

**Monterey Peninsula Unified School District
Minutes
Regular Board Meeting**

March 17, 2003

The Board of Education of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District met in regular session at 5:35 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 Troutman.

Board Members Present: Robert Eggers
Resa Foss
Regena Lauterbach
Shanda LeBoeuf (arrived at 5:50 p.m.)
Marjorie Troutman
Daniel Villa (arrived at 5:55 p.m.)

Board Member Absent: Carlos E. Noriega

Staff Members Present: Jim Burnis
Daniel Callahan
Robert Costa
John Lamb

DLIFLC/POM/NPS Representative Present: Ron Graddy

Student Board Member Present: Wayne Ming, Seaside HS

Student Board Member Absent: Adam Brown, Monterey HS

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

No public comments were made at this time.

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:37 p.m. and reconvened at 7:00 p.m. to take the following action:

(Ms. Foss left the meeting at 5:57 p.m.)

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. LeBoeuf.

No reportable actions were taken in closed session.

No additional items were added to the agenda.

It was the consensus of the Board to move Items O-1 and P-2 after Suggestions and Comments From Visitors - Non-Agenda Matters.

CORRESPONDENCE

President Troutman acknowledged correspondence from Warner Davis regarding the Community Human Services program, and from Greg Keebler to Adult Education Director Tad Kumagai regarding Parent University.

SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

Mrs. Lauterbach referred to the two employee associations and the District working better for the education of the kids. She hoped that the Board would be open to accepting invitations from the groups and to think outside the box. Mrs. Lauterbach reported on a hostile intruder drill at Foothill School.

President Troutman referred to a meeting where a Board member participated via teleconference. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to have the Board Policy Subcommittee review the District policy on teleconferencing.

SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS - NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Debra Gramespacher, Seaside resident, referred to a documentary, *Accidental Hero*, that she made available to Board members earlier in the year, and said it was produced by former MPUSD teacher Terry Debono and recently honored by Oprah Winfrey. Ms. Gramespacher said the documentary was something to be proud of because it was produced by a local person and that Ms. Debono was a member of the Education Foundation of MPUSD.

(Wayne Ming arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Wayne Ming reported on activities at Seaside High School including a multicultural assembly, the election of class officers, a blood drive, and Spartan's Achievers Night.

INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Eggers, Lauterbach

Discussion of the Governor's Plan to Transfer the Responsibility of Administering the Child Care and Development System to the County Department of Social Services as of July 1, 2003

In January of 2003, the Governor proposed to realign California's Child Care and Development System by transferring administration of the services from the California Department of Education to local governments. Early Childhood Education Coordinator Leslie Dye said if there is not enough time between now and July to make this transition, it would mean that the Seaside and Marina children centers would need to close and approximately 15 certificated and 45 classified personnel would need to be laid off. She acknowledged parents in the audience who expressed concern about a possible gap in the delivery of service, a lack of a transition plan, and the hardship it would cause on some of the families. She introduced two members of the local Child Care Planning Council, Tim O'Connell and Ron Graddy.

Mr. Villa expressed concern about the education element and staffing capacity the County presently has, and said the Department of Social Services has been cut financially and position wise.

Ewalker James, Seaside resident, said the community should be made aware, and parents need to be encouraged to write letters in opposition of the proposal.

Mr. O'Connell said the proposal is not well thought out and would reverse 30 years of progress of quality child care. He said approximately 443,000 children will be at risk on July 1 if there is no plan.

(Ms. Foss returned at 7:30 p.m.)

After further discussion, the following action was taken:

RESOLVED that the Board recommend that the Child Care and Development program remain under the administration of the California Department of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent prepare a letter to the Governor informing him of the Board's recommendation.

AYES: 6

Presentation About a Concept Proposal for Imagine College and America's Choice

A presentation about a concept proposal for two educational programs, Imagine College and America's Choice, was made and questions from Board members were clarified. Associate Superintendent John Lamb said five school sites -- Del Rey Woods, Manzanita, Ord Terrace, King Middle, and Seaside High School -- have been exploring the programs for possible implementation in the 2003-2004 school year. Mac Dunwoody, who directed the vision of Imagine College in Nashville, Tennessee, presented an overview of the goals of Imagine College. Mr. Lamb provided an overview of America's Choice which provides designs, materials, and assistance to make sure that all students leave high school ready to do college-level work without remediation. Mr. Lamb said implementation of the program would be funded from a variety of categorical dollars and additional monies will be generated through grants, donations, and venture-funding efforts of Imagine College. He said the proposal will be brought to the April 21 Board meeting with a recommendation for any school that wants to move forward and implement the programs.

Mr. Villa said he would like another opportunity to discuss the proposal, receive additional information from staff, and vote on the item at a later date.

Mrs. LeBoeuf asked if Board members could visit schools that have implemented America's Choice to observe the practices in action.

President Troutman requested input from teachers, a budget indicating how the programs will be funded, and an opportunity to observe planning meetings.

After further discussion, it was the consensus that the proposal be agendaized for information and further discussion at the April 7 Board meeting. Board members were encouraged to contact District Office administration for further clarification regarding the programs and budget. Mr. Dunwoody said he would be available the following week if Board members wanted additional information about Imagine College.

It was the consensus of the Board to move the Consent Agenda up on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

MSC Villa, Eggers

RESOLVED that the Consent Agenda be approved as submitted.

