

Modoc County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Adopted Minutes
October 20, 2015

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Members of the Board met for a regular meeting in the conference room at the Modoc County Office of Education. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present

Jim Hays
Bucky Harris
Sadie Camacho
Ben DuVal
Dixie Server

Members Absent

MCOE Staff Members Present

Gary Jones
Mike Martin
Leslie Corder
De Funk
Alice Lybarger
Gail Eppler

Visitors Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

POSTING OF AGENDA

It was noted that the agenda had been properly posted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

1. PRESENTATION / REPORTS

Alice Lybarger reported the following:

Results of the Self-Assessment for EHS were shared with the members of the Board. Alice indicated that areas that need to be improved are greater participation in the areas of socializations and also an increase in participation in home visits in Tulelake. It has been determined that there is a large number of persons in need of Drug & Alcohol / Mental Health Services.

The participants of Early Head Start have been selling Krispy Cream Donuts to benefit the St. Jude Foundation. Thus far 136 dozen donuts have been sold.

Arrangements have been made to do family portraits for the parents / clients in November.

Leslie Corder, Director of Fiscal Services had provided an explanation of a financial status report for interested parents / clients of EHS.

De Funk reported the following

A report concerning services provided by Child & Family Resources was shared with the members of the board:

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

- Region II is working together on the Quality Rating Improvement System, QRIS. This movement, as a region, will support the improvement of early childhood programs under the leadership of the California Department of Education.
- First 5 Impact – Region II is working together as a consortia to improve and maximize programs in counties to help children ages 0-5 and their families thrive by increasing the number of high-quality learning settings; preschools, family daycare homes, and alternative childcare centers. Modoc County Office of Education's LPC-MCDAC will be the lead in working with First 5 in meeting the First 5 IMPACT Seven System Functions. (Additional information was provided concerning First 5 IMPACT)
- Adin State Preschool – The Modoc County Office of Education will be relinquishing the 15 slots for the Adin State Preschool to the Lassen County Office of Education.
- Currently the preschool teachers are providing families with one-on-one family support.

PREVENTION

- A Life-skills class has been started for Alturas 5th – 9th graders and Tulelake 7th – 9th graders. A class will be started in Surprise Valley in 2016.
- The Every 15 Minutes Alcohol Prevention Program will be done in the spring.
- Nurturing Parenting – a collaborative effort with mental health, drug and alcohol has been started.
- A teaching resiliency in Life Skills is planned for the future.

Leslie Corder reported the following:

Copies of the financial report dated October 20, 2015 were included in the agenda packet, and explained.

She has been working on the First Interim Report, and has forwarded the Unaudited Actuals to the State as required.

The auditors had been in Alturas, and will be back in the near future to complete their review of the MCOE books and records.

It was reported that there is a substantial amount of cash in the County Treasury and that she will be re-investing funds, and will continue to monitor the investments.

A complete report on all funds will be provided in December when the First Interim Report is provided to the board.

Mike Martin reported the following:

Copies of a flyer being promoted by First 5 were distributed. This information indicates that 80% of brain development occurs between the ages of 0-3 and 90% between the ages of 0-5 and points out the importance of Talking / Reading / Singing to babies and young children during these years.

Melissa Channel has been appointed as the chairperson of SARB. Mike stated that the SARB is a strong group, and that it is having a good impact on attendance in the schools, and is a very well run program.

Gary Jones presented the following:

He had recently visited with Vanessa Jones regarding the Tulelake schools, and indicated that there is a number of positive things happening in the Tulelake area.

The quarterly CCSESA Meeting had been held in Napa, and had been informative and the information well received by those in attendance. Discussion was held concerning many items including LCFF and the LCAP's.

Gary reported that there will be 20 new county superintendents in California who will have taken office since July 2014.

There is currently a new Thai student at Modoc Middle School who does not speak English, and Mike had made arrangements for Tee (MCOE Tech) to communicate with the student to explain routines, etc.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- Minutes – September 22, 2015
- Temporary County Certificates

A motion was made by Ben DuVal, seconded by Bucky Harris and carried that the consent agenda items be approved as included in the agenda package.
(Ayes: DuVal, Harris, Hays, Server, Camacho,)

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

4. **DISCUSSION / NO ACTION**

4.1 **State Superintendent's Visit**

Tom Torlakson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction was in Modoc on September 24th, and visited Alturas State Preschool, Stronghold School and the Modoc County Office of Education. Gary pointed out that everyone was very responsive to him, and he likewise was responsive to their concerns.

4.2 **First Reading Board / Superintendent Policies**

BP/SP 5125.1 – Release of Directory Information
BP/SP 6174(a) – Education for English Language Learners
BP/SP 5148(a) – Child Care and Development
E 51458.6(a) – Parental Notifications

The first reading of the above listed policies was held. The policies will be placed on the agenda for the November meeting for the second reading and adoption.

4.3 **First Reading Educator Effectiveness Spending Plan**

As required by law, the first reading of the Educator Effectiveness Spending Plan was held at this public meeting of the board. The second reading and adoption will be held, as required, at the next regular meeting of the board held in November.

5. **ACTION**

5.1 **Second Reading - Board / Superintendent Policies**

BP/SP 0460(a) Local Control and Accountability Plan
BP/SP 3312(a) Contracts
BP/SP 5113.1(a) Chronic Absence and Truancy
BP/SP 5126 Awards for Achievement

It was moved by Bucky Harris, seconded by Sadie Camacho and carried that the second reading of the above listed policies be approved as presented.
(Ayes: Harris, Camacho, DuVal, Hays, Server)

5.2 **Board Stipend (5% increase of \$11.26 allowed by Education Code Section 1090(g) \$225.13 - \$236.39 per month)**

Following discussion, a motion was made by Bucky Harris, seconded by Ben DuVal and carried that the increase to the board stipend be approved as allowed by Education Code Section 1090(g). This stipend will become effective with the December meeting. (Ayes: Harris, Camacho, DuVal, Hays, Server)

**5.3 Joint meeting with EHS for November 17, 2015 Board Meeting
Change Location to Early Head Start Building**

It was the consensus of the members present that the November 17th meeting of the board be a joint meeting with Early Head Start. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., and the regular meeting of the board will be called to order at 7:00 p.m.

6. BOARD TIME

- 7. NEXT MEETING DATE** November 17, 2015 – Joint meeting with Early Head Start
5:30 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. – Meeting
Early Head Start Building - Alturas

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Gary L. Jones, Modoc County
Superintendent of Schools
Ex-Officio Secretary to the Board.

Approved:

President, Modoc County Board of Education