MODOC JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting
September 13, 2022
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 6:05 p.m. open session.

Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance:

Fernand Larranga, President	**Present**
Karen Hays, Vice President	**Present**
Ruth Ann Criner, Clerk	**Present**
Don Mason, Member	**Absent**
Monica Widby, Member	**Present**
Tom O'Malley, Superintendent	**Present**
Student Representative	**Present**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Monica Widby

Approval of Agenda Monica Widby/Karen Hays Yes:4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) 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. Recommendations for Approval:**
     - 1.1.1. AES AVID Site Coordinator
     - 1.1.2. Certificated Staff
     - 1.1.3. MMS MTSS Liaison
     - 1.1.4. Intern/New Teacher Support Provider

1.1.5. Intern/New Teacher Support Provider
1.1.6. Intern/New Teacher Support Provider
1.1.7. Intern/New Teacher Support Provider
1.1.8. AES Principal's Designee
1.1.9. Classified Substitute
1.1.10. Ratify Classified Staff
1.1.11. Ratify Classified Staff
1.1.12. Ratify Classified Substitute
1.1.13. Intern/New Teacher Support Provider
1.1.14. Intern/New Teacher Support Provider
1.1.15. Intern/New Teacher Support Provider
1.1.16. Intern/New Teacher Support Provider
1.1.17. MHS AVID Site Coordinator
1.1.18. WASC Coordinator
1.1.19. Increase Classified Staff Hours
1.1.20. Classified Substitute

1.2. Government Code § 54957:

1.2.1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation: (Various Certificated and Classified employees);

2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation [Government Code §54956.9(d)

2.1. Name of Case: OAH Case No. 2022070391

3. Negotiations: Conference with labor negotiator pursuant to [Government Code § 54957.6]: Agency Negotiator: Tom O'Malley; Employee Organization: Modoc Teachers Association.

4. **Negotiations:** Conference with labor negotiator pursuant to [Government Code § 54957.6]: Agency Negotiator: Tom O'Malley; Employee Organization: Teamsters Local 137.

OPEN SESSION

Reporting of Closed Session Items:

1. Personnel - Public Employee Employment:

1.1. Recommendations for Approval:

1.1.1. AES AVID Site Coordinator Karen Hays/Ruth Ann Criner Yes:4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.1.2. Certificated Staff Karen Hays/Ruth Ann Criner Yes:4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.1.3. MMS MTSS Liaison Karen Hays/Ruth Ann Criner Yes:4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.1.4. Intern/New Teacher Support Provider Karen Hays/Ruth Ann Criner Yes:4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.1.5. Intern/New Teacher Support Provider Karen Hays/Ruth Ann Criner Yes:4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.1.6. Intern/New Teacher Support Provider Karen Hays/Ruth Ann Criner Yes:4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.1.7. Intern/New Teacher Support Provider Karen Hays/Ruth Ann Criner Yes:4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.1.8. AES Principal's Designee Karen Hays/Ruth Ann Criner Yes:4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.1.9. Classified Substitute Karen Hays/Ruth Ann Criner Yes:4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.1.10. Ratify Classified Staff Karen Hays/Ruth Ann Criner Yes:4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.1.11. Ratify Classified Staff Karen Hays/Ruth Ann Criner Yes:4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.1.12. Ratify Classified Substitute Karen Hays/Ruth Ann Criner Yes:4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.1.13. Intern/New Teacher Support Provider Karen Hays/Ruth Ann Criner Yes:4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.1.14. Intern/New Teacher Support Provider Karen Hays/Ruth Ann Criner Yes:4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.1.15. Intern/New Teacher Support Provider Karen Hays/Ruth Ann Criner Yes:4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.1.16. Intern/New Teacher Support Provider Karen Hays/Ruth Ann Criner Yes:4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.1.17. MHS AVID Site Coordinator Karen Hays/Ruth Ann Criner Yes:4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.1.18. WASC Coordinator Karen Hays/Ruth Ann Criner Yes:4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.1.19. Increase Classified Staff Hours Karen Hays/Ruth Ann Criner Yes:4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.1.20. Classified Substitute Karen Hays/Ruth Ann Criner Yes:4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1.2. Government Code § 54957:

1.2.1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation: (Various Certificated and Classified employees); ***No Reportable Action***

2. **Conference with Legal Counsel -** Existing Litigation [Government Code §54956.9(d)

2.1. Name of Case: OAH Case No. 2022070391

In a unanimous vote, the Board voted to approve a settlement agreement resolving all claims in OAH Case Number 2022070391.

