Mendocino Unified School District

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

MENDOCINO HIGH SCHOOL
10700 FORD STREET
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 MENDOCINO HIGH & 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. 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 4:31 PM. Present were Trustees Schaeffer, Aum, Griffen.

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, 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 5:00 PM. Present were Trustees Schaeffer, Aum, Griffen.

4.2. Closed session disclosure
Any reportable action taken during closed session will be disclosed at this time.

Nothing was disclosed out of Closed Session.

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

MSA Griffen/Aum (3/0) to approve the agenda pulling Item 5.0 and 6.5.

5. SWEARING IN OF NEW STUDENT TRUSTEE

Item was pulled from the agenda.

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.

6.1. Approval of Warrants
6.1.1. 8/26/26, 9/2/26

6.2. Approval of Minutes
6.2.1. Board Meeting Minutes: 8/27/26

6.3. Approval of Employment/Personnel Changes
6.3.1. Hire, Classified Employee, 6.5 hrs/day, 10 mos/yr, effective 8/19/26
6.3.2. Hire, Classified Employee, 6.5 hrs/day, 10 mos/yr, effective 8/19/26
6.3.3. Hire, Classified Employee, 8.0 hrs/day, 10 mos/yr, effective 8/25/26

6.3.4. Accept Resignation, Classified Employee, 6.5 hrs/day, 10 mos/yr, effective 8/28/26
6.3.5. Hire, Temporary Classified Coach, stipend position, effective 8/5/26
6.3.6. Hire, Temporary Classified Coach, stipend position, effective 8/5/26
6.3.7. Hire, Temporary Classified Coach, stipend position, effective 8/5/26
6.3.8. Hire, Temporary Classified Coach, stipend position, effective 8/10/26
6.3.9. Hire, Temporary Classified Coach, stipend position, effective 8/10/26
6.3.10. Hire, Temporary Classified Coach, stipend position (unpaid), effective 8/10/26
6.3.11. Hire, Temporary Classified Coach, stipend position, effective 8/10/26
6.3.12. Hire, Temporary Classified Coach, stipend position, effective 8/10/26
6.3.13. Award, Educational Advancement, Certificated Employee from column 1 to column 3, effective 7/1/26

6.4. Approval of the Current Budget Change Report

6.5. Approval of Student Body Reports – August 2026

6.6. Approval of the MCLB Attestation – Paraprofessionals

6.7. Approval of Grant Donation Opportunities for 2026-27
6.7.1. Save the Redwood League - Redwoods Connects Grant - $6,000
6.7.2. Community Foundation's Fund for Children - $1,000 – $6,500

6.8. Approval of various outdated electronic surplus items

MSA Griffe/Aum (3/0) to approve the consent agenda as amended.

7. REPORTS

7.1. Student Trustee – Melea Garner

Superintendent, Jason Morse, read the attached from Student Trustee Garner.

7.2. Administrative

7.2.1. Principal – Tobin Hahn

Principal, Tobin Hahn, gave the attached presentation.

7.2.2. Superintendent – Jason Morse

Superintendent Morse reported that he recently attended the Planning Commission meeting where the topic of activating Well 7 was tabled until September 17th. The funding deadline for the Recycled Water Project is October 30th.
The Community Engagement Initiative is a 2 year program the district is participating in. We need to form a team of 10-11 that consists of parents, students, community members, administrators and staff members. First meeting is September 30th and is virtual.
K8 School had a successful Back to School Night. Also, the Golden Ticket is returning where I will fill in for 1 hour in a classroom.

7.3. Bargaining Units

7.3.1. Mendocino Unified Teachers Association (MUTA)

There was no one from MUTA present.

7.3.2. Classified Employees of Mendocino Unified Schools (CEMUS)

CEMUS President, Bram Sluis, reported that they held elections and that Kiva Myad is Vice President.

7.4. Board Trustee Reports

Trustee Griffen reported that they had attended the Back to School Night at the K8 and found it to be very impressive.

8. TIMED ITEM 5:30 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.

9. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

9.1. Mendocino Unified Construction Update

The Board will discuss the small construction projects included in Phase III of the High School Modernization Project, Water Storage Project and Solar Project.

