

MODOC JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting

December 16, 2025

Closed Session: 5:00 p.m.

Open Session: 6:00 p.m.

District Office Board Room

906 W 4th Street, Alturas, CA 96101

MINUTES

A full, recorded transcript of the regular board meeting is available upon request. Contact the District Office (530) 233-7201.

Call to Order by Fernand Larranaga at 5:00 p.m. closed session and at 6:17 p.m. open session. Returned to closed session at 7:30 p.m. and back to open session at 8:55 with No Reportable Action.

Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance:

Fernand Larranaga, President	Present
Ruth Ann Criner, Vice President	Present
Monica Widby, Clerk	Present
Jodie Veverka, Member	Present
Shaun Wood, Member	Present
Rebecca Lewis, Superintendent	Present

Pledge of Allegiance led by Jodie Veverka

Approval of Agenda: Shaun Wood/Jodie Veverka Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

Public Comments on Closed Session Agenda:

No public comments were made on items that were on the closed session agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board will now adjourn to Closed Session to discuss Personnel Matters Pursuant to Government Code § 54957:

1. Personnel - Public Employee Employment:

1.1. Resignation / Retirements / Releases

- 1.1.1. MMS 6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
- 1.1.2. Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
- 1.1.3. Classified Staff
- 1.1.4. Certificated Staff

1.2. Recommendations for Approval:

1.2.1. Peer Tutor

1.3. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

- 2. Negotiations:** Conference with labor negotiator pursuant to [Government Code § 54957.6]: Agency Negotiator: Rebecca Lewis;
- 2.1.** Employee Organization: Modoc Teachers Association.
- 2.2.** Employee Organization: Teamsters Local 137
- 2.3.** Employee Organization: Unrepresented.

OPEN SESSION

Reporting of Closed Session Items:

1. Personnel - Public Employee Employment:

1.1. Resignations / Retirements / Releases

- 1.1.1.** MMS 6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach Monica Widby/Shawn Wood Yes:5
(Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0
- 1.1.2.** Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Coach Monica Widby/Shawn Wood Yes:5
(Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0
- 1.1.3.** Classified Staff Monica Widby/Shawn Wood Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0
- 1.1.4.** Certificated Staff Monica Widby/Shawn Wood Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.2. Recommendations for Approval:

- 1.2.1.** Peer Tutor Monica Widby/Shawn Wood Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.3. Public Employee Performance Evaluation - No Reportable Action

- 2. Negotiations:** Conference with labor negotiator pursuant to [Government Code § 54957.6]: Agency Negotiator: Rebecca Lewis;
- 2.1.** Employee Organization: Modoc Teachers Association. - **No Reportable Action**
- 2.2.** Employee Organization: Teamsters Local 137 - **No Reportable Action**
- 2.3.** Employee Organization: Unrepresented. - **No Reportable Action**

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Annually the Board of Education must elect officers to serve as President, Vice-President, and Clerk of the Board until the next Organizational Meeting. The Secretary of the Board will conduct the election of the President. The Chair will be returned to the President of the Board to continue with the election of the officers.

A. Election of the President
NOMINATION OF PRESIDENT

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Jodie Veverka/Ruth Ann Criner Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

Member Fernand Larranaga was officially seated as President of the Governing Board.

B. Election of the Vice-President
NOMINATION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

Monica Widby/Jodie Veverka Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

Member Ruth Ann Criner was officially seated as Vice-President of the Governing Board.

C. Election of the Clerk
NOMINATION OF CLERK

ELECTION OF CLERK

Ruth Ann Criner/Shawn Wood Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

Member Monica Widby was officially seated as Clerk of the Governing Board.

D. Appointment of the Secretary to the Board

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

Ruth Ann Criner/Jodie Veverka Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

Rebecca Lewis was officially seated as Secretary to the Governing Board.

