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# Mendocino Unified School District

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## MINUTES

### Regular Board Meeting

**NOVEMBER 17, 2022**

**MENDOCINO K-8 SCHOOL  
44261 LITTLE LAKE ROAD  
MENDOCINO, CA 95460**

**4:30 P.M. CLOSED SESSION – VIA TELECONFERENCE**

*(Closed Session Public Hearing - link on page 2)*

**5:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION – IN PERSON at K8  
& VIA TELECONFERENCE**

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### ***Board Priorities***

- *Develop and expand community partnerships and communication*
- *Increase learning and achievement for all students, families, and staff*
- *Plan wisely for the future while maintaining fiscal integrity*
- *Maintain and improve the physical plant*

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**MENDOCINO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IS PROUD TO BE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER**

**1. 4:30 P.M., CLOSED SESSION CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

- 1.1. Call to order and roll call

*The meeting was called to order at 4:04PM. Present were Trustees Gay, Morton, Aum, Schaeffer.*

- 1.2. The President will verbally identify the agenda items to be discussed during closed session as listed below.

*The President verbally identified the agenda items to be discussed.*

**2. PUBLIC HEARING FOR CLOSED SESSION**

Members of the public may take this opportunity to comment on closed session agenda items per Board Policy 9322. Under the requirements of the Brown Act open meeting law, members of the community wishing to address an item on the closed session agenda may do so at this time. Items not on the agenda cannot be addressed at this time. A three-minute limit is set for each speaker on all items. The total time for public input on each item is limited to 20 minutes. (Government Code 54954.3).

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**3. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board will adjourn to closed session pursuant to Government Code 54950 - 54962.

- 3.1. Conference with labor negotiators (Govt. Code 54957.6) Agency Representative:  
Superintendent Jason Morse

Employee organizations: CEMUS and MTA bargaining units and unrepresented employees

- 3.2. Employment/Personnel Changes

**4. 5:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION**

- 4.1. Call to order and roll call

*The meeting was called to order at 5:10PM. Present were Trustees Gay, Morton, Aum, Schaeffer. Nothing was reported out of closed session.*

- 4.2. Approval of agenda

Items to be removed from the agenda or changes to the agenda should be done at this time.

*MSA Aum/Gay (4/0) to approve the agenda as presented.*

**5. RECOGNITION OF BOARD SERVICE**

*The board took this time to recognize and thank Board member Jessica Grinberg for her time and service to the District.*

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

Items on the consent agenda are passed in one motion without discussion. Any item may be pulled from the consent agenda by any member of the Board and moved to action when approving the agenda. (action)

- 6.1. Approval of Warrants

6.1.1. 10/13/22, 10/20/22, 10/27/22, 11/3/22

- 6.2. Approval of Minutes

6.2.1. Board Meeting Minutes: 10/20/22

- 6.3. Approval of Employment/Personnel Changes

6.3.1. Hire, Classified Coach, temporary stipend position, effective 8/22/22

- 6.3.2. Hire, Classified Coach, temporary stipend position, effective 8/22/22
- 6.3.3. Hire, Classified Coach, temporary stipend position, effective 10/17/22
- 6.3.4. Hire, Classified Coach, temporary stipend position, effective 10/31/22
- 6.3.5. Hire, Classified Coach, temporary stipend position, effective 10/31/22
- 6.3.6. Hire, Classified Coach, temporary stipend position, effective 10/31/22

6.4. Approval of the Current Budget Change Report

6.5. Approval of Enrollment and Attendance Report – Month 2

6.6. Approval of Student Body Reports – October 2022

6.7. Approval of A-G Block Grant

6.8. Acknowledgment of donation from Sara Schoeneman and Guy Pacurar in the amount of \$300 to the K8 Art Fund

6.9. Acknowledgment of donation from Amanda and Patrick Pekin in the amount of \$300 to the K8 Art Fund

*MSA Aum/Morton (4/0) to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.*

## **7. REPORTS**

7.1. Student Trustee – Bohdi Briggs

*Student Trustee Briggs was not present.*

7.2. Administrative

7.2.1. Principal – Kim Humrichouse

*Principal Kim Humrichouse was not present.*

7.2.2. Superintendent – Jason Morse

*Superintendent Morse provided a follow-up on the Grand Jury conversation noting that Special Ed trainings have been scheduled for either January or March. Reached out to both of the parents who gave their stories and met with one them to discuss their experience. Good to hear some of the things that we could have done differently. Hope the other parent reaches out. At the next meeting in December, Gina Danner from SELPA will come to present to the Board on how we work together with SELPA and what they offer the District. At the Board workshop on January 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a special workshop on Special Education. The Board will go through the IEP process. On a side note, we believe we found a School Psychologist. In the meantime, we have contracted with MCOE for 50 days for a school psychologist and those days are running out. Hope to have the new Psychologist onboard soon. They are looking for housing. There is a draft Developer Fee resolution available at the District Office for the public to view. We are in the middle of a large COVID surge along the coast. Several students/staff out with illness. Because of short staffing, the District will have a minimum day on 11/18/22.*

