

October 24, 2005

- A. Call to Order** The Board of Education of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District met in regular session at 5:38 p.m. on the above date at the Instructional Materials Center, 540 Canyon Del Rey, Del Rey Oaks, California.
- The meeting was called to order by President Foss.
- B. Roll Call – Establishment of Quorum**
- Board Members Present: Robert Eggers
Resa Foss
Alan Haffa
Regena Lauterbach
Shanda LeBoeuf (arrived at 6:01 p.m.)
Carlos E. Noriega
Marjorie Troutman
- Staff Members Present: Robert Costa
Yvonne Despard
John Lamb
Carol Weesner
Tom Woodruff
- DLI/POM/NPS Representative Present: Cindy Rothstein
- Student Board Members Present: Alivia Shorter, Monterey HS
Curtis Kuwatani, Seaside HS
- The President declared that a quorum was present and the Board proceeded with the order of business.
- C. Public Comments on Closed Session Items** No public comments were made at this time.
- D. Closed Session** The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:39 p.m. to discuss the following:
1. Student Issues
Consider Expulsion Case #05/06-3
 2. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Gov. Code section 54957.6)
a. Agency Negotiator: Robert Costa
Employee Organization: California School Employees Association
Monterey Bay Teachers Association
 3. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Gov. Code section 54957.6)
a. Agency Negotiator: John Lamb
Employee Organization: Unrepresented Employees
Monterey Bay School Administrators Association
- E. Reconvene Open Session** The Board reconvened at 7:30 p.m. to take the following action:
- F. Pledge of Allegiance** The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Student Board Member Curtis Kuwatani.
- G. Report Action Taken in Closed Session, if any** No reportable actions were taken in closed session.

H. Take Action to Items That Arose Since Posting of the Agenda and Approve Agenda (2/3 Vote Required if Any Item is Added to the Agenda)

Superintendent Lamb said it was found that there is a potential conflict of interest with Item O-4, and suggested that the item be considered for removal.

No additional items were added since posting of the agenda.

RESOLVED that the agenda be approved with the exception of Item O-4.

MSC	Eggers, Lauterbach
AYES:	7
NOES:	0

I. Certificates/ Presentations/ Recognitions

Mr. Lamb introduced newly appointed Bay View School Interim Principal Laura Thorpe and newly appointed Administrator on Special Assignment Florence Buchenroth. Ms. Thorpe and Ms. Buchenroth thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve in their positions and for their vote of confidence.

President Foss acknowledged the following Board candidates in the audience: Trustee Area 2 candidates Debra Gramespacher, Bettye Lusk, and Helen Rucker; Trustee Area 3 candidate Richard Grahlman. She also acknowledged Trustee Area 2 incumbents Shanda LeBoeuf and herself; and Trustee Area 3 incumbent Regena Lauterbach.

***1. Report on Gifted and Talented Education Program**

Assistant Superintendent Carol Weesner said the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program has survived the budget cutting process due to a cadre of dedicated teachers, supportive Board, and outstanding parent group, and continues to serve students in grades 4 and 5 at Fitch Middle School. At this time, lead teacher Bud Cook provided an update on the GATE program, distributed information regarding a GATE overview and classes offered this year, and shared a video regarding the GATE program that was produced by KMST TV as part of their Schools in the Spotlight program last year. Mr. Cook extended an invitation to Board members to visit the GATE program, and he responded to questions from Board members.

Board Member Haffa referred to a comment made by Board Member Noriega at an earlier meeting regarding the development of a school in conjunction with California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB), and asked if a program like GATE wouldn't be an ideal type of experimental school that would draw students from the whole District instead of being a few hours a week, similar to a GATE magnet school.

J. Student Board Member Reports

Alivia Shorter reported on activities at Monterey High School including students recognized for their academic achievements, annual canned food drive and blood drive sponsored by the Leadership Class, and the cross country team's outstanding performance at a meet in Los Angeles where over 16,000 international runners competed. Aliva also reported that the final count for Hurricane Katrina relief donations amounted to \$1,700 from the Associated Student Body, and \$1,200 from the senior class; and that two students visited the Gulf Coast region to assist with relief efforts.

Curtis Kuwatani reported on activities at Seaside High School including campus clean up, food fair, a student violinist who will perform at Carnegie Hall, a presentation by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds regarding their careers, partnership with the Rotary to establish a new community service Interact, and upcoming exit exams. Curtis also reported that the Key Club performed volunteer work at the Cadillac Invitational Golf Tournament.

