

MODOC JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting

January 14, 2026

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 5:02 p.m. closed session and at 6:06 p.m. open session. Returned to closed session at 7:45 p.m. and back to open session at 8:30 with No Reportable Action.

Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance:

Fernand Larranaga, President
Ruth Ann Criner, Vice President

Present
Present for closed session
via phone, absent for open
session

Monica Widby, Clerk
Jodie Veverka, Member
Shaun Wood, Member
Rebecca Lewis, Superintendent

Present
Present
Present
Present

Pledge of Allegiance led by Shaun Wood

Approval of Agenda: Jodie Veverka/Shawn Wood 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. Classified Staff
 - 1.1.2. Certificated Staff
 - 1.2. Recommendations for Approval:**

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.

Reporting of Closed Session Items:

1.1. Resignations / Retirements / Releases

- 1.3. Public Employee Performance Evaluation - *No Reportable Action*
- 1.4. Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Superintendent - *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**

Reports

1. Modoc Middle School Representatives reported that:
 - They had a Christmas tea before the break. They also had nine days of Reindeer games as well as Block M lunchtime activities.
 - January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month.
 - Upcoming events include Dudes & Donuts, the 100th Day of School rally, Valentine candy grams and the Winter Dance.
2. Modoc High School Student Representatives - Kyli Marcussen, Eliza Pena, and Abby DePaul reported that:
 - Winter sports are in their final month with wrestling league and division championships at the end of the month. Basketball started league with the Varsity Girls in the mix for league title. Spring sports have held interest meetings and will start off-season workouts.
 - FFA is getting ready for LDE/CDE season. They have students competing in all of the speaking contests. Spring floral subscriptions are on sale and will close on January 28th. They are currently working on planning National FFA week, State Conference and Drive-Thru BBQs.
 - ASB is working on plans for different activities and games for the student body. A Dr. Suess spirit week in March, a school-wide egg hunt and Modoc Mystery Day in April and a talent show in May are all being considered.
 - Mr. Travers Philosophy class has been accepted as an A-G qualified elective.
 - The Ag Food Science class had 22 students complete and pass their ServSafe California Food Handlers Safety and Assessment course.
 - The MHS library is now open to students in the mornings and during lunch. They are working on barcoding books and getting them into the Follett system. They have added over \$3,000 worth of new, relevant books to the collection.
3. Site Principals
 - Amy Welch, Principal of Alturas Elementary School, reported that 2026 is off to a great start. They revisited expectations of appropriate behavior and students are working hard to meet them. AVID strategy of the month is Collaboration. The character trait of the month is Initiative. Schoolwide attendance is 94.17%. The PLC topics for January are Math curriculum analysis and narrative writing instruction.
 - Todd Hughes, Assistant Principal of Modoc High School, reported that the 2nd round of MAP testing will start soon. They currently have 12 Alternate Education students with 2 on track to graduate early. BLM visited the high school and brought in an Archaeology team.
 - Matt McCandless, Principal of Modoc Middle School, reported that the character trait for January is Positivity. The staff focus this month is using MAP data to drive

instruction. The semester will end January 23rd so they are in the middle of finals and/or semester projects. MAP testing will be the week of January 26th. They will use that data to compare to the beginning of the year and this will drive instruction for the remainder of the year.

4. Superintendent's Report - Beckie Lewis reported that:
 - The Screen Time Family Night will be on March 2nd which is Dr. Suess' birthday.
 - She talked about the Residency Grant program and how it worked. Unfortunately, you can only hire ½ time interns under this program so it would not work for us. She is looking into other programs to help pay for schooling for potential teachers. The REACH program has been extended to 2028 and interns that previously worked as classified employees are now eligible.
 - The Golden State Teacher Grant is no longer available for interns.
 - She met with a district recruitment team and they had a lot of ideas and positivity.
 - She met with a group of people regarding our Facility Use form and the cost to use our facilities. Our fees are just not affordable for some of these groups so Beckie asked the board for permission to work with them.
 - She is looking at Capturing Kids Hearts training.
5. Elizabeth Guman, Business Manager, talked about the Governor's budget. The COLA dropped to 2.41% The Governor is trying to manipulate Proposition 98. He also wants to reform the CDE. Nikki will build the budget off of the May revise.
6. Board Reports
 - No Report
7. MTA
 - Diana Rudin reported that they sunshined their negotiations and their negotiations team is ready.
8. Director of Maintenance & Transportation
 - Doug Waterman showed pictures of progress on the new gym. He also reported that the Ag kitchen is moving forward. The stoves have been installed and they have ordered the sinks.

