

MODOC JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting

April 15, 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 6:08 p.m. open session.

Roll Call:

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: Ruth Ann Criner

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. Resignations / Retirements / Releases**
 - 1.1.1. Certificated Staff
 - 1.1.2. Certificated Staff
 - 1.1.3. Certificated Staff
 - 1.1.4. Classified Staff
 - 1.2. Recommendations for Approval**
 - 1.2.1. MHS Varsity Volleyball Coach

- 1.2.2. Summer School Food Service Worker
- 1.2.3. Certificated Staff
- 1.2.4. Teaching Associate
- 1.2.5. MHS Administrative Assistant

1.3. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

- 2. **Negotiations:** Conference with labor negotiator pursuant to [Government Code § 54957.6]: Agency Negotiators: Rebecca Lewis, Elizabeth Guzman, Gerese Weber
- 2.1. Employee Organization: Modoc Teachers Association.
- 2.2. Employee Organization: Teamsters Local 137
- 2.3. Employee Organization: Unrepresented

OPEN SESSION

Reporting of Closed Session Items:

1. Personnel - Public Employee Employment:

1.1. Resignations / Retirements / Releases

- 1.1.1. Certificated Staff Monica Widby/Jodie Veverka Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0
- 1.1.2. Certificated Staff Monica Widby/Jodie Veverka Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0
- 1.1.3. Certificated Staff Monica Widby/Jodie Veverka Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0
- 1.1.4. Classified Staff Monica Widby/Jodie Veverka Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.2. Recommendations for Approval

- 1.2.1. MHS Varsity Volleyball Coach Ruth Ann Criner/Shawn Wood Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0
- 1.2.2. Summer School Food Service Worker Jodie Veverka/Monica Widby Yes:4 (Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 1 (Larranaga)
- 1.2.3. Certificated Staff Shawn Wood/Ruth Ann Criner Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0
- 1.2.4. Teaching Associate **No Action**
- 1.2.5. MHS Administrative Assistant Ruth Ann Criner/Jodie Veverka Yes:5 (Larranaga, Criner, Veverka, Widby, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.3. Public Employee Performance Evaluation - No Reportable Action

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Reports

1. Modoc High School Student Representatives - Allie Weber and Kenzie Diven reported that:
 - The JV Baseball program is going well. Softball is down in numbers but are working hard. Varsity Baseball won their inaugural tournament. Track and Golf are doing well. Some student athletes have applied for SCL scholarships and they are hoping to honor them at the NSCIF scholarship banquet in May.
 - FFA had a great time at the FFA State Convention. They took 19 students. They are currently planning May events.
 - ASB is working on end of the year activities and events. Some of the events are MORP, Prom, Play Day, the Rhonda Haselip Invitational Special Olympics and a Spring Blood Drive.
 - Interact Rotary is working on their Prom clothing drive. Donation close on Friday.
 - Seniors have started their Spring internships.
 - MCORP is planning a mock trial this week which will be a fun and exciting experience for the students.
 - Horticulture students are busy in the greenhouse. They are expecting to have a plant sale at the end of May / early June.
 - Juniors are getting ready for CAASP testing.
 - Mrs. Chambers ceramics class and AES 5th graders are collaborating on a public art display for Memorial Day. They are making ceramic poppies to be put on display to honor our fallen soldiers. They have made approximately 90 flowers that will be set up at the Elementary School. Community members can fill out a google form to dedicate a flower to someone who lost their life.
2. Site Principals
 - Todd Hughes, Assistant Principal of Modoc High School, reported that CAASP testing will be starting soon. There will be a WASC virtual visit on April 29th. The AP Calculus exam will be May 11th.
 - Amy Welch, Principal of Alturas Elementary School, reported that they are starting to plan for next year and reflect on this year to make changes. CAASP testing is next week. AVID strategy is to interview the next grade level students. The character trait is collaboration / sportsmanship. Schoolwide attendance is 97.47%, April 17th is a cultural dance assembly and May 6th is Open House. Family challenge is Earth Day clean up.
 - Matt McCandless, Principal of Modoc Middle School, reported that the character trait for April is dedication. The staff focus this month is test preparation. CAASP testing starts next week. Upcoming events include an AVID field trip to tour colleges, 7th grade to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, special education students to the Rhonda Haselip Invitational and the 8th grade trip to Reno. Currently all 8th grade students are on track to promote. Open house will be May 6th.
3. Superintendent's Report - Beckie Lewis:
 - The internet has been down since Friday. The line was cut on Henderson Street. Due to this outage, the District will reapprove a different curriculum that does not rely on online curriculum.

- The district was awarded a Tobacco Grant to help educate students about the dangers of smoking and vaping. The award is for \$60,000 for 2 years.
- 4. Board Reports
 - Jodie Veverka watched Baseball and Softball. She also watched the Modoc Middle School staff versus the students Volleyball game.
 - Ruth Ann Criner is planning on site visits in May.
 - Monica Widby talked about the MMS golf and a golf clinic.
- 5. MTA
 - Laurel Rulison reported that they are continuing negotiations with the District and are happy with the cooperation. Katie and Chris went to a UNR job fair.
- 6. Director of Maintenance & Transportation
 - Doug Waterman showed a picture of the new building. He also reported that Maintenance was affected by the internet outage but not Transportation.