Reports

1. Modoc High School Student Representatives - Cole Garza and Aaliyah Sevilla reported that:
 - The home wrestling tournament went well with the Braves placing 4th. Basketball was at the Trinity tournament last weekend with Varsity Boys taking Consolation, Varsity Girls and JV Boys taking 3rd place and JV girls winning. Cheer is working hard on new dance routines. Block M is this weekend and wrestling will be in Grants Pass.
 - FFA is hosting a Speaking contest on December 17th. They finished their ornament sale and still have holiday wreaths available.
 - ASB has planned a festive Block M Spirit Week. There is also a holiday scavenger hunt, hot chocolate at break, and a class tree decorating competition. Block M royalty will be presented at Varsity boys game on Friday.

- FCA donated all of their canned food collection to TEACH.
 - The annual Christmas concert for Band and Choir as Monday, December 8th.
 - Senior internships will start this Spring.
2. Site Principals
- Kristen Budmark, Principal of Modoc High School, presented the board with a MHS Counseling Office Fall Semester Re-Cap handout. She reported that they had 28 IEPs, 21 504s, 1 Special Education teacher, and 6 Special Education Instructional Aides.
 - Matt McCandless, Principal of Modoc Middle School, reported that the character trait for December is Respect. The staff focus this month is communication with parents. Boys basketball has started with 28 boys signed up. The first game is January 24th at Fall River. The Rotary Interact Club raised over \$700 with their Purple Pinky dance last Friday. Funds will be donated to provide Polio vaccinations in developing countries around the world. The semester will end January 23rd.
 - Amy Welch, Principal of Alturas Elementary School, reported that they had great participation in the parent-teacher conferences. They also have a book fair and Christmas concerts coming up. They are planning fun ways to enjoy the students before the holiday break. They are reteaching expectations of appropriate behavior. The AVID strategy of the month is the Frayer Model. The character trait is Accountability. Schoolwide attendance is 95.37%. January 5th will be teacher workday in the classroom.
3. Superintendent's Report - Beckie Lewis reported that:
- There will be a community information night on February 9th about reducing screen time and tobacco use. There will be speakers from different agencies, breakout sessions, dinner for the parents, child care and raffles. It will be held at the Modoc High School gym.
 - She will start reviewing the mid-year LCAP.
 - She went over the CIM report. She used the school survey data to set some goals and activities.
 - She is looking at Capturing Kids Hearts training.
4. Board Reports
- Shaun Wood went to the Wrestling Tournament.
 - Jodie Veverka went to the elementary school concerts and walked around Alt Ed.
 - Ruth Ann Criner thought the music concert at the gym was great. She also liked the FFA wreath.
 - Monica Widby went to the concerts, the book fair, the MMS dance, walked around Alt Ed and went to the alumni Basketball game.
 - Fernand Larranaga reported on what he learned at the CSBA state conference in Sacramento.
5. MTA
- No Report
6. Director of Maintenance & Transportation
- Doug Waterman reported that transportation is still rolling. They have not had to decline any trips. Fernand Larranaga asked him if repairs could be done to the girls bathroom at the football field and in the gym.

Public Comments on Items on and not on the Agenda:

Under this item, the public is invited to address the Board regarding items that are and not on tonight's agenda. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes each. The Board is not allowed under the law to take action on matters that are not listed on the agenda.

1. Marie spoke on behalf of Alex Moreo being reinstated as a Wrestling volunteer. She handed out parent emails supporting Alex to the board.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda, if approved, will be recorded in the minutes as if each item had been acted upon individually. Requests by members of the Board to have any item taken off the consent agenda for discussion will be honored without debate. Requests by the public to have an item taken off the consent agenda will be considered prior to the Board taking action.