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. Eliza Pena wanted the Board to know that having Alex Moreo at Wrestling practice has been beneficial to them.

DISCUSSION

1. Over Night and Out of State Senior Trip **(Pages 275-288) (Moved up in the agenda)** - The seniors discussed which option they would like to pick and upcoming fundraisers to afford the trip. The Board asked if they confirmed that King's Beach would have a

lifeguard on duty for that day and Eliza Pena said that she had called and confirmed. This will come back as an action item next month.

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

Monica Widby/Jodie Veverka Yes: 4 (Larranaga, Widby, Veverka, Wood) No: 0

Abstain: 0

1. Administration

1.1. Approve Minutes (**Pages 1-10**)

1.1.1. Regular Board Meeting December 16, 2025;

1.2. Approve Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Summary 2nd Quarter (**Page 11**)

1.3. Approve E-Rate Management Services Agreement (**Pages 12-21**)

2. Budget and Finance

2.1. Approve Budget Changes Over \$10,000 (**Page 22**)

2.2. Approve Donations (**Page 23**)

2.2.1. Hadwick Family Farm to ASB FFA National Convention

2.3. Approve 2026 Expanded Learning Proposal (**Pages 24-25**)

2.4. Approve 2026 IRS Standard Mileage Rate (**Page 26**)

2.5. Approve warrants to be paid from the following (**Pages 27-31**)

2.5.1. Checks dated 12/1/25-12/31/25

General Fund in the amount of \$171,737.86

Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$23,782.17

Warrant/Pass Through in the amount of \$177,440.48

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

1. Approve the MJUSD Audit Report June 30, 2025 (**Insert**)

Jodie Veverka/Shawn Wood Yes: 4 (Larranaga, Widby, Veverka, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

2. Approve the Certification of Corrective Action Audit Findings and Recommendations (**Pages 32-42**)

Shawn Wood/Monica Widby Yes: 4 (Larranaga, Widby, Veverka, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

3. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between Modoc County Sheriff's Office and Modoc Joint Unified School District (**Pages 43-48**)

Jodie Veverka/Monica Widby Yes: 4 (Larranaga, Widby, Veverka, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

4. Presentation of the Modoc Teachers Association (MTA) Initial Proposal for Negotiations for 2026/2027 (**Page 49**)

Shaun Wood/Jodie Veverka Yes: 4 (Larranaga, Widby, Veverka, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

5. Presentation of the MJUSD Initial Proposal for Negotiations with MTA for 2026/2027 (**Page 50**)

Monica Widby/Jodie Veverka Yes: 4 (Larranaga, Widby, Veverka, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

6. Approve the Final Reading to Approve the Following Policies (**Pages 51-192**)
 - 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: 4 (Larranaga, Widby, Veverka, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

7. Approve to Final Reading to Rescind the Following Policy (**Pages 193-194**)
 - a. AR 0440 - District Technology Plan

Monica Widby/Jodie Veverka Yes: 4 (Larranaga, Widby, Veverka, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

8. Approve School Accountability Report Cards for Alturas Elementary School, Modoc Middle School, High Desert Community Day School, Modoc High School, and Warner High School, (full SARC's are available for viewing at the District Office and on the District's website – www.modoc.k12.ca.us. **(Pages 195-260)**)

Shaun Wood/Jodie Veverka Yes:4 (Larranaga, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

DISCUSSION

1. Construction Project Update - There is a meeting tomorrow.
2. LCAP Mid-Year Progress Report **(Pages 261-274)**
3. Over Night and Out of State Senior Trip **(Pages 275-288) - Moved up in the agenda**
4. MJUSD Triennial Assessment of Local School Wellness Policy (LSWP) **(Pages 289-297)**
5. E Rate Category 2 **(Page 298)**
6. Clarification on Medical Attendance Notes and PE / Athletic Restrictions **(Pages 299-301)**

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

1. Senior Trip

Next Regular Board Meeting:

February 11, 2026

5:00 p.m. Closed Session

6:00 p.m. Open Session

Adjournment: 7:35