K. Communications

President Foss acknowledged the following communications: a flyer regarding a candidates' forum sponsored by the Citizens League for Progress, invitation to an educational form sponsored by the Monterey County Business Council, Special Education Local Plan Area board agenda, workshop invitation from the Consortium of Education Foundations, and an invitation from Marina Community Partners to the groundbreaking ceremony for the University Villages project.

L. Suggestions and Comments from Members and Officers of the Board

Board Member Haffa expressed his disappointment with the Monterey County Herald the past weekend on the coverage of the District. He said it seems so often that the good things are overlooked, and it always seems to be as if there has to be some kind of a "black eye" on the District. He shared a response that he will be submitting for Board input, and highlighted although it was not a unanimous vote, it was a civil discussion which lead to a majority voting in support of a forensic audit. Board Member Haffa expressed concern that the Herald used the term a "so-called" audit and said it isn't a fair characterization to the public. He expressed concern about an article regarding program improvement status as if the District is failing its students, and noted it was only in two areas --- English learners and students with disabilities. He said it was not fair to ask whether or not all students can achieve the same level, especially given the handicaps that certain students face, and yet it's presented as if the District is failing the students.

Board Member Foss acknowledged Board Member Haffa's birthday and Ms. Buchenroth's birthday, and noted three other upcoming Board member birthdays.

M. DLIFLC/POM/NPS Representative Report

Cindy Rothstein introduced Presidio of Monterey Garrison Commander Colonel Jeffrey Cairns in the audience. She said Make a Difference Day was held on Saturday and reported that two of the projects sponsored by the Presidio of Monterey/Defense Language Institute were at Fitch Middle School where volunteers painted a section of the school; and at Marshall School where a group of volunteers landscaped the grounds. Mrs. Rothstein also reported on an upcoming November 18 charity invitational golf tournament sponsored by Clark Pinnacle to raise money for Marshall and La Mesa elementary schools, Fitch Middle School, and a boy scout troop based at the Ord military community; reported that the armed forces action plan group met, and that the top issue in her group was related to school funding and enrollment.

N. Suggestions and Comments From Visitors - Non-Agenda Matters

Ewalker James, Citizens League for Progress (CLFP) President, announced that a MPUSD and Monterey Peninsula College board candidates' forum will be held on October 26, and at that time an Election Department representative will acquaint voters with the touch system. Mr. James also provided information on the location of Trustee Area 2 polls.

Rene Acosta, parent, referred to the GATE presentation and expressed his support for the program and his experience as a GATE parent.

(The student Board members left the meeting at 8:03 p.m.)

O. Action Items

- *1. Consider Expulsion Case 05/06-3

RESOLVED that the student in Expulsion Case 05/06-03 be expelled from schools in the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District for the remainder of the first semester of the 2005-2006 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the student may be considered for readmission in accordance with the stipulations set forth by the Board of Education.

MSC	Troutman, Lauterbach
AYES:	5
NOES:	1 (Foss)
ABSTAIN:	1 (LeBoeuf – not present during the discussion in closed session)

- *2. Direct Administration to Contract with California School Boards Association for Policy Update Services – *Strategy 1*

Mr. Lamb said at the last meeting, the Board received a presentation regarding a proposal to contract with the California School Boards Association for policy update services. He said the cost would be \$5,500 for the policy development workshop and associated costs for ongoing yearly maintenance based on average daily attendance.

Board Member Haffa expressed his support and said Board members who wish to participate in the workshops be allowed, and that a minimum of one person from each trustee area be invited to participate.

President Foss concurred and said all Board members should be involved in those discussions.

RESOLVED that the administration be directed to contract with the California School Boards Association for policy update services.

MSC Eggers, Noriega
AYES: 7
NOES: 0

- *3. Approve 1.15% Increase for Assistant Superintendents (Personnel Services & Curriculum & Instruction) and Director Support Services for the 2004-2005 School Year, Retroactive to July 1, 2004 – *Strategy 5*

Mr. Lamb said last year, the Board approved a 1.15% salary increase for all employee groups retroactive to July 2004, and most recently Stone Soup a 1.15% retroactive to July 2005 based on their funding source. He said the three management positions did not receive the 1.15%, and recommended that they also be given the 1.15% salary increase retroactive to July 1, 2004.

RESOLVED that the 1.15% increase for the Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, and Director Support Services retroactive to July 1, 2004, for the 2004-2005 school year, be approved.

MSC Eggers, Haffa
AYES: 7
NOES: 0

- ~~*4. Approve Contract for Architectural Services for Monterey High School Stadium to Bellinger, Foster, Steinmetz Landscape Architects – *Strategy 6*~~

This item was previously pulled from the agenda.

