MODOC JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting
November 18, 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 6:25 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: 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. Certificated Staff
     - 1.1.2. Certificated Staff
   - **1.2. Recommendations for Approval:**
     - 1.2.1. Varsity Boys Assistant Basketball Coach
     - 1.2.2. Junior Varsity Wrestling Coach
     - 1.2.3. Certificated Staff

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

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

1.2. Recommendations for Approval:

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

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

1.2.3. Certificated Staff Ruth Ann Criner/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. Modoc Middle School Representatives
    - The middle school students partook in homecoming events including dress up days, lunch time activities, and a rally. The 8th graders won the competitions.

- They had a Fall Dance outside.
- Halloween events includes Spook-O-Grams and a Great Pumpkin Hunt.
- Upcoming events include the following:
    i. A Christmas Tea for the girls.
    ii. Hallway Decorating
    iii. Block M dress up days and lunch time activities

2. Modoc High School Student Representatives - Laila Hill and Maddy Moltzen
    - Maddie Moltzen reported on the Volleyball season.
    - Sutton Cockrell reported that Varsity Football went 4 and 7 for the season and Junior Varsity Football went 6 and 5. Varsity lost to Redding Christian in the playoffs.
    - Sam McCandless reported that Soccer went 12 and 12 for the season and 8 and 6 in league. They lost to Tulelake in the playoffs.
    - Miles Murray reported that the Cross Country boys had a good season and the girls placed higher than the boys.
    - Isabel Brannon reported that the Cheerleaders had a good season.
    - Savannah Alvarez reported that the Golf team did not have enough girls to make a team so they completed individually.
    - Winter sports are now underway. There will be Basketball alumni games on November 24th.
    - ASB wrapped up and reviewed Homecoming 2025. The Homecoming Dance was the one of the best yet.
    - The Fall Athletics banquet will be November 19th.
    - FFA had a successful Fall BBQ fundraiser. 6 FFA members earned their American Degree this month.
    - The 2nd class-parent meeting was held last Monday.
    - ASB has starting planning Block M including dress up days, a holiday scavenger hung, hot cocoa at break, elf on the shelf and candy cane grams. There is also a class decorating contest.
    - FCA is having a canned food drive and Ag Leadership is donating a Thanksgiving meal to a family in need.
    - The holiday concert will be Monday, December 8th at 7 p.m.
3. Site Principals
    - Matt McCandless, Principal of Modoc Middle School, reported that the character trait for November is Acceptance. The staff focus this month is to continue to embed support for English learners in classes. Parent conferences were held on November 5th. The Honor Roll assembly was held November 13th. 45 kids were recognized. The Rotary Purple Pinkie Dance will be December 12th. The State dashboard data came out last week. Matt handed out and went over the information.
    - Amy Welch, Principal of Alturas Elementary School, reported that are finishing the 1st trimester and the students are showing growth in their learning. The AVID strategy is the Frayer Model and the Character Trait is Accountability. Schoolwide attendance is 93.89%. Parent - Teacher conferences are December 1 - 5. The book fair will be December 10-11.
    - Todd Hughes, Assistant Principal of Modoc High School, reported that the custodian picked up 10 vapes in the bathroom hidden in various areas. The school is working

with Public Health and the Sheriff's department to try and get this problem under control. They are looking at vape detectors that are tied to the cameras. They are also looking at using Smart Passes which tracks hall passes so they can tell who is out together at the same time. Kids are addicted to vapes. If a student gets caught vaping, they will have Saturday School and be on the ineligibility list for sports until they go through a behavioral health program.

4. Superintendent's Report
    - Family satisfaction surveys have gone out.
    - She shared the State's dashboard data. We went up in ELA and Math but are still below the standards. The suspension rate went down.
5. Board Reports
    - Jodie Veverka went to visit the high school and elementary school last week and the middle school today.
    - Ruth Ann Criner thought the FFA BBQ was good.
    - Monica Widby talked about the Cross Country meet that was held at the golf course. She went to the comedy show and 1 of our students did a stand up routine.
    - Fernand Larranaga informed the board that he got a nice thank you note from MHS ASB thanking the Board for helping them with homecoming.
6. MTA
    - Diana Rudin reported that they are gearing up for negotiations. They thanked Beckie Lewis for being so open and helpful.
7. Director of Maintenance & Transportation
    - Doug Waterman reported that power will go into the new gymnasium next week. We have not had any Bus Driver/Maintenance applicants. Transportation is gearing up for Winter sports. He will try to accommodate all of the trips as best he can considering the lack of drivers. Parents may have to step up and drive their kids. Bus drivers are not wanting to take the sports trips due to the bad behavior of the students.