- Approve Minutes
 - February 3, 2003, Regular Board Meeting
 - February 17, 2003, Special Board Meeting
- Approve/Ratify Personnel Items
- Ratify Purchase Orders for February 1 through February 28, 2003
- Ratify Warrant Register for February 1 through February 28, 2003

- Approve Gifts to the District

From	To	Amount	Purpose
Anonymous	Monterey High School	\$3,832	For equipment for the photography program

- Approve the Preparation and Submission of the Application to the William McCaskey Chapman and Adaline Dinsmore Chapman Foundation for a Summer Academy for King and Fitch Middle Schools, Health Services, NTE \$38,460
- Approve 2003-04 and 2004-05 Adult School Calendars
- Approve the Joint Use Cooperative Agreement Between the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District and the County of Monterey County Library for the New Marina Library
- Approve the Joint Use Cooperative Agreement Between the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District and the County of Monterey County Library for the new Seaside Library
- Approve Out-of-State Trip, Monterey High School, Reno International Jazz Festival, May 2-4, 2003

AYES: 6

ACTION ITEMS

MSC* Eggers, LeBoeuf

Approve District Response to 2002 Monterey County Civil Grand

Jury Final Report

RESOLVED that the District Response to the 2002 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Final Report be approved.

AYES: 6

MSC Villa, LeBoeuf

Approve Second Interim Report and Budget Revision #2

Chief Business Officer Jim Burnis said the assumptions for the Second Interim Report were built on step and column increases, no Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) for two years, and that projected enrollment would stay the same. There is no increase in health benefits, and increases were made to pay off the energy loan. Mr. Burnis said the report shows that the District has a Positive Certification indicating that the District will be able to meet its financial obligations for the current year. Regarding Budget Revision #2, he said the major parts are the reallocation of categorical program monies to balance each program with its expected revenue; a transfer of funds from the District's Special Reserve Fund to the General Fund; reduction of federal Impact Aid, interest revenue, and budgets for utilities and communities; and making appropriate accounting entries to support prior Board action to payoff the State AB 160 loan.

Mr. Villa expressed concern about the programmatic side and what the District is doing to further reduce expenses and other programs to realize a savings.

Dr. Callahan said staff will bring a list of programmatic items that have been done at the April 7 Board meeting.

RESOLVED that the Second Interim Report and Budget Revision #2 be approved as presented.

AYES: 6

MSC Eggers, LeBoeuf

Designate March 31, 2003, as Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning

RESOLVED that the Board designated March 31, 2003, as Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning and that a copy of the resolution be sent to all schools and sites in the District with a recommendation that appropriate activities be held each year in recognition of this important part of history.

AYES: 6

(Mrs. LeBoeuf left the meeting at 9:20 p.m.)

REPORTS

Superintendent - Personnel Services Director Robert Costa reviewed the process and timeline to be used to fill the principalship vacancies at Highland School and Colton Middle School. After a brief discussion, there was Board consensus on the process and timeline. Dr. Callahan emphasized that when a candidate is selected at the second interview level, the job offer is contingent upon Board approval.

Mr. Costa provided an update on the recruitment of special education teachers from the Philippines. In response to a question whether recruiting from another country will have an impact on the number of layoffs, Mr. Costa said special education is mandated by the state and he didn't anticipate many eligible special education teachers to be released from their districts.

Dr. Callahan shared a sample letter to be sent to parents regarding events related to war and terrorism and appropriate precautionary measures being taken at the school sites. He highlighted "Celebrating Successes," and noted that Chief Business Officer Jim Burnis has been working with the California Department of Education to have an extra month of interest forgiven (AB 160 state loan).

(Mr. Eggers left that meeting at 9:40 p.m.)

DLIFLC/POM/NPS Representative - Mr. Graddy referred to the sample letter to be sent to parents and said it is an issue that the military deals with on a regular basis. He spoke about increased security patrols at District military-impacted schools and the number of military students who have a parent stationed overseas. Mr. Graddy commented on the Governor's proposal to transfer the child care and development programs to the County Department of Social Services, and noted that the County budget is also taking a 25% budget cut. He referred to state monies currently being used for the programs, and said if any of those monies go to the county, that it should be used to fund the county child care and development programs.

Report on Custodial Staffing Formulas

Last year, custodial staffing at all grade levels was reduced due to Board action to cut \$7 million from the General Fund budget. Mr. Burnis reported the Business Office has received information that describes the California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO) custodial staffing formula commonly used by school districts statewide. He said staff is currently gathering information to utilize this four-factor formula to determine if the current staffing formula warrants adjustment.

INFORMATION

Review 9-12 Language Arts Adoption

Associate Superintendent John Lamb reviewed the recommended English/Language Arts program for grades 9-12 to be implemented in the 2003-2004 school year, clarified questions from Board members, and said the item will be brought back for action at the April 7 Board meeting.

Review Program Management Contract Services

On February 28, 2003, the District elected to terminate the Program Management Services Agreement with 3D/International due to an appearance of impropriety in the awarding of the original agreement. Mr. Burnis said there have been discussions with other companies that provide similar services. He said the District is more involved with the construction management services at this time, and will be looking at options for program management contract services for possible Board consideration at a future meeting.

INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Governance Standards

- The Individual Trustee
- The Board
- The Board's Jobs

It was the consensus to table this item to the next meeting so that the standards could be discussed with the full Board.

SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF THE BOARD AND BOARD MEMBER REQUEST(S) FOR INFORMATION AND/OR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

Mrs. Lauterbach requested a discussion on teleconferencing for a possible future agenda item.

President Troutman requested a priority list of repair/renovation work for the District Office.

BOARD MEETING EVALUATION (none)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Callahan
Executive Secretary

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*MSC-Motion/Second/Carried