Board Member Eggers left the meeting at 8:16 p.m.)

- *5. Approve Ratification of Change Order 9 for General Construction Project (Modernization) at Del Monte School for Bid Package G01-1C.1 – *Strategy 6*

RESOLVED that the ratification of Change Order 9 for General Construction Project (Modernization) at Del Monte School for Bid Package G01-1C.1, at a credit of \$32,366, be approved.

MSC Noriega, Foss
AYES: 6
NOES: 0 (Board Member Eggers was not present during the vote)

- *6. Approve Ratification of Change Order 34 for General Construction Project (Modernization) at Monterey High School for Bid Package G01-1B.2 – *Strategy 6*

RESOLVED that the ratification of Change Order 34 for General Construction Project (Modernization) at Monterey High School for Bid Package G01-1B.2 to increase DMC Construction, Inc., contract amount from \$5,211,000.08 to \$5,254,389.08, be approved.

MSC LeBoeuf, Troutman
AYES: 6
NOES: 0 (Board Member Eggers was not present during the vote)

- *7. Set Board Study Session – *Strategy 6*

Board Member Troutman motioned and Board Member Noriega seconded for the Board Study Session to be held on November 2. The motion was withdrawn due to conflicts in schedule with Board Members LeBoeuf and Lauterbach, and President Foss. Following a brief discussion, the following action was taken:

RESOLVED that a Board Study Session regarding a discussion of a potential financing program for new school facilities in developing areas be set for November 16, 2005, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m., at the Instructional Materials Center.

MSC Troutman, Lauterbach
 AYES: 6
 NOES: 0 (Board Member Eggers was not present during the vote)

P. Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of Consent Agenda - *Strategy 1*

Board Member Troutman pulled Consent Items 3, 6, and 9 for clarification.

RESOLVED that the Consent Agenda be approved with the exception of Consent Items 3, 6, and 9.

- *1. Approve Minutes - October 3, 2005
- *2. Approve/Ratify Personnel Items
- ~~*3. Ratify Purchase Orders from September 1, 2005 to September 30, 2005~~
- *4. Ratify Warrant Register for September 1, 2005 to September 30, 2005
- 5. Approve Gifts to the District

(Board Policy requires that all gifts to the District in excess of \$250 of value be officially accepted by the Board of Education.)

From	To/Purpose	Amount
Bay View PTA	Bay View School For the Reading Intervention program	\$8,000.00
William McCaskey Chapman and Adeline Dinsmore Chapman	Crompton School For the after school reading program	\$10,000.00
Target	Walter Colton School For instructional supplies	\$248.23

- ~~*6. Receive Report on Offer from the County of Monterey Staff to Recommend Clean Air School Buses to the County Board of Supervisors~~
- *7. Approve the Submission and Implementation of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational & Applied Technology Grant for 2005-2006 (\$86,158)
- *8. Approve the Submission and Implementation of a Students as Scientists Grant for Seaside High School Science Department (\$48,000)
- ~~*9. Accept William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program Grant (\$241,500) to Fund Year Three of the Program~~
- *10. Reject Claim Against the District - #PL0506-3
- *11. Accept Expansion Funds Awarded to General Child Care Increasing Maximum Reimbursable from \$2,069,601 to \$2,242,073
- *12. Approve Submission and Implementation of 2005-2006 Adult Education Innovation and Alternative Instruction Delivery Program (\$129,006)

MSC Noriega, Foss
 AYES: 6
 NOES: 0 (Board Member Eggers was not present during the vote)

Following clarification of Consent Items 3, 6, and 9, the following action was taken:

RESOLVED that the following Consent Agenda be approved:

- *3. Ratify Purchase Orders from September 1, 2005 to September 30, 2005
- *6. Receive Report on Offer from the County of Monterey Staff to Recommend Clean Air School Buses to the County Board of Supervisors
- *9. Accept William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program Grant (\$241,500) to Fund Year Three of the Program

(Board Member Eggers returned to the meeting at 8:29 p.m.)