3. **Negotiations:** Conference with labor negotiator pursuant to [Government Code § 54957.6]: Agency Negotiator: Tom O'Malley; Employee Organization: Modoc Teachers Association. ***No Reportable Action***

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Reports

1. Student Representatives
    - Ruby Sparks and Benjamin Gonzalez Campos reported that the Leadership Class met before school started to plan orientation and rallies. FFA had their first meeting on Monday. There will be an FFA BBQ on October 19th. They have also been busy planning the homecoming festivities. They told us about the dress up days. Float building began this week. Royalty will be announced Friday They asked the Board members if they would like to help judge the floats.
2. Site Principals
    - Brian Norby, Principal of Modoc High School, reported that they have had a smooth start to the year. The new MTSS coordinator has a good plan for parent/student engagement. ELA students went to Literacy trainings. PLCs have been planned for the year. Mr. Buck is doing a great job with the Physical Education program and promoting healthy lifestyles. He is making the kids do lots of running.
    - Kristen Budmark, Assistant Principal of Modoc High School, gave kudos to the Leadership Class. They are trying hard to get the community involved. The sports programs are coming along. There is a Varsity Football game this Friday at 6. She also talked about the Opportunity Schools.
    - Matt McCandless, Principal of Modoc Middle School, reported that school is off to a strong start. They will be having a Spirit Week in conjunction with the high school. AVID parent night will be September 28 and board members are invited. There has been an upswing in bathroom vandalism. He will reach out to parents regarding this issue and let them know that if it is not resolved, MMS will lock down the bathrooms and bring in porta potties. State Line Elementary is going to the McMaster Ranch on October 21st.
    - Beckie Lewis, Principal of Alturas Elementary School, reported that the Kindergarten class is getting through the lunch line quicker thanks to the Kindergarten teachers. AES will be celebrating Spirit Week next week too. They had Parent Engagement Night last week. She passed out the information packet to the parents from that night. They had about 50 parents. She discussed the parking lot issues. They will be having a meeting with the fire marshall, parents and Tom regarding the traffic on 8th Street. There is a chain of command to vent your frustrations…not social media. She talked about the PBIS professional development. Some 4th graders that were in

trouble helped with the Kindergarten pickup as punishment but now all the kids want to help.
    - Doug Waterman reported that School Bus Evacuation Drills are done. The fields are prepped for sports.
3. Superintendent's Report
    - Tom O'Malley reported that the governor announced that testing for unvaccinated employees ends next Monday. Homecoming is next week. We will have people up here filming promotional videos next week. The website should be up and running the middle of October.
4. Jessica Boal reported that food prices have doubled. The share table is back so breakfast items that don't get eaten are being eaten at lunch. She talked about free and reduced meal applications and district costs.
5. Katie Copp reported that the AES STEM lab is awesome. MTA is still in the recruitment phase. The CTA Region 2 conference takes place in Reno on October 7th. She is the chairperson of the rural committee.
6. Kitchen Committee - They met last week and the price was a shock. They talked to the Office of Public School Construction and there may be funds to access. The project could cost anywhere between 5-8 million dollars. OPSC may be able to match funds. Tom should hear back next week.
7. Board Reports
    - Monica Widby got letters from some middle school kids to the board. Candcace Caswell had the kids write them as a focus assignment. Monica enjoyed reading those. She passed them around to other board members.
    - Ruth Ann Criner talked about FFA fundraisers.
    - Karen Hays went to the volleyball games and enjoyed them. Auditions for the MPAT play are going on now. The play will be the first weekend in November.
    - Fernand Larranaga went to the football game. The band sounds great. He is working with the kitchen committee.
8. No Teamsters report.

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. Lynette Wells talked about the suspension of operations at State Line Elementary. She thinks part of the problem is that MJUSD is letting our kids transfer to Lakeview. She thinks we could have the numbers if we denied them the transfer and made them stay in our district. She thinks the school should stay opened through the end of the year. She would like to see the district promote the school to get more students.
2. Ella Weidner talked about the benefits of staying open and having her daughter there.
3. Angela Gladwell warned about the detriment of kids having to travel so far to another school. She also talked about the benefits of the school.

4. Patty Carpenter also talked about the benefits of this small school and how long she had taught there. She thinks the school should be promoted to get more students.
5. Jenni Strauch would like the district to put together a committee to try to get enrollment for the school.
6. Dena Gladwell advocated for the school to stay open. She said the bus rides would be way too long for little kids.