7.3. Bargaining Units

7.3.1. Mendocino Teachers Association (MTA)

*MTA President, Diana Dominguez, reported that MHS teachers got to tour the new High School. It was great to see the progress. The Science classrooms are really beautiful. Most looking forward to controlling own thermostat. Heaters have been on the fritz and Megan and Maintenance are distributing space heaters and are working on the issue. Superintendent Morse did meet with the teachers and K8 and MHS regarding the upcoming Art/Music Block Grant and how to utilize those funds. Teachers are looking at ways to incorporate music into their*

*programs. The consensus now is to use those funds not to hire a new position but to rather put those funds into existing programs and for operational funding. Looking forward to getting materials and instruments.*

7.3.2. Classified Employees of Mendocino Unified Schools (CEMUS)  
*No one present from CEMUS.*

7.4. Board Trustee Reports  
*Trustee Schaeffer gave a salute to Allen "Mickie" Zekly who passed away recently. He was an advocate for music and arts in the classroom. A salute to voters on passing Proposition 28. On a personal note, a salute goes out to voters on passing Propositions O and P.*

## **8. TIMED ITEM 6:00 P.M. - PARENT/COMMUNITY COMMENT**

Items not on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of this body, may be addressed at this time or be submitted to the Superintendent in writing for Board consideration as an agenda item. A three-minute limit is set for each speaker on all items. The total time for public input on each item is limited to 20 minutes (Government Code 54952). The Brown Act does not permit the Board to take action on any item that is not on the agenda. In addition, in order to protect the rights of all involved, complaints about employees should be addressed through the District complaint process. Speaking about a personnel issue at a Board meeting may prevent the Board from being able to act on it. Please see an administrator to initiate the complaint process.

The Board may briefly respond to public comments by asking questions to clarify the speaker's comments and refer the speaker to the Superintendent for further clarification. We thank you for your comments and participation at this meeting.

*There were no parent/community comments.*

## **9. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

- 9.1. Modernization and Construction Management Update  
Construction Manager, Donald Alameida, will provide an update on the Phase I Modernization of Mendocino High School. (information)

*Don Alameida gave the attached presentation.*

- 9.2. Music Education in MUSD  
The Board will discuss music in the District. (information/discussion)

*Superintendent Morse met with staff to discuss the Arts & Music Block Grant and funding from Proposition 28. Currently in the District music is happening in various degrees in grades K-6. Students are singing, playing Ukulele. 2nd graders are planning a musical. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade has nothing planned. 4/5 have musical warmups and live performances. MHS has Music Production class. There is also an after school Band Club. Discussions with teachers is unanimous in wanting music. IT is the how that still needs to be identified. A survey is being developed and will be sent for feedback. Concern is that we are in need of reducing staff so hiring a new employee to do music is of concern. Ideas include contracting outside music/arts professionals for intensive instruction for rotating cycles. Meeting with Music Festival staff on how to tap into the local music community.*

- 9.3. Approval of out-of-state AE Week trips as well as trips that create adverse risk scenarios (action)

*MSA Morton/Aum (4/0) to approve the AE Week trips as presented.*

- 9.4. District of Choice Transfer Report  
Superintendent, Jason Morse, will give a report on district of choice transfers for the school year 2022-23. This report is sent to the Department of Finance and adjacent school districts (action)

*MSA Gay/Morton (4/0) to approve the District of Choice Transfer Report.*

9.5. Public notice and intent to employ Taimi Barty on the basis of a CCSD Waiver, as a Teacher at the Mendocino High School. This item requires action by the Board to meet the requirements of the California Commission on Teaching Credential. (action)  
*MSA Aum/Morton (4/0) to approve the intent to employ.*

9.6. Board Policies and Administrative Regulations (information only)  
9.6.1. BP/AR 6158: Independent Study (instruction)  
*The Board agreed to move this to a first reading in December.*

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Board Bylaw 9270, Board Organizational Meeting, First Interim Budget Report, Developer Fee Resolution  
*Music in Classroom, History of CTE at the Workshop*

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for **December 15, 2022 at Mendocino K-8 School.**  
*The meeting was adjourned at 6:13PM.*

