

MODOC JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting

February 11, 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 5:00 p.m. closed session and at 6:02 p.m. open session.

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 Monica Widby

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:

1.1.1. Resignations / Retirements / Releases

- 1.1.1.1. Certificated Staff
- 1.1.1.2. MMS AVID Site Coordinator
- 1.1.1.3. Varsity Head Football Coach

1.1.2. Recommendations for Approval

- 1.1.2.1. Ratify MMS Athletic Director
- 1.1.2.2. Ratify Classified Substitute

- 1.1.2.3. Ratify Intern Support Provider
- 1.1.2.4. MMS AVID Site Coordinator
- 1.1.2.5. Varsity Assistant Softball Coach
- 1.1.3. Public Employee Performance Evaluation**

- 1.2. Negotiations:** Conference with labor negotiator pursuant to [Government Code § 54957.6]: Agency Negotiator: Rebecca Lewis;
- 1.2.1.** Employee Organization: Modoc Teachers Association.
- 1.2.2.** Employee Organization: Teamsters Local 137
- 1.2.3.** Employee Organization: Unrepresented

OPEN SESSION

Reporting of Closed Session Items:

- 1. [Government Code § 6254] Annual review of the Confidential Section of the MJUSD Comprehensive Safety Plan.** Ruth Ann Criner/Monica Widby Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0
- 2. Personnel - Public Employee Employment:**
 - 2.1. Resignations / Retirements / Releases**
 - 2.1.1. Certificated Staff Ruth Ann Criner/Monica Widby Yes:5
(Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0
 - 2.1.2. MMS AVID Site Coordinator Ruth Ann Criner/Monica Widby Yes:5
(Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0
 - 2.1.3. Varsity Head Football Coach Ruth Ann Criner/Monica Widby Yes:5
(Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0
 - 2.2. Recommendations for Approval**
 - 2.2.1. Ratify MMS Athletic Director Ruth Ann Criner/Monica Widby Yes:5
(Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0
 - 2.2.2. Ratify Classified Substitute Ruth Ann Criner/Monica Widby Yes:5
(Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0
 - 2.2.3. Ratify Intern Support Provider Ruth Ann Criner/Monica Widby Yes:5
(Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0
 - 2.2.4. MMS AVID Site Coordinator Ruth Ann Criner/Monica Widby Yes:5
(Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0
 - 2.2.5. Varsity Assistant Softball Coach Ruth Ann Criner/Monica Widby Yes:5
(Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0
 - 2.3. Public Employee Performance Evaluation: *No Reportable Action***
- 3. Negotiations:**Conference with labor negotiator pursuant to [Government Code § 54957.6]: Agency Negotiator: Rebecca Lewis - ***No Reportable Action***
 - 3.1.** Employee Organization: Modoc Teachers Association.

3.2. Employee Organization: Teamsters Local 137

3.3. Employee Organization: Unrepresented

Reports

1. Modoc High School Student Representatives - Faith Marquez and Jonathan Marquez reported that:
 - Wrestling is heading to divisions this Saturday. Basketball playoffs begin next week with our girls hosting a playoff game. Spring sports begin practicing next week. The Winter sports banquet will be the first week in March.
 - FFA had a speaking contest and they will have 6 students moving on to the regional competition in Chico in March. They are working on FFA week plans which will include dress up days, daily Ag facts, a rally and the drive-thru BBQ.
 - ASB is hosting their guestimate contest with candy hearts for Valentine's day. They are working on a Dr. Suess spirit week in March. The Winter formal is this weekend.
 - The Academic Decathlon team placed first overall, won the Super Quiz, and led in total medals. The team has qualified for State.
 - Advanced Welding traveled to Alturas Ranches to collect scrap metal for a project. The Introduction to Ag Mechanics finished their OSHA 10 hour industry certification.
 - Modoc County Arts Council hosted the Poetry Out Loud competition. Maezy Smith will represent Modoc at the State Poetry Out Loud competition in Sacramento this March. Missoula Children's Theatre performance of the Secret Garden will be February 14th at the Niles Theatre.
2. Site Principals
 - Mr. Eddy presented his Academic Decathlon team. They won the county competition and will head to Santa Clara for the state competition. He thanked the Board for sending them to state. The students spoke about what it meant to them.
 - Kristen Budmark, Principal of Modoc High School, gave a WASC update. She stated that the mid cycle review is not as intense as the 4 year review. The report will be submitted on March 19th.
 - Todd Hughes, Assistant Principal of Modoc High School, reported that Warner High School completed 3 classes. Their ADA is 84% this year. Suspension rates have gone down from 41% to 0% in the past 3 years.
 - Amy Welch, Principal of Alturas Elementary School, reported that they celebrated their 100th day of school. They have started Winter MAP testing. The AVID strategy of the month is Focused Note Taking. The character trait is Compassion. Schoolwide attendance is 93.14%. She also informed the board of the PLC topics for the next month.
 - Matt McCandless, Principal of Modoc Middle School, reported that the character trait for February is Caring. The staff focus this month is AVID self-reflection and planning. The boys basketball home tournament will be this Saturday and Wrestling starts February 23rd. They hosted Missoula Children's Theatre on Monday. 14 students participated in the Math Counts competition in Redding. The next school dance will be on February 20th.
3. Superintendent's Report - Beckie Lewis reported that:

