

MONTECITO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Special Board Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, special procedures were followed for the board meeting and the meeting was conducted via Zoom

Board present via Zoom from their respective locations: Board President, Mrs. Kate Murphy, Mrs. Susannah Osley, Clerk, Mrs. Marilyn Bachman, Member, Mr. Chad Chase, Member and Mr. Peter van Duinwyk.

Staff present via Zoom from their respective locations: Mr. Anthony Ranii, Superintendent, Ms. Virginia Alvarez, Chief Business Official, Dr. Nick Bruski, and Mrs. Autumn Noe, Executive Assistant.

Call to Order

Mrs. Kate Murphy called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

Opening Business

Public Comment for Items on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Susannah Osley made the motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Marilyn Bachman seconded. Motion made 4-0, members, Bachman, Chase, Murphy, and Osley. Absent: Board member van Duinwyk

Strategic Initiative #1A: Academic Excellence and Whole-Child Success (Design and implement a Multi-Tiered System of Support that provides intervention, enrichment, and differentiation to meet the diverse needs of ALL students.)

Summer School Learning Opportunities

Mr. Anthony Ranii made the proposal of a voluntary enrichment program for three weeks beginning on July 20 and ending August 7 from 9:00am – 12:30pm. He explained that the summer learning opportunity would assist in accomplishing student success in summer months and allow for social distancing, hygiene and other protocols in order to improve the plan before the opening of school. He explained that in order to ensure a small student population to practice and learn new social distancing protocols there would be a 15-student limit per grade level. He explained that this would not be open to incoming kindergartners and it would include outgoing 6th grade students. In addition to the teacher and instructional assistants, a principal, a physical education teacher, a nurse, and clerical staff would be hired from existing MUS staff members. Mr. Anthony Ranii explained that any MUS employee that chooses to work summer school would do so as a separate assignment and it would not affect their placement on the salary schedule, seniority, competency criteria or any other aspect of their MUS employment.

The Board continued to ask specific questions about the role of the principal and instructional assistants.

There was a question asked in the Zoom chat, whether or not there is an opportunity for students to just attend reading/writing or just math. Dr. Nick Bruski explained that it would not be an option to attend for a portion of the day.

The Board continued to discuss the process planned for determining what students are selected if there is a

great deal of interest and compensation for only work performed if there was low interest from families.

Mr. Peter van Duinwyk joined the Zoom meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Ms. Virginia Alvarez reported that the projected budget for the summer enrichment program is about \$100,362, including salaries, benefits, supplies and other expenditures. She also reported that the expense would be covered with the funds received from the Workman's Compensation Self Insurance Program premium rebate that was a result of savings in the consortium due to a reduction of claims and severity of claims filed in the last six years. She also reported that the budget includes funding for a full-time facilities/maintenance staff to be designated exclusively to the summer school program to ensