MODOC JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting
September 9, 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 6:06 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 Shaun Wood

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:

1. **Personnel - Public Employee Employment:**
   - **1.1. Resignations/Retirements/Releases**
     - 1.1.1. Junior Varsity Wrestling Coach
   - **1.2. Recommendations for Approval:**
     - 1.2.1. MHS WASC Coordinator
     - 1.2.2. MHS Varsity Wrestling Coach
     - 1.2.3. Reclassify Food Service Worker II to Food Service Worker III
     - 1.2.4. Reclassify Food Service Worker I to Food Service Worker II

1.2.5. MHS Girls Golf Coach
1.2.6. Peer Tutor
1.2.7. MHS AVID Coordinator
1.2.8. Junior 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. Junior Varsity Wrestling Coach Jodie Veverka/Monica Widby Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.2. Recommendations for Approval:

1.2.1. MHS WASC Coordinator **TABLED**

1.2.2. MHS Varsity Wrestling Coach Ruth Ann Criner/Shaun Wood Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.2.3. Reclassify Food Service Worker II to Food Service Worker III Ruth Ann Criner/Shaun Wood Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.2.4. Reclassify Food Service Worker I to Food Service Worker II Ruth Ann Criner/Shaun Wood Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.2.5. MHS Girls Golf Coach Ruth Ann Criner/Jodie Veverka Yes:4 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 1 (Widby)

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

1.2.7. MHS AVID Coordinator **TABLED**

1.2.8. Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Coach Monica Widby/Jodie Veverka Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

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***

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Reports

1. MHS Student Representatives
    - Vivian Huang and Aliayha Sevilla reported that ASB Leadership went on a retreat in August. They planned many events including the 1st day of school rally and rotations. The school theme for the year is All In All Year. Class meetings will be next Monday after Back to School Night. Sports are in full swing. There are themes for every home game. There will be a Fall Blood Drive on September 17th. Homecoming will be in October. It will have a Pixar theme.
2. MMS Student Representatives
    - The MMS leadership kids reported that they went on a leadership retreat to Lake Tahoe. They had a Survivor themed retreat. They welcomed students back to school with signs and music. There will be a Fall dance on October 24th. They had a back to school rally.
3. Site Principals
    - Amy Welch, Principal of Alturas Elementary School, reported that they had a great start to the school year. Teachers are working on positive, engaging, and supportive classroom environments. Students are learning school wide expectations. AVID strategy is Get to Know Each Other. The Character Trait is Responsibility. Schoolwide Attendance is at 96.13%.
    - Matt McCandless, Principal of Modoc Middle School, reported that there are 180 students this year. Class sizes are bigger. September 15th will start MAP testing. They will go over the results at the October 1st PLC. Volleyball has started.
    - Kristen Budmark, Principal of Modoc High School, reported that this year is All In All Year. Paul Travers is teaching a Philosophy class. Attendance has been good and tardies are minimal. MAP testing starts next week. The PLC tomorrow will be IEPs at a glance. The students are settling into the new schedule. The 1st class meetings will be on Thursday with a rally on Friday. They are utilizing Peer Tutors again this year.
    - Todd Hughes, Assistant Principal of Modoc High School, reported that Alternative Education is going well. They currently have 3 High Desert students and 8 Warner High School students.
4. Superintendent's Report
    - Beckie Lewis talked about SB88 and how it impacts our employee drivers and students. We are required to comply with this law. A letter was sent out to those students who would be impacted. TCSIG will provide impacted employees with physicals in the Spring.

- The Facility Use Form will be revised. The use fee may be waived for non-profits based on the number of MJUSD students participating.
- The NCSIG inspection went very well. The inspector uses our facility as a model.
- She and Nikki had a meeting with Lake County regarding interdistrict students. We have 25 students there. The Lakeview Superintendent was very impressed with our Volleyball athletes and said they had great sportsmanship.
- She met with Stacy Sphar from Public Health. They would like to focus on the vaping issue and have funds to help with family engagement.
- She also met with TEACH regarding adolescent parent classes.
- Current enrollment is 771 students.

5. Board Reports - No Reports
6. MTA
    - Katie Copp reported that they are sending 3 members to the Region 2 Conference in October. They will have a coordinated council meeting with Tulelake on September 23rd.

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. Jay Jones thanked the board for doing a good job. He encouraged the board to speak to Sonya Shaw of Chino Valley School District who is running for State Superintendent. She is an advocate for informing parents of what is going on in the schools.

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

1. Administration

1.1. Approve Minutes

1.1.1. Regular Board Meeting August 12, 2025 **(Pages 1-7)**

1.2. Approve the Agreement for 2025-26 Indian Education Tutoring Services **(Pages 8-9)**

1.3. Approve the 2025-2026 Contract for Tuition Students between Modoc Joint Unified School District and Lake County School District #7 **(Pages 10-14)**

1.4. Approve MHS Fundraisers **(Pages 15-17)**

2. Budget and Finance

2.1. Ratify Adult Meal Pricing **(Page 18)**

2.2. Approve Approve warrants to be paid from the following **(Pages 19-22)**

2.2.1. Checks dated 8/1/25 - 8/31/25
General Fund in the amount of $352,055.57
Cafeteria Fund in the amount of $9,685.68
Special Reserve Capital Outlay in the amount of $327,210.69
Warrant/Pass Through in the amount of $183,667.12

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

Public Hearing

This meeting is declared a public hearing for the purpose of allowing members of the public to discuss the State Department of Education Instructional Materials funding for Transitional Kindergarten through grade twelve.

1. Approve Resolution 25.26.1 Teacher Assignments **(Pages 23-26)**

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

2. Approve Resolution 25.26.2 Adopting the GANN Limit **(Pages 27-31)**

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

3. Approve Resolution 25.26.3 Declaring Sufficiency of Instructional Materials **(Pages 32-36)**

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

4. Ratify Addendum A1 of Keegan's IT Services Proposal **(Page 37)**

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

5. Approve Revised Music Teacher Job Descriptions **(Pages 38-47)**

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

6. Approve the 2024/2025 Unaudited Actuals Report **(Insert)**

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

7. Approve the Memorandums of Understanding between Modoc Joint Unified School District and Humboldt County Office of Education for 2 Teachers for the Teacher Residency Program. **(Pages 48-62)**

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

8. Nominate and Approve a Perry Hawkins Board Member for the 25/26 Year

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

9. Approve the Changes to the 25/26 Transportation Safety Plan & Handbook **(Pages 63-78)**

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

10. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Modoc Joint Unified School District and Alturas Police Department for a School Resource Officer for the 2025-2026 School Year. **(Pages 79-80)**

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

DISCUSSION

1. Construction Update - The building should be plastered before winter.

INFORMATION

1. Seamless Summer Food Service Report **(Page 81)**
2. ASB Report for the Period Ending July 31, 2025 **(Page 82)**

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

1.
2.

Next Regular Board Meeting:
October 14, 2025
5:00 p.m. Closed Session
6:00 p.m. Open Session

Adjournment: 7:07