

# Mendocino Unified School District



## Agenda

### SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

**NOVEMBER 14, 2024**

**MENDOCINO HIGH SCHOOL – STUDENT UNION  
10700 FORD STREET  
MENDOCINO, CA 95460**

**5:30 P.M. - OPEN SESSION – IN PERSON at MENDOCINO HIGH SCHOOL  
& 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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**1. 5:30 P.M. OPEN MEETING, CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

1.1. Call to order and roll call

1.2. Approval of agenda

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

**2. TIMED ITEM 5:35 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.

**3. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION**

3.1. Possible Acquisition of the Mendocino Community Network (MCN) by the City of Fort Bragg

The City of Fort Bragg has offered to purchase MCN from the District for \$500,000 over ten years, maintaining current employees and pension benefits.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for **November 21, 2024 at the Comptche School.**

## **Mendocino Unified School District Board Explores the offer presented by the City of Fort Bragg to purchase the Mendocino Community Network (MCN).**

The Mendocino Unified School District (MUSD) Board will evaluate a proposal brought forth by the City of Fort Bragg to purchase the Mendocino Community Network (MCN). The City of Fort Bragg's offer indicates that it "aims to preserve and enhance the community-driven internet service while supporting regional economic and technological development".

MCN, founded as an educational internet service provider in 1994, has served the Mendocino Coast for decades, providing reliable connectivity and fostering broadband thought out the county.

The City of Fort Bragg has expressed interest in integrating MCN into its municipal broadband utility project - designed, constructed, serviced, and maintained by the City. As part of this effort, the City of Fort Bragg is undertaking a cutting-edge digital infrastructure project, ensuring 100% of premises within city limits have access to reliable underground connectivity offering Gigabit speeds at affordable rates. The City's new network will connect directly to the California Middle Mile broadband infrastructure, enhancing regional access while laying the groundwork for future technological advancements and growth.

The transition proposal is in its preliminary stages, as both MUSD and the City of Fort Bragg are committed to transparency and community engagement throughout the process. Stakeholders, including MCN subscribers, local businesses, and residents, will have opportunities to provide feedback and participate in public discussions.

Under the proposed transition, the City of Fort Bragg has stated it "would continue to service MCN customers, including those residing outside city limits, maintaining the same high-quality service MCN customers have come to rely on. Additionally, all current MCN staff members would become the City of Fort Bragg employees, ensuring continuity in operations and customer support, pending approval by the Fort Bragg City Council."

Community members are encouraged to attend the upcoming MUSD Board meeting on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at Mendocino High School.