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/Karen Hays Yes: 4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

1. Administration

1.1. Approve Minutes
- 1.1.1. Regular Board Meeting August 9, 2022 **(Pages 1-7)**
- 1.1.2. Special Board Meeting August 9, 2022 **(Pages 8-9)**
- 1.1.3. Special Board Meeting August 11, 2022 **(Pages 10-11)**

1.2. Approve Surplus Items **(Page 12-14)**
- 1.2.1. MHS Machinery from the Metal Shop

1.3. Approve Overnight Field Trips **(Page 15)**
- 1.3.1. MMS Rotary Eighth Grade Leadership Camp

1.4. Approve the California Department of Education Nutrition Services Division Permanent Single Agreement **(Pages 16-45)**

1.5. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Modoc Middle School and The Choose Well Program **(Pages 46-47)**

2. Budget and Finance

2.1. Approve Approve warrants to be paid from the following **(Pages 48-51)**
- 2.1.1. Checks dated 8/24/22
  General Fund in the amount of $39,895.61
  Special Reserve Capital Outlay in the amount of $175,852.17
  Warrant/Pass Through in the amount of $126,025.75
- 2.1.2. Checks dated 8/25/22
  General Fund in the amount of $22,449.59
- 2.1.3. Checks dated 8/30/22

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

1. Approve Resolution 22.23.4 Teacher Assignments **(Pages 52-53)** Ruth Ann Criner/Karen Hays Yes: 4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

2. Approve Resolution 22.23.5 Adopting the GANN Limit **(Pages 54-57)** Monica Widby/Karen Hays Yes: 4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

3. Approve Resolution 22.23.6 Declaring Sufficiency of Instructional Materials **(Pages 58-64)** Ruth Ann Criner/Monica Widby Yes: 4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

4. Suspension of Operations at State Line Elementary School with the stipulation that we put together an ad hoc committee to try and get 5 students by 12/16/22. If there are not 5 students by then, operations will be suspended on 12/16/22. Karen Hays/Ruth Ann Criner Yes: 4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

5. Approve Provisional Internship Permit Request for Alturas Elementary School 4th Grade Teacher Intern Evah Dison. The applicant will be employed at Modoc Joint Unified School District on the basis of a Provisional Internship Permit for the 2022/2023 school year. A declaration of need is on file with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Ruth Ann Criner/Monica Widby Yes: 4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

6. Approve Provisional Internship Permit Request for Modoc High School Education Specialist Teacher Intern Dawn Wiegel. The applicant will be employed at Modoc Joint Unified School District on the basis of a Provisional Internship Permit for the 2022/2023 school year. A declaration of need is on file with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Monica Widby/Karen Hays Yes: 4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

7. Increase Substitute Teacher Pay Rates **(Page 65)** Monica Widby/Ruth Ann Criner Yes: 4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

8. Approve the Actuarial Report **(Pages 66-94)** Karen Hays/Ruth Ann Criner Yes: 4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

9. Approve the 2021/2022 Unaudited Actuals Report **(Insert)** Karen Hays/Monica Widby Yes: 4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

10. Approve the first reading of the Board Policies **(Insert)**
    a. Exhibit 1113 - (E1) District and School Web Sites
    b. BP 3110 Transfer of Funds
    c. BP/AR 3550 Food Service/Child Nutrition Program
    d. BP/AR 3551 Food Service Operations / Cafeteria Fund
    e. BP/AR 3553 Free and Reduced Price Meals
    f. AR 4112.2 Certification
    g. AR 4161.8 Family Care and Medical Leave
    h. AR 4261.8 Family Care and Medical Leave
    i. AR 4361.8 Family Care and Medical Leave
    j. AR 6173.1 Education for Foster Youth

    Ruth Ann Criner/Monica Widby Yes: 4 (Criner, Widby, Larranaga, Hays) No: 0 Abstain: 0

DISCUSSION

1. Provide Guidance to the Superintendent regarding the Modoc County SELPA Allocation Plan **(Pages 95-101)**

INFORMATION

1. ASB Report for the Period Ending July 31, 2022 **(Page 102)**
2. July and August Food Service Report **(Pages 103-104)**

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

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Next Regular Board Meeting:
October 11, 2022
5:00 p.m. Closed Session
6:00 p.m. Open Session

Adjournment: 8:45