Superintendent Morse reports that the Recycled Water Project work will begin on 9/17/26 with work under Highway 1. Will take roughly 1.5 weeks to complete. The Solar Project has begun striping the parking lot. It has been recommended to use a local electrician for onsite and commission work.

9.2. Budget Update

Business Manager, Christina Delgado, will present the MUSD Unaudited Actual Financial Report and request approval from the Board. These mandated financial reports detail the "Unaudited Actuals" revenues and expenses for school year 2025-26. The included series of forms provides revenue and expense detail for each fund. The reports for each fund include columns that represent the "Unaudited Actuals" for the 2025-26 year. The reports for each fund also include informational columns that represent the budget for 2026-27.

MSA Aum/ Griffen (3/0) to approve the Budget Update.

9.3. Leave Request

The Board will consider a temporary leave of absence request for a classified employee currently working 8.0 hrs/day, 5 days/week, 11 mos/yr. Request is to work 8 hrs/day, 4 days/week, 11 mos/yr effective through the end of the 2026-27 school year.

MSA Griffen/Aum (3/0) to approve the leave request.

9.4. Consideration of Resolution 2026- 16: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials. Each year the District is required to pass a resolution determining that each pupil in the District has sufficient textbooks or instructional materials in each core subject which are consistent with the contents of the curriculum framework and standards adopted by the State Board of Education. The resolution established the District's edibility to receive instructional material funding from the state.

This item was tabled until October board meeting.

9.5. Consideration of Resolution 2026-17: Adoption of the 2026-27 Budget GANN Limit.

MSA Aum/Griffen (3/0) to approve Resolution 2026-17.

9.6. Board Policies, Bylaws and Administrative Regulations (first reading)
9.6.1. AR 3440: Inventories (business/nonistructional operations)
9.6.2. BP 4119.24: Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions

Item 9.6.1. was tabled to the October meeting.
MSA Griffen/Aum (3/0) to approve 9.6.2 to final reading in October.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Reduced Workload, Deferred Maintenance Plan, Emergency Ops Plan, Quarterly Investment Reports, Williams Settlement, Seniority Lists

Public Hearing for Instructional Materials, File Digitization

11. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for **October 15, 2026 at the Albion School.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 PM.

School Board Report
September 10, 2026
Melea Garner

Homecoming

- Homecoming is getting started!
- The theme for this year is Board Games!
- Skit night is October 2nd, I encourage you all to come and watch!
- Each grade has a specific game, Seniors have Jumanji, Juniors - Clue, Sophomores - Guess who, and Freshmen have The Game of Life

Sports

- Mendocino Girls Varsity Volleyball won their game against Laytonville on Tuesday and has a game today against Potter Valley at 6:00
- Cross Country had a meet in Santa Rosa on Wednesday
- Boys Soccer vs Anderson Valley @ AV
- Girls Soccer vs Tomales at home

Other School Happenings

- Community School students left for retreat on Wednesday
- Back to school night next wednesday
- Fall SAT test taking day coming up

Mendocino High Schools

Board Report 9/13/2026









Around Campus









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Club Rush



Digital Devices Update

AI-powered filtering and flexible policy control

GoGuardian Admin uses advanced AI and ML to dynamically categorize and block harmful or distracting content, giving administrators precision control over every student's digital experience.

- **Proactive proxy defense**
  Automatically detects and blocks proxy bypass attempts, helping stop students from circumventing district policies.
- **Flexible and granular control**
  Easily create and manage policies for different Organizational Units (OUs) and custom groups.
- **Off-campus consistency**
  Out-of-school mode delivers age-appropriate internet access 24/7 without hindering student research at home.



Digital Devices Update

IT Department - space for computer commissioning/decommissioning

Custodial - office space and storage

NOC location - preserves space in bandroom

General Storage - classroom furniture

Transcript/Student Records storage

MCN Building

Money saved from adding floor under gym

+

Additional money from MCN rental

=

Worth restoring

MCN Building



File Storage Under Gym
construction damage





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Back to School Night



Excellence

Aim for excellence in all that you do.

Perseverance

Use available resources to meet challenges with creativity and resilience.

Investment

Invest in your future by taking advantage of opportunities to learn and thrive.

Citizenship

Be a positive, productive, and informed member of local and global communities.

Learner Outcomes / Expectations