Minutes
 - April 9, 2002 Special Board Meeting
 - April 12, 2002 Special Board Meeting

- Approve Gifts to the District

From	To	Amount	Purpose
AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am Youth Fund	Marina del Mar School	\$1,500.00	Instructional supplies
Washington Mutual Bank	Marina del Mar School	\$667.25	Staff development
Lifetouch national School Studios	Marina del Mar School	\$625.12	Instructional supplies
Washington Mutual Bank	Marshall School	\$1,779.00	Instructional supplies
Colton Middle School PTA	Colton Middle School	\$1,808.02	Instructional supplies

- Accept Infant/Toddler Playground Safety Contract Award, California Department of Education, Child Development Division (\$7,256)
- Accept One-Time-Only Infant/Toddle Resource Grant Award, California Department of Education, Child Development Division (\$12,091)
- Approve California Department of Education Funding Contracts for 2002-2003: General Children's Center, State Preschool Program, and Federal Block Grant (\$2,619,796)
- Approve Proposed 2002-2003 Adult Education Program

AYES: 4

SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

President Eggers referred to Ms. Foss's suggestion to contact police agencies for assistance at the schools to avoid accidents due to reduced busing services and possible increase of parents transporting their children to school. Regarding the elimination of the late bus at Seaside High School, President Eggers said there is public transit at the nearby Edgewater shopping center and suggested that staff provide schedules and look into discounts for students.

Mr. Villa thanked Mr. Riefe for a job well done and for his willingness to serve as Acting Superintendent.

President Eggers concurred and thanked Mr. Riefe for his time and energy.

Mr. Riefe said it was a positive and growing experience for him.

Ms. Troutman commented on the positive attitude of staff on the first day of school.

Mrs. Lauterbach concurred with Ms. Troutman and commended staff for their efforts.

SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM STAFF MEMBERS (none)

BOARD MEMBER REQUEST(S) FOR INFORMATION AND/OR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

President Eggers suggested that the items below be addressed with the new superintendent.

- Review of Board Policies
- Development of Board Goals
- Strategic Planning
- Reactivation of Bond Committee

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Troutman, Villa

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned.

TIME: 8:17 p.m.

AYES: 4

Respectfully submitted,

Robert B. Riefe
Acting Executive Secretary

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*MSC-Motion/Second/Carried