Motion That all consent items be approved as recommended by the superintendent

Alternative Motion That consent items with the exception of *(name items)* be approved as recommended by the superintendent

Approval of Consent Agenda

Ruth Ann Criner/Monica Widby Yes: 5 (Larranaga, Widby, Veverka, Criner,

Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1. Administration

- 1.1. Approve Minutes
 - 1.1.1. Regular Board Meeting November 18, 2025 **(Pages 1-11)**
- 1.2. Approve Wrestling Fundraiser **(Page 12)**
- 1.3. Approve MMS Fundraisers **(Page 13)**
- 1.4. Approve the Placement Agreement Between Western Governors University and Modoc Joint Unified School District **(Pages 14-20)**
- 1.5. Ratify the Supervised Internship Agreement Between University of Massachusetts Global and Modoc Joint Unified School District **(Pages 21-36)**

2. Budget and Finance

- 2.1. Approve Budget Changes over \$10,000 **(Page 37)**
- 2.2. Approve Donations **(Pages 38-39)**
 - 2.2.1. Alturas Ranches to ASB FFA
 - 2.2.2. Bill Hall to MHS ASB Cross Country
- 2.3. Approve Approve warrants to be paid from the following **(Pages 40-43)**
 - 2.3.1. Checks dated 11/1/25 - 11/30/25
 - General Fund in the amount of \$129,516.40
 - Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$35,624.88
 - Warrant/Pass Through in the amount of \$15,466.60

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

1. Authorized Agents/Representatives/Calendar

- a. Rebecca Lewis as authorized agent for Modoc Joint Unified School District, Modoc County, California, to serve as the District's authorized agent to local, state and federal programs and as authorized agent for building projects, programs, and financial data; and the Clerk of projects, programs and financial data; and the Clerk of projects, programs, and financial data; and the Clerk of the Governing Board, Monica Widby, as authorized agent for Modoc Joint Unified School District in the absence of the Superintendent.

Shaun Wood/Ruth Ann Criner Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

- b. Approve calendar of Board Meeting dates and times for 2026.

- i. Option A **(Page 44)**

- ii. Option B 2nd Wednesday of the Month **(Page 45)** Jodie Veverka/Shawn Wood

Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

2. Approve 2025 / 2026 First Interim Report **(Insert)**

Jodie Veverka/Monica Widby Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

3. Approve the 1st Reading to Approve the Following Policies **(Pages 46-187)**

- a. BP 4119.24/4219.24/43.19.24 - Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions
- b. BP 5030 - Student Wellness
- c. BP 0420.4 / AR0420.4 - Charter School Authorization
- d. BP 0420.41 / E(1) 0420.41 - Charter School Oversight
- e. BP 0440 - District Technology Plan
- f. BP 0441 - Artificial Intelligence
- g. BP 0450 / AR 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan
- h. BP 1113 / AR 1113 / E(1) 1113 - District and School Websites
- i. AR 3512 / E(1) 3512 - Equipment
- j. BP 4112.9 / E(1) 4112.9 - Employee Notifications
- k. BP 4212.9 / E(1) 4212.9 - Employee Notifications
- l. BP 4312.9 / E(1) 4312.9 - Employee Notifications
- m. BP 5131.41 - Use of Seclusion and Restraint
- n. BP 5145.6 / E(1) 5145.6 - Parent/Guardian Notifications
- o. BP 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students
- p. BP 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction
- q. BP 6145.2 / AR 6145.2 - Athletic Competition
- r. AR 6159.4 - Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students
- s. BB 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential / Privileged Information
- t. BP 6141.2 / AR 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs
- u. BP 6142.1 / AR 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction
- v. BP 6142.8 / AR 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education

Jodie Veverka/Shawn Wood Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

4. Approve to Rescind the Following Policy (**Pages 188-189**)

a. AR 0440 - District Technology Plan

Ruth Ann Criner/Monica Widby Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

DISCUSSION

1. Construction Project Update - The board did a site visit. There will be a meeting on Thursday.

INFORMATION

1. Associated Student Body Report for October 31, 2025 (**Pages 190-191**)

Board Member Request(s) for Items on the Next Regular Meeting

- 1.

Next Regular Board Meeting:

January 14, 2026

5:00 p.m. Closed Session

6:00 p.m. Open Session

3. Adjournment: 7:30