MSC Troutman, Lauterbach
 AYES: 7
 NOES: 0

Q. Reports
Strategy 1

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| 1. | Committees/
Conferences | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Human Services Project - Mission Trails Regional Occupational Program - Head Start Liaison to County Office - Board Policy Subcommittee - Monterey County School Boards Association - Special Education Joint Powers Board - Subcommittees to the Cities of Marina, Monterey, Seaside, Del Rey Oaks, and Sand City | <p>No report.</p> <p>President Foss reported that the next meeting will be held on November 2.</p> <p>Board Member LeBoeuf reported that the next meeting will be held on October 26.</p> <p>No report.</p> <p>No report.</p> <p>Board Member Troutman reported that the next meeting will be held on Thursday.</p> <p>Mr. Lamb reported that a meeting will be held with City of Monterey representatives and Trustee Area 3 Board members on November 7, 3:00 p.m..</p> <p>President Foss reported that a meeting will be held with the Seaside Mayor and City Manager, Seaside principals, and Trustee Area 2 Board members on October 26, 4:00 p.m.</p> |
| 2. | Superintendent's Report | <p><u>Report on 10/17/05 Facilities Task Force Meeting.</u> Mr. Lamb reported that the minutes of the October 17 Facilities Master Plan Task Force meeting were in the process of being completed and will be made available to Board members later in the week.</p> <p>Yvonne Despard, Support Services Director, referred to discussion at the last meeting regarding interdistrict transfers and a comment she made about ethnicity not being listed on interdistrict transfer forms. She said in surveying other school district forms, it was noted that some school districts list ethnicity on their interdistrict transfer form and other school districts did not, and that she wanted to clarify for the record.</p> | |

*3. Monthly Modernization Update

Tom Woodruff, Chief Business Officer, provided a monthly modernization update and clarified questions from Board members. He reported that many of the projects that 3D/International was contracted to provide construction management have been completed or are coming to a close, and the firm is on track in timeline to get this phase of work completed. Mr. Woodruff said remaining is the awarding of commensurate value monies and launching, subsequent to completing the current projects, on to a more cosmetic-type modernization. He said the Executive Director of the Office of Public School Construction will be reviewing the projects next week, and will hopefully speak favorably about making the recommendation to award commensurate value to the projects. Mr. Woodruff noted that the projects due to be completed by the end of the month or early November include Monterey High School, Cabrillo, Marina Vista, Marshall, and Stilwell schools.

R. Information

*1. Review Request to Approve Parent Fund Raising Options for Renovation of Monterey High School Athletic Field

On September 19, the Board received a presentation on the upgrading of the Monterey High School athletic field. At that time, the Board also received an estimate of probable construction costs and site work to upgrade the current track and athletic field. The Board also received information on secured funding and were made aware that some of these funds have time limits with some of the funding to expire in 2007. One of the other items shared with the Board was that parents and community members are seeking a Board commitment to this project, and also want the Board to consider approving fund raising efforts to include selling advertisement space for signs on fences surrounding the football field, selling dedicated bricks to be placed in a wall of fame, and urging the Board to consider contracting with cell phone companies to place antennas in stadium lighting structures to generate additional monies that can be dedicated to the project. Mr. Lamb said the recommendation to the Board is for them to become informed about the fund raising options, and a commitment from the Board to support these efforts to raise additional monies. He said this item will be brought back for Board approval at the November 7 meeting. At this time, there was a lengthy discussion and questions were clarified from Board members.

Board Member Troutman suggested that the parent group provide the Board with a list of their fund raising ideas for Board consideration.

Board Member Lauterbach expressed support for the parent fund raising efforts.

Board Member Haffa also expressed support for the fund raising efforts. Regarding the cell phone tower in stadium lighting structures and advertising on fences, he asked that any finalization be worked with District staff and legal council. Regarding the commitment of funds, Board Member Haffa said the item is not agendized at this time. He referred to the contracting for architectural services and asked if that would be considered towards the District's commitment?

Lee Steinmetz, parent, referred to the budget that was provided to the Board by the parent group, and said the District's contribution toward the design fees would go towards the total contribution.

Board Member Eggers said the Board did not need to oversee all fund raising projects, and felt that benefits, silent auctions, dinners, and similar activities do not need Board approval. He said fund raisers that involves legality is something for staff to look into, and asked staff about the legality in placing advertising signs on fences and the wall of fame. Board Member Eggers referred to information received regarding the annual cost to maintain the current field and noted a potential savings of approximately \$36,000 a year by installing an artificial field and track. He urged the Board to look at providing the parent group a financial commitment of some sort with the understanding that the District will borrow the money through a certificate of participation (COP), and use the savings to pay off the COP. He urged the Board to move as quickly as possible with the cell phone companies, advertising signs, and wall of fame; address the legalities; and bring those items back for action at the next meeting so the parents can move forward immediately.

