

November 16, 2005

**A. Call to Order**

The Board of Education of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District met in special session at 6:05 p.m. on the above date at the Instructional Materials Center, 540 Canyon Del Rey, Del Rey Oaks, California.

Mr. Lamb said President Foss will not be able to attend the meeting and Clerk Vice-President LeBoeuf was running late. In the interest of time, he suggested that the past Board President convene the meeting. (Consensus of the Board)

The meeting was called to order by past Board President Lauterbach.

**B. Roll Call –  
Establishment of  
Quorum**

Board Members Present: Robert Eggers  
Alan Haffa  
Regena Lauterbach  
Shanda LeBoeuf (arrived at 6:09 p.m.)  
Carlos E. Noriega  
Marjorie Troutman

Board Member Absent: Resa Foss

Staff Members Present: Robert Costa  
John Lamb  
Carol Weesner  
Tom Woodruff

DLI/POM/NPS Representative Present: Cindy Rothstein

Student Board Members Absent: Alivia Shorter, Monterey HS  
Curtis Kuwatani, Seaside HS

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

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by newly elected Trustee Area 2 Board member Helen Rucker.

**D. Opportunity for Public  
Comment on Agenda  
Item**

John Narigi, representing Monterey High School parents, said he was available to respond to Board member questions relative to the renovation of the Monterey High School athletic field.

**E. ACTION**

- \*1. Approve Parent Fund Raising Options for the Renovation of the Monterey High School Athletic Field – *Strategy 2 & 6*

In response to Board Member Noriega's question why parent fund raising for activities of the high school is in form of a motion, Mr. Lamb clarified that PTAs and parent boosters operate in their own fiscal entity, but felt for the Board to endorse the fund raising is a statement and a vote of confidence.

**RESOLVED** that the fund raising options of advertisement signs and a wall of fame for generation of additional dollars to renovate the Monterey High School athletic field be approved.

MSC+ Eggers, Noriega  
AYES: 6  
NOES: 0

- \*1. Approve Financial Commitment to Assist in Supporting the Fund Raising Efforts of Renovating the Athletic Field at Monterey High School – *Strategy 6*

Board Member Eggers motioned and Board Member Haffa seconded that the financial commitment that would obligate the 2006-2007 budget to a line item of \$200,000 in the General Fund to assist in supporting the fund raising efforts of renovating the athletic field at Monterey High School be approved.

Board Member Noriega suggested that language be included in the motion stating that “funds of \$1.6 million must be raised and available by March 2006” due to the fiscal requirements that will be placed on the District. He said if the community isn’t able to raise the money, the District could be encumbered with the shortfall. He felt a benchmark was needed and felt it might be a good caveat to make the community aware of the fiscal responsibilities of the process.

Board Member Eggers said he felt uncomfortable with the dollar amount, and noted it hasn’t really been determined if the project is \$1.8 million. He suggested that contingency language include that “the project won’t begin until a certain amount of the funds are raised, or the entire amount of the funds are raised.” He said he didn’t want to tie the District’s hands, and if it takes longer than anticipated to complete the project, the timeline can be extended.

(Clerk Vice-President LeBoeuf arrived at 6:09 p.m.)

Board Member Haffa concurred with Board Member Eggers about a specific dollar amount and suggested the wording “sufficient funds to build a field and track.” He said it is not uncommon for these types of projects to be done in phases.

Board Member Troutman expressed concern about committing \$200,000 of the 2005-2006 General Fund for field renovations. She said the fund is for educational purposes and is not normally used for field renovations.

Board Member LeBoeuf said it is not just a field, but is also a classroom. She noted that P.E is a requirement to graduate from high school and the band practices on the field.

Mr. Lamb said on several occasions, the comment has been that the community would like a commitment from the Board. He said the reality is the District doesn’t have the \$200,000, but staff is proposing contingency language realizing that it will need to backfill the monetary commitment at some point in time. He said it is the intent that the anticipated sale of surplus real property will ultimately pay for the District’s contribution to the project. Mr. Lamb said the commitment is not contingent upon the sale of property, and Chief Business Officer Tom Woodruff will be doing due diligence to see what other funding sources might be available to backfill the amount back into the General Fund. Mr. Lamb said there’s an onus on the Board to taking action tonight, and an onus on the parents to demonstrate that they can bring in the additional dollars. He said how much money is ultimately raised will dictate how big the project can be.

Board Member Noriega said he supports the project, and that he only brought up the point for discussion. He wanted to let the community know and understand where the Board stands, and didn’t want them to come back and say the Board didn’t do what it said they were going to do. He said the Board will have an obligation, and he didn’t want the District to be obligated to those additional dollars if the monies aren’t raised because it would create a fiscal dilemma.

Mr. Woodruff said he shared Board Member Noriega’s concern. He said going out to bid wouldn’t create an obligation on the part of the District; however, issuing the contract would. He offered a slightly revised language stating that “funds must be raised and be available before the construction contract is issued.” He said it would be wise to make that explicit.

Board Member Haffa said he supported the project as a whole. He said he didn't sense a real unified community in Monterey, and felt that a football field is a place that brings the community together. Board Member Haffa said safety is also a concern. He said it comes back to trust and the Board can demonstrate trust to the community. He felt staff has provided their best recommendation of what the District can afford. Board Member Haffa said he understands the concerns of Board Member Troutman regarding obligating the General Fund, but felt this is an extraordinary circumstance.

Board Member Troutman believed the money can be raised through the sale of property, and suggested putting in all the entryways to Monterey a big thermometer to engage the interest and participation of the entire community to build a new field for Monterey High School. She said she was not against the project, but cautious about spending General Fund money.

Following further discussion, Board Member Eggers proposed the following amendment. "All funds for this project must be raised prior to the awarding of the construction contracts."

Mr. Woodruff reassured the Board that he will protect the District's interest.

Board Member Eggers and Board Member Haffa amended their motion and second, and the following action was taken.

**RESOLVED** that the financial commitment that would obligate the 2006-2007 budget to a line item of \$200,000 in the General Fund to assist in supporting the fund raising efforts of renovating the athletic field at Monterey High School be approved. All funds for this project must be raised prior to the awarding of the construction contracts.

MSC+	Eggers, Haffa
AYES:	6
NOES:	0

## F. Adjournment

The special meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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