

MONTECITO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Regular Meeting
Minutes
October 18, 2011

Present: Mr. Brett Matthews, President, Mrs. Gwyn Lurie, Clerk, Mrs. Deborah Fuss, Member, Ms. Mary Kirkhart, Member and Mrs. Mary Morouse, Member.

Staff Present: Mrs. Tammy Murphy, Superintendent, Ms. Virginia Alvarez, Director of Business, Mr. Nick Bruski, Chief Academic Officer and Mrs. Autumn Noe, Administrative Assistant

Board President, Mr. Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence reported.

Recognition of Accomplishments

The Board and District Administration honored the Montecito Educational Foundation for their time, dedication, and support of the Strategic Plan. The contributions have once again allowed MUS teachers to attend Harvard University for Project Zero: Visible Thinking professional development. MUS teachers, Doug Bower, Heather Morales and Karen Taylor expressed appreciation for the contribution from MEF, which has brought a whole new way of thinking and teaching, which has directly impacted our students.

Approval: District Architect – Roesling, Nakamura and Terada Architects

Mrs. Murphy introduced Roesling, Nakamura and Terada Architects, who were unanimously recommended by the Facilities Committee. Mr. Ralph Roesling gave an introduction of the team and each member's position in the development of the plan. The Board made comments and asked questions pertaining to priorities of MUS.

Mr. Glanville spoke to the Board about the Facilities Master Plan and protocol for routine improvements made at the school.

Mrs. Lurie moved to approve Roesling, Nakamura and Terada as the District Architect and directed Mrs. Tammy Murphy to proceed with contract negotiations. The contract will be presented at the Board on November 15th. Mrs. Fuss seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Strategic Plan Rethink

Mrs. Murphy presented an update to the Board regarding the Strategic Rethink that took place on September 22nd. Mrs. Murphy also mentioned that rough drafts of the Strategic Initiatives are currently on Google Docs, allowing committee members to make comments. At the November 15th meeting Mrs. Murphy will present the two new Strategic Initiatives: Global Perspectives and Technology in a 21st Century School.

The Board discussed the use of technology in the classroom and the Spanish Program at Montecito Union School.

Job Description Update:

Mrs. Murphy presented the job descriptions of Chief Business Official and Superintendent to the Board for approval.

The Board asked if it was necessary to include the physical abilities on the job descriptions. Mrs. Murphy will consult with legal counsel and amend if needed.

Mrs. Morouse moved to approve the job description of Chief Business Official and Superintendent as written and make any necessary changes or deletion required in the Physical Abilities section, after reviewed by legal counsel. The word "adversely" on page 52 of the Chief Business Official should be removed from the job description. Mrs. Lurie seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Hearing – Categorical Funds Flexibility

The hearing opened at 7:45 p.m.

There was no public comment

The hearing closed at 7:45 p.m.

Ms. Alvarez explained the State's process allowing schools the flexibility in spending monies that have previously been restricted for specific purposes. The law requires a public hearing documentation of how the monies are used. Montecito Union School District has continued to utilize the funds for their intended purposes.

Approval – Categorical Funds Flexibility

Ms. Kirkhart made the motion to approve the Categorical Funds Flexibility. Mrs. Lurie seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Reserve Policy

Ms. Alvarez and Mrs. Murphy are in the process of developing a reserve policy and presented a timeline of meetings planned with members from School Services of California.

Board Reports

Mrs. Fuss reported on the Montecito Educational Foundation and their next steps within the campaign. Ms. Kirkhart gave an update on PTA and the Schools for Sound Finance Regional Conference that was held in Goleta.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Tammy Murphy presented an update on the After School Task Force meetings that have occurred. Currently, the Task Force, which is comprised of parents, community members and staff are working on recommendations for the winter schedule and will present their work at the December meeting.

Consent Agenda

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2011

Warrants, September 9, 2011 – September 29, 2011

2011-2012 Class Size Reduction Application

Quarterly Report – Williams Uniform Complaints

Personnel Report

Interdistrict Transfers

Mrs. Morouse moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the September 20th Board Meeting Minutes, page 4, paragraph 6 amended as follows: remove the sentence, "It is hard for parents to send their child alone across the country." Mrs. Deborah Fuss seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Suggested Board Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting

The Board asked to agendize the monthly interdistrict transfer report.

Board Governance: Evaluation of Meeting and 2011-2012 Governance Workshop Planning

The public meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. with a motion by Ms. Kirkhart. Seconded by Mrs. Lurie. Motion carried 5-0.

Closed Session

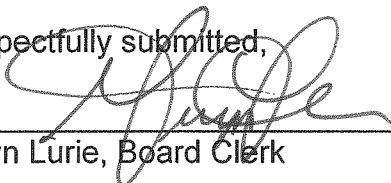
Board president. Mr. Matthews announced the Board was going into closed session to consider the following:

Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Goal Setting
(Government Code Sections 54957), Title: Superintendent

The Board reconvened to open session at 9:10 p.m. Board President, Mr. Matthews moved to approve the Superintendent's Goals for 2011-2012. Seconded by Mrs. Morouse. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gwyn Lurie, Board Clerk