MODOC JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting
October 14, 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 6:05 p.m. open session.

Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance:

Fernand Larranga, 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 Monica Widby

Approval of Agenda: Jodie Veverka/Shaun 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:

1. **Personnel - Public Employee Employment:**
   - **1.1. Resignations/Retirements/Releases**
     - 1.1.1. Classified Staff
     - 1.1.2. 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
     - 1.1.3. 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
     - 1.1.4. Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
   - **1.2. Recommendations for Approval:**
     - 1.2.1. MHS WASC Coordinator

1.2.2. MHS AVID Coordinator
1.2.3. 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
1.2.4. Classified Substitute
1.2.5. Classified Substitute
1.2.6. Classified Substitute
1.2.7. Certificated Substitute
1.2.8. Varsity Girls Basketball Assistant Coach
1.2.9. Varsity Boys Basketball Coach

1.3. Government Code § 54957:

1.3.1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation: (Various Certificated and Classified employees);

2. Negotiations: Conference with labor negotiator pursuant to [Government Code § 54957.6]: Agency Negotiator: Rebecca Lewis; Employee Organization: Modoc Teachers Association.

3. Negotiations: Conference with labor negotiator pursuant to [Government Code § 54957.6]: Agency Negotiator: Rebecca Lewis; Employee Organization: Teamsters Local 137.

OPEN SESSION

Reporting of Closed Session Items:

1. Personnel - Public Employee Employment:

1.1. Resignations/Retirements/Releases

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

1.1.2. 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach Ruth Ann Criner/Monica Widby Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.1.3. 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach Ruth Ann Criner/Monica Widby Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.1.4. Varsity Boys Basketball Coach Ruth Ann Criner/Monica Widby Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.2. Recommendations for Approval:

1.2.1. MHS WASC Coordinator Ruth Ann Criner/Jodie Veverka Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.2.2. MHS AVID Coordinator Ruth Ann Criner/Jodie Veverka Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.2.3. 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach Ruth Ann Criner/Jodie Veverka Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

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

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

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

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

1.2.8. Varsity Girls Basketball Assistant Coach Monica Widby/Shaun Wood Yes:4 (Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 1 (Larranaga)

1.2.9. Varsity Boys Basketball Coach Ruth Ann Criner/Jodie Veverka Yes:4 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby) No: 0 Abstain: 1 (Shaun Wood)

1.3. Government Code § 54957:

1.3.1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation: (Various Certificated and Classified employees); ***No Reportable Action***

2. Negotiations: Conference with labor negotiator pursuant to [Government Code § 54957.6]: Agency Negotiator: Rebecca Lewis; Employee Organization: Modoc Teachers Association. ***No Reportable Action***

3. Negotiations: Conference with labor negotiator pursuant to [Government Code § 54957.6]: Agency Negotiator: Rebecca Lewis; Employee Organization: Teamsters Local 137. ***No Reportable Action***

Reports

1. MHS Student Representatives
    - Ashlynn Albright and Nathaniel Epps reported that ASB has had fun rallies for the football games. They also had Back to School night and class-parent meetings which had great participation from students and families. The Fall Blood Drive was a big success with enough donations to potentially save 54 lives. Fall sports are wrapping up. Senior nights for all sports will be next week. FFA launched their first newsletter. They attended the Shasta College Field Day and had teams competing in the various competitions. The horse judging team got 2nd place. The fall BBQ fundraiser will be October 22nd. They sold 350 tri-tips. The homecoming theme this year is Pixar Perfect Night - From the Big Screen to the Big Game. They listed the dress up days and the various homecoming activities.
2. Site Principals
    - Todd Hughes, Assistant Principal of Modoc High School, reported that there are a lot of homecoming activities this week at the school. They had a good Professional Development day yesterday. They are concentrating on improving the curriculum. The flooring is going in the Ag kitchen tomorrow.
    - Matt McCandless, Principal of Modoc Middle School, reported that the character trait for October is Integrity. They will show a video of the character trait this month instead of the usual assembly. Parent conferences will be held on November 5th. The girls started basketball practice today. Their first game will be October 25th.