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. Alex Moreo learned that the high school has banned him from volunteering to help the Wrestling program because he is a "detriment" to the students. He challenged the Board to ask around and see if that is true. He asked the Board and the school to reconsider and wants a letter of apology from the school.
2. Joe Moreo addressed the Board and defended his son, Alex Moreo.

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/Shaun Wood Yes: 5 (Larranaga, Widby, Veverka, Criner, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0 **(Excluding 1.3 and 1.5.1)**

1. Administration

1.1. Approve Minutes

1.1.1. Regular Board Meeting October 14, 2025 **(Pages 1-13)**

1.2. Approve the School Facility Conditions Evaluations **(Pages 14-18)**

1.3. Approve MHS Fundraisers **(Pages 19-21) Fernand Larranaga wanted clarification on the ASB account and why we are fundraising so much. He doesn't want to tap out the community.** Shaun Wood/Jodie Veverka Yes: 5 (Larranaga, Widby, Veverka, Criner, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.4. Approve MMS Fundraisers **(Page 22)**

1.5. Approve Out of State/Over Night Field Trips **(Pages 23-24)**

1.5.1. Senior Trip **(TABLED)**

1.5.2. Ratify Upward Bound College Campus Tour

1.6. Approve Dual Enrollment Memorandum of Understanding Between Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint Community College District and Modoc Joint Unified School District **(Pages 25-40)**

2. Budget and Finance

2.1. Approve Budget Changes over $10,000 **(Page 41)**

2.2. Approve Donations **(Pages 42-44)**

2.2.1. Radiowell - 20 Radios

2.2.2. Java Doc - Class of 2026 ASB

2.3. Approve Approve warrants to be paid from the following **(Pages 45-50)**

2.3.1. Checks dated 10/1/25 - 10/31/25
General Fund in the amount of $174,323.55
Cafeteria Fund in the amount of $31,177.24
Special Reserve Capital Outlay Fund in the amount of $5,040.00
Warrant/Pass Through in the amount of $172,150.45

3. Instructional Services

3.1. Ratify the Variable Term Waiver Request for a Certificate of Completion of Staff Development (CCSD) for Logan Swanson and David Burns.**Administration**

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

This meeting is declared a public hearing for the purpose of members of the public to comment on the Indian Education Grant Funding.

1. Declare the December 2025 Regular Board Meeting to reorganize the Modoc Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees and to discuss the board meeting calendar.

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

2. Approve the Alturas Elementary School, Modoc High School, and Warner High School 2025-2026 School Plans for Student Achievement **(Pages 51-171)**

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

3. Approve the SMAA Claiming Services Agreement with Glenn County Office of Education **(Pages 172-187)**

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

4. Approve the 2nd Reading of the Following Policies **(Pages 188-194)**
   a. BP 6145 Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities
   b. AR 6145 Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities

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

5. Approve the 2nd Reading of the Following Policies **(Pages 195-206) (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/Ruth Ann Criner Yes: 5 (Larranaga, Widby, Veverka, Criner, Wood) No: 0 Abstain: 0

DISCUSSION

1. Construction Project Update - The board decided to paint the inside roof color black which will cost another $10,000.

INFORMATION

1. Quarterly & Historical Interest Earned on MJUSD Investments **(Page 207)**
2. Associated Student Body Report as of September 30, 2025 **(Page 208)**
3. General Fund Budget as of November 12, 2025 **(Page 209)**
4. Cash Flow Projection as of November 12, 2025 **(Page 210)**
5. MCOE Annual Report Template for Four Required Areas and Optional Reporting of Uniform Complaints Data and Related Audit Findings **(Pages 211-214)**

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

1. Senior Trip
2. 2 Different Board Calendars

Next Regular Board Meeting:
December 16, 2025
5:00 p.m. Closed Session
6:00 p.m. Open Session

Adjournment: 7:40