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. Laurel Rulison informed the Board that she has a son at MMS that has a diagnosis of Autism and ADHD. She complimented MMS for doing a great job of communicating with her about his behavior. She is happy that he is being successful because of the MMS staff and is very grateful.

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/Ruth Ann Criner

Yes: 5 (Larranaga, Widby, Veverka,

Wood, Criner) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1. Administration

1.1. Approve Minutes (Pages 1-10)

1.1.1. Special Board Meeting March 11, 2026

1.1.2. Regular Board Meeting March 11, 2026

1.2. Approve Quarterly Uniform Complaint Summary 4th Quarter (Page 11)

1.3. Approve Surplus of Technology Items (Pages 12-26)

- 1.4. Approve Dual Enrollment Memorandum of Understanding between Modoc Joint Unified School District and College of the Siskiyou (**Pages 27-41**)
- 1.5. Approve the 2026-2027 Designation of CIF Representatives to League (**Page 42**)
- 1.6. Approve the DSA Inspection Service Agreement Extension (**Page 43**)
- 1.7. Approve the Annual Integrated Pest Management Plan (**Pages 44-54**)
- 1.8. Approve Out of State/Over Night Field Trip (**Pages 55-56**)
 - 1.8.1. Upward Bound College Campus Tour
- 2. Budget and Finance**
 - 2.1. Approve Budget Changes Over \$10,000 (**Page 57**)
 - 2.2. Approve warrants to be paid from the following (**Pages 58-63**)
 - 2.2.1. Checks dated 3/1/26-3/31/26
 - General Fund in the amount of \$226,776.19
 - Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$30,784.26
 - Special Reserve Capital Outlay Fund in the amount of \$591,256.99
 - Warrant Pass Through in the amount of \$181,267.02

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

1. Approve San Joaquin County Office of Education Codestack Memorandum of Contract (**Pages 64-71**)

Ruth Ann Criner/Jodie Veverka Yes: 5 (Larranaga, Widby, Veverka, Wood, Criner) No: 0 Abstain: 0
2. Approve the Proposal for Virtual Special Education Teacher Services (**Page 72**)

Jodie Veverka/Shawn Wood Yes: 5 (Larranaga, Widby, Veverka, Wood, Criner) No: 0 Abstain: 0
3. Preliminary Review of the Mathematics Curriculum at Modoc High School. The curriculum is supported by the curriculum committee at Modoc High School. It will be on display for 30 days at the District Office, with final adoption at the May Board Meeting. (**Page 73**)

Shawn Wood/Ruth Ann Criner Yes: 5 (Larranaga, Widby, Veverka, Wood, Criner) No: 0 Abstain: 0
4. Preliminary Review of the Mathematics Curriculum at Alturas Elementary School. The curriculum is supported by the curriculum committee at Alturas Elementary School. It will be on display for 30 days at the District Office, with final adoption at the May Board Meeting. (**Page 74**)

Jodie Veverka/Monica Widby Yes: 5 (Larranaga, Widby, Veverka, Wood, Criner) No: 0 Abstain: 0
5. Approve the Final Adoption of the Science Curriculum at Modoc High School. The curriculum is supported by the curriculum committee at Modoc High School. (**Page 75**)

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

6. Approve the First Reading to Rescind the Board Policy
 - a. BP 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency / High School Equivalency

Jodie Veverka/Monica Widby

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

7. Approve the First Reading of the Board Policies. **(Pages 76-170)**
 - a. BP 1000 - Concepts and Roles
 - b. BP / AR 1114 - District Sponsored Social Media
 - c. BP 2120 - Superintendent Recruitment and Selection
 - d. AR 3311.3 - Design-Build Contracts
 - e. BP3470 - Debt Issuance and Management
 - f. BP 4000 - Concepts and Roles
 - g. BP 5000 - Concepts and Roles
 - h. BP / AR 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities
 - i. BP / AR 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance
 - j. BP 5138 - Conflict Resolution / Peer Mediation
 - k. BP / AR 6020 - Parent Involvement
 - l. BP / AR 6143 - Courses of Study
 - m. AR 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency / High School Equivalency
 - n. BP 7000 - Concepts and Roles
 - o. BP 7131 - Relations with Local Agencies
 - p. BB 9310 - Board Policies
 - q. BB / E(1) / E(2) 9321 - Closed Session

Shaun Wood/Jodie Veverka

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

DISCUSSION

1. Construction Project Update - There will be a walkaround on April 21st. Expected completion is most likely the middle of May.

INFORMATION

1. Certificates of Participation Financial Update March 2026 **(Page 171)**
2. February 2026 ASB Report **(Pages 172-173)**
3. 2025-26 MJUSD General Fund Budget as of April 7, 2026 **(Page 174)**
4. 2025-26 Cash Flow Projection: General Fund as of April 7, 2026 **(Page 175)**

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

- 1.
- 2.

Next Regular Board Meeting:

May 13, 2026

5:00 p.m. Closed Session

6:00 p.m. Open Session

Adjournment: 7:02