- The MAP testing data shows that Math is a struggle across the entire district. The high school is going to Redding in March to look at Math curriculum. The new curriculum should be in place by next year.
 - The SWAT team is at the elementary school tonight planning for a training in April.
 - She is determined to make the residency grants work for teacher candidates.
 - Hiring packets are ready to go to the career fairs in Chico and Reno.
4. Board Reports
- Jodie Veverka drove a Suburban to the Math competition.
 - Ruth Ann Criner judged speeches for the Academic Decathlon.
 - Monica Widby also judged the speeches and attended a basketball game.
 - Fernand Larranaga reported that Assembly Woman Heather Hadwick sent certificates of appreciation to all of the Board members.
5. MTA
- Johanna Shea reported that MTA is currently working on negotiations.
6. Director of Maintenance & Transportation
- Doug Waterman reported that sports is winding down. He is starting to plan for Spring sports transportation. We are losing 1 maintenance employee so they will be short handed for a few weeks. We are also losing a substitute bus driver in May. The dryer has shipped for the high school 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. Amy Britton, the new Middle School Athletic Director, would like to change leagues because she feels like they have outgrown the current league. She would like to join the Mt. Shasta/Siskiyou League.
2. James Brogan also supported changing leagues as he feels that playing teams that include 3rd and 4th graders is not conducive to growing our program and sending those players to compete at the high school level.

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/Shawn Wood Yes: 5 (Larranaga, Widby, Veverka, Wood, Criner)

No: 0 Abstain: 0

1. Administration

- 1.1. Approve Minutes (**Pages 1-7**)
 - 1.1.1. Regular Board Meeting January 14, 2026
- 1.2. Approve Transportation Plan Annual Update (**Page 8**)
- 1.3. Ratify Inspection Service Agreement Extension with Collins Construction (**Page 9**)
- 1.4. Approve Overnight and Out of State Field Trips/Sports Schedules (**Pages 10-20**)
 - 1.4.1. Modoc Middle School Ashland, Oregon Field Trip
 - 1.4.2. MHS College Campus Trip
 - 1.4.3. Upward Bound College Campus Tour
 - 1.4.4. 2026 MHS Baseball / Softball / Track / Golf
 - 1.4.5. Youth Wrestling Schedule
 - 1.4.6. Modoc Middle School AVID Trip

2. Budget and Finance

- 2.1. Approve Budget Changes over \$10,000 (**Page 21**)
- 2.2. Approve Alturas Rotary Club Donation (**Page 22**)
- 2.3. Approve warrants to be paid from the following (**Pages 23-27**)
 - 2.3.1. Checks dated 1/1/26-1/31/2026
 - General Fund in the amount of \$169,627.72
 - Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$24,732.99
 - Warrant/Pass Through in the amount of \$226,535.96

DISCUSSION / ACTION AGENDA

1. Approve the Class of 2026 Senior Trip (Pages 28-29**)**

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

2. Approve the 1st Reading of the 26/27 and 27/28 MJUSD School Calendars (Pages 30-31**)**

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

3. Approve the Vendor for Wide Area Network (Pages 32-109**)**

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

4. Approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Christine Armstrong (Pages 110-112**)**

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

5. Preliminary Review of the Math Curriculum at Modoc Middle School. The curriculum is supported by the curriculum committee at Modoc Middle School. It will be on display for

30 days at the District Office, with final adoption at the March Board Meeting. **(Page 113)**

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

6. Approve the Following Policies **(Pages 114-168)**

- a. BP 0450 / AR 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan
- b. BP 1340 / AR 1340 - Access to District Records
- c. BP 1445 / AR 1445 - Response to Immigration Enforcement
- d. BP 5125 / AR 5125 - Student Records
- e. BP 5125.1 / AR 5125.1 / E(1) 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information

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

7. Approve to Rescind the Following Policies **(Pages 169-172)**

- a. BP 5145.13 / AR 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement

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

8. Approve the MJUSD Comprehensive Safety Plan **(Pages 173-273)**

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

9. Approve the 1st Reading of the Following Policies **(Pages 274-329)**

- a. BP 3515 / AR 3515 - Campus Security
- b. BP 3515.4 / AR 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage
- c. AR 3516.1 - Fire Drills and Fires
- d. BP 5113 / AR 5113 - Absences and Excuses
- e. BP 5113.12 / AR 5113.12 - District School Attendance Review Board
- f. BP 5113.2 / AR 5113.2 - Work Permits
- g. BP 5141 / AR 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies
- h. BP 5141.4 / AR 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting
- i. BP 5142 / AR 5142 - Safety
- j. BP 6178.1 / AR 6178.1 - Work-Based Learning
- k. BB 9005 - Governance Standards

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

DISCUSSION

- 1. Construction Project Update - The project is moving along slowly. We are hoping that the inside is completed by the end of February / beginning of March.

INFORMATION

1. Quarterly & Historical Interest Earned on MJUSD Investments (**Page 330**)
2. Associated Student Body Report as of 12/31/25 (**Pages 331-332**)
3. 2025-26 MJUSD General Fund Budget as of 2/4/26 (**Page 333**)
4. 2025-26 Cash Flow Projection as of 2/4/26 (**Page 334**)

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

1. Superintendent's Evaluation

Next Regular Board Meeting:

March 11, 2026

5:00 p.m. Closed Session

6:00 p.m. Open Session.

Adjournment: 7:07