Board Member Haffa said it is clear that there is consensus to move forward, noted the artificial fields have a life span of 8-12 years, and said there is also a need to save monies for replacement of the fields. He spoke about a 7-11 Committee and if the Board were to give direction to establish a 7-11 Committee to look at the sale of surplus property, how would that be received by the Facilities Task Force?

Mr. Lamb said at the Board's direction, discussion about the need for a 7-11 Committee can be agendaized. He understood that liquidating surplus facilities can be used for facility enhancement.

Board Member Eggers reminded that there are implications for the entire community, and that this would be an incredible opportunity and would benefit the District.

Mr. Woodruff said if any real property is disposed, the proceeds may be used on school facility development that has a service life of at least five years. He said it isn't uncommon for districts to use some type of debt instrument (bridge financing) and to borrow the money to get the facility built with the intention of selling surplus property. He said if the Board considers that type of financing mechanism, it will obligate the Board to ultimately dispose of surplus property. Mr. Woodruff said he can provide the Board with alternatives relative to funding school construction renovation short of having the money up front.

President Foss supported the idea of a new field and track, but she said she also supports employee compensation and hoped that it is dealt with first.

Mr. Steinmetz requested clarification whether the item will come back to address District commitment. He said financial support from the District is needed for a successful fund raising campaign. Mr. Steinmetz said raising salaries needs sustainable funding, and the best way to increase attendance in the District is to improve facilities. He provided a draft copy of conditions for funding support, as well as a cost analysis of a grass field vs. a synthetic field. He said maintenance costs will be reduced and revenues will increase. He suggested that the District take a portion of the additional revenue coming in and set it aside as revenue to help pay for the cost. Mr. Steinmetz addressed the time frame for the project, and said if construction isn't started by April 2006, the field won't be ready by August. He noted the renovation of Monterey Peninsula College's field and said it might not be ready for next fall, and that there is no back-up field for Monterey High School.

John Narigi, parent and Monterey Plaza Hotel General Manager, expressed his support and said the community has numerous businesses interested in supporting the project, but said the first question asked is what is the commitment from the District? He said the group is not asking for cash up front, but for a written commitment of District support and that it is willing to commit \$200,000 - \$300,000 to the project. Mr. Narigi said Monterey High School is a fine learning establishment; now there is a need to make it look like a great school.

Richard Grahman, parent and Trustee Area 3 Board candidate, reiterated that the parent group approached the Board on September 19 and is asking again, and now the Board wants to put it off longer. He asked why can't the Board make a motion to commit?

President Foss asked for suggestions on responding to Mr. Steinmetz relative to how the Board would like this item to appear on the next agenda.

Mr. Lamb said unless directed otherwise, the item will be brought back for Board consideration as an Action item to include the fund raising options, the wall of fame, cell phone towers, and advertising. He said if the Board would like to agendaize the issue of the funding commitment, it can be agendaized as an Information/Action item. He said staff will explore funding options that the Board can consider at that time, but staff would need direction from the Board.

S. Board Member Request(s) for Information and/or Possible Future Agenda Items

Board Member Eggers requested bringing back funding options to include suggestions made and anything else staff can come up with to secure \$200,000 - \$300,000 in funds.

Board Member Haffa supported bringing the item back as an information item, and pending discussion, bringing the item back for action at the subsequent meeting.

Board Member Troutman concurred with Board Member Haffa.

Board Member Noriega said the issue revolves around the Monterey community, and that the parent/community group presented the item to the Board in September and this evening as an information item. He said it is time to take action and to make a decision whether the Board will make a commitment.

Board Member LeBoeuf concurred with comments made by Mr. Grahman regarding a commitment from the Board.

Mr. Woodruff said he can provide funding alternatives contingent that the Board will surplus property to create the funding stream. Short of that it will become an obligation on the General Fund.

There was no consensus to bring the item back as an Action or Information/Action item. President Foss said the item will be agendized for Information at the next meeting.

Board Member Troutman requested that an item relative to the 7-11 Committee and fund raising be agendized for the next meeting.

T. Board Self-Evaluation, as Applicable

None.

U. Closed Session

There was no need for the Board to go back into Closed Session.

V. Adjournment

The meeting be adjourned at 10:06 p.m. in memory of retired reading specialist Debbie Tannahill; retired Monterey High School art teacher Judith Jay; and Phyllis Macaluso, mother of Local Area Network Technician and CSEA President Anna Macaluso.

Respectfully submitted,

John Lamb
Executive Secretary

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^Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, Presidio of Monterey & Naval Postgraduate School

+Motion/Second/Carried