They will have homecoming week dress up days and will be attending the parade on Friday. There will be a school dance next Friday.
    - Amy Welch, Principal of Alturas Elementary School, reported that they have finished school-wide MAP testing. They have a fun month planned with dress up weeks and assemblies. They will be attending the homecoming parade. The AVID strategy is Goal Setting and the Character Trait of the Month is Respect. Schoolwide attendance is 93.42%.
3. Superintendent's Report
    - The Alturas Police Department MOU has not been approved by the city yet. She will go to the city council meeting next Tuesday.
    - The Professional Development day was yesterday. They interviewed former students for feedback regarding their education at MJUSD and how they felt they had been prepared for the next level. Susan Hughes and Noelle Knight led the AVID strategies discussion.
    - Kevin Kramer got the $1.5 million dollar grant for the geothermal. They found out they cannot make A1 a reinjection well.
    - Hand, Foot and Mouth disease has hit the staff and students pretty hard across the entire district.
    - We had the 1st LCAP parent meeting. They had honest conversations with parents about screen time and vaping. The TAY center is open to 13-23 year olds and parents are concerned about that. Beckie will try to get a town hall meeting planned regarding these issues.
4. Board Reports
    - Jodie Veverka went to the soccer game and the powderpuff game.
    - Monica Widby went to the class parent meetings at the high school.
    - Fernand Larranaga informed the board that he got a nice thank you note from Evie Walton for the scholarship she received.
5. MTA
    - Katie Copp reported that 2 members went to the conference in Reno. The 1st service center meeting was held in Redding. They also held a coordinated council meeting at Alturas Elementary School.
6. Director of Maintenance & Transportation
    - Doug Waterman reported that David Crenshaw is back and driving bus. The geothermal is up and running although the hospital was having some issues. He is losing one of his maintenance workers this week.

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. Jennifer Warren, President of Boosters and the Modoc County Cancer Awareness Group, asked the board if the cancer awareness group could set up a booth at games to sell tickets for a raffle. She also informed the Board that Boosters is raffling off a pig.

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 Jodie Veverka/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 September 9, 2025 **(Pages 1-6)**
1.2. Approve the Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Summary 1st Quarter **(Page 7)**
1.3. Approve Surplus of MHS Items **(Page 8)**
1.4. Approve Consulting Services Agreement between Isom Advisors and Modoc Joint Unified School District **(Page 9)**
1.5. Approve MHS Fundraisers **(Page 10)**
1.6. Approve Ag Advisory Committee **(Page 11)**
1.7. Approve Overnight/Out of State Field Trips/Sports Schedules **(Pages 12-17)**
1.7.1. MMS Basketball Schedules
1.7.2. MHS 2025-26 Basketball Schedule
1.7.3. MHS 2025-26 Wrestling Schedule

2. Budget and Finance

2.1. Approve Donation from Modoc Athletic Boosters for 50% of Vidswap **(Page 18)**
2.2. Approve Budget Changes over $10,000 **(Page 19)**
2.3. Approve Approve warrants to be paid from the following **(Pages 20-24)**
2.3.1. Checks dated 9/1/25 to 9/30/25
General Fund in the amount of $224,371.92
Cafeteria Fund in the amount of $8,126.61
Special Reserve Capital Outlay Fund in the amount of $4,872.00
Warrant/Pass Through in the amount of $180,591.05

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

1. Approve the Revised Facility Use Form **(Pages 25-27)**

Monica Widby with changes (pull out the kitchen)/Shaun Wood Yes: 5 (Larranaga, Widby, Veverka, Criner, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

2. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Modoc Joint Unified School District and Reach University **(Pages 28-53)**

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

3. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Modoc Joint Unified School District and Modoc County Office of Emergency Services **(Pages 54-56)**

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

4. Award Multi-Prime Contracts for Modoc Gym/Kitchen Project **(Pages 57-76)**
   a. Ultra Ceilings, Inc.
   b. Redding Metal Crafters, Inc.
   c. National Garage Door Co.

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

5. Approve the Modoc Middle School, High Desert Community Day School School Plan for Student Achievement for the 25/26 School Year **(Pages 77-141)**

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

6. Approve the 1st Reading to Approve the Following Policies **(Pages 142-148)**
   a. BP 6145 Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities
   b. AR 6145 Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities

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

7. Approve the 1st Reading to Approve the Following Policies **(Pages 149-160) (See PDF)**
   a. BP 0410 Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities
   b. BP/AR 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures
   c. AR 3542 School Bus Drivers
   d. BR/AR 4030 Nondiscrimination in Employment
   e. BP 4033 Lactation Accommodation
   f. BP/AR 4119.11 Sexual Harassment
   g. AR 4119.12 Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures
   h. BP/AR 4219.11 Sexual Harassment
   i. AR 4219.12 Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures
   j. BP/AR 4319.11 Sexual Harassment
   k. AR 4319.12 Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures
   l. BP/AR/E(1) 5125.1 Release of Directory Information
   m. BP/AR 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment
   n. BP/AR 5145.7 Sexual Harassment
   o. AR 5145.71 Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures

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

INFORMATION

1. ASB Report for the Period Ending August 31, 2025 **(Page 161)**
2. Quarterly Food Service Report **(Page 162)**
3. Certificates of Participation Financial Update **(Page 163)**
4. 2025-26 MJUSD General Fund Budget as of October 9, 2025 **(Page 164)**
5. 2025-26 MJUSD Cash Flow Projection as of October 9, 2025 **(Page 165)**

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

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2.

Next Regular Board Meeting:
November 18, 2025
5:00 p.m. Closed Session
6:00 p.m. Open Session

Adjournment: 7:17