MODOC JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting
August 12, 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 Jodie Veverka

Approval of Agenda with Corrections 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**
     - 1.1.1. Certificated Staff
     - 1.1.2. Classified Staff
     - 1.1.3. Junior Varsity Basketball Coach
     - 1.1.4. AES Principal
     - 1.1.5. Classified Staff

1.2. Recommendations for Approval:

1.2.1. Classified Staff
1.2.2. Classified Substitute
1.2.3. Classified Substitute
1.2.4. Peer Tutor
1.2.5. Peer Tutor
1.2.6. Peer Tutor
1.2.7. Peer Tutor
1.2.8. Intern Support Provider
1.2.9. Intern Support Provider
1.2.10. Intern Support Provider
1.2.11. Intern Support Provider
1.2.12. Certificated Staff
1.2.13. Certificated Substitute
1.2.14. Certificated Substitute
1.2.15. Classified Substitute
1.2.16. Classified Substitute
1.2.17. Intern Support Provider

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**

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

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

1.1.3. Junior Varsity Basketball Coach Jodie Veverka/Ruth Ann Criner Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

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

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

1.2. **Recommendations for Approval:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.2.7. Peer Tutor — Shaun Wood/Jodie Veverka — Yes:4 (Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 1 (Larranaga)

1.2.8. Intern Support Provider — Monica Widby/Ruth Ann Criner — Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.2.9. Intern Support Provider — Monica Widby/Ruth Ann Criner — Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.2.10. Intern Support Provider — Monica Widby/Ruth Ann Criner — Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.2.11. Intern Support Provider — Monica Widby/Ruth Ann Criner — Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

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

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

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

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

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

1.2.17. Intern Support Provider — Monica Widby/Ruth Ann Criner — 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***

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. Site Principals
    - Kristen Budmark, Principal of Modoc High School, reported that they are nowhere with the NDA and the grant. It will be tabled until they have funding. She also explained that the cost increase to park at the football and family passes is due to the cost of paying the officials (went up 29%) as well as CIF raising gate fees. Parking has gone up by $100. A family pass will pay for itself for a family of 4 on the 8th game. Fernand suggested trying for more volume rather than increasing prices. Fall and Winter sports subsidize Spring sports. Fernand also wants a cash box at every game for those people who do not want to use GoFan. TheBoosters will now only pay for 1 hotel stay per sport. Judy Semingson unveiled plans for the remodel of the Ag kitchen using the CTEIG grant. The kitchen is going from 4 to 6 stations and a food prep area. We are also starting a school farm. The city has agreed to give us property for this.
    - Todd Hughes, Assistant Principal of Modoc High School, reported that Alternative Education is going well. Erin Sandage is doing a good job of stepping into the Counselor position. August 21st is the welcome back day for the kids.
    - Matt McCandless, Principal of Modoc Middle School, passed out a sheet that listed all the school events, character traits for the year, and the September PLC topics.
    - Amy Welch, Principal of Alturas Elementary School, talked about Summer School. She shared a presentation with pictures of each grade level and what they learned over the summer. August 26th will be Back to School Night. Staffing is solid this year. All grades have 3 classes except for 4th which only has 2. Character trait for the month is Responsibility and Work Ethic.
2. Superintendent's Report
    - Beckie Lewis reported that AES was previously in CSI Williams Compliance because of the ratio of interns to fully credentialed teachers. This year school in our county is in now in CSI non compliance for 3 years.
    - Due to SB88, drivers will need to have training and a medical examination. They will need to keep track of hours driven.
    - NCSIG is coming to inspect our sites on August 21st.
    - Keegan is getting overloaded with Chromebooks. He wants to bring on a helper. Beckie passed out his proposal/short term contract to the board members.
3. Board Reports
    - Shaun Wood and Monica Widby went to a meeting with Kristy Sphar. The next one will be on August 27th.

- Fernand Larranaga read some thank you notes to the board from Caelli DePaul and Ken LaBaw.

4. Director of Maintenance and Transportation
    - Doug Waterman reported that transportation will down 1 driver. Doug will be helping out with driving routes and to sporting events. He has 3 regular drivers and 2 sub drivers right now.
    - Maintenance is a little behind at Alturas Elementary School because of summer school. They are working to get everything done before school starts.

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.

No Public Comments

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. Special Board Meeting June 25, 2025 **(Pages 1-3)**
1.1.2. Special Board Meeting July 10, 2025 **(Page 4-5)**
1.2. Approve Document Tracking Services License Agreement **(Pages 6-11)**
1.3. Approve Surplus of Modoc Middle School Textbooks **(Page 12)**
1.4. Approve Surplus of Modoc High School Textbooks **(Pages 13-14)**
1.5. Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between Cal Poly Humboldt and Modoc Joint Unified School District. **(Pages 15-17)**
1.6. Approve 2025-2026 Memorandum of Understanding for the California Agricultural Teachers' Induction Program Between Davis Joint Unified School District and Modoc Joint Unified School District. **(Pages 18-22)**
1.7. Approve Quarterly Uniform Complaint Summary 4th Quarter **(Page 23)**

2. Budget and Finance

2.1. Approve Donations **(Pages 24-25)**

2.1.1. Rotary Club
2.1.2. Kyle Hanson - 2 Custom Made PCs

2.2. Approve Approve warrants to be paid from the following **(Pages 26-32)**

2.2.1. Checks dated 6/13/25 - 6/30/25
General Fund in the amount of $49,222.40
Cafeteria Fund in the amount of $31,749.06
Warrant/Pass Through in the amount of $47,587.47

2.2.2. Checks dated 7/1/25 - 7/30/25
General Fund in the amount of $569,530.31
Cafeteria Fund in the amount of $8,514.86
Warrant/Pass Through in the amount of $293,809.66

3. Facilities

3.1. Approve the following annual certification of High Desert Community Day School (HDCDS) site: The MJUSD Board hereby certifies that it has less than 2,500 units of daily attendance reported for the most recent second principal apportionment and certifies that due to budget constraints, no other satisfactory alternative to placing the HDCDS on a current site exists. Therefore, the MJUSD Board hereby directs the placement of the HDCDS (Grades 6-10) to be located at the Alternative Education complex in accordance with Education Code Section 48661.

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

1. Approve the Clayful Program for the 25/26 School Year **(Pages 33-59)**

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

2. Approve the Revisions to the 2025/26 Budget due to the State Budget Act **(Pages 60-61)**

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

3. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Modoc County Department of Probation and Modoc Joint Unified School District for Employee Drug Testing **(Pages 62-63)**

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

4. Approve $5,000 Stipend to Wendy Ewing for Duties Beyond her Job Description

No Motion - Not Approved

5. Ratify the Memorandum of Understanding Between Modoc Joint Unified School District and California State University, Chico for Intern Support **(Pages 64-65)**

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

DISCUSSION

1. Construction Project Update - We need to get a committee together to pick out colors.

INFORMATION

1. Certificates of Participation Financial Update **(Page 66)**
2. Quarterly & Historical Interest Earned on MJUSD Investments **(Page 67)**
3. ASB Reports for the Periods Ending May and June, 2025 **(Pages 68-69)**
4. Quarterly Food Service Report **(Page 70)**
5. 2025-26 Cash Flow Projection: General Fund **(Page 71)**
6. 2025-26 General Fund Budget as of August 5, 2025 **(Page 72)**

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

1.
2.

Next Regular Board Meeting:
September 9, 2025
5:00 p.m. Closed Session
6:00 p.m. Open Session

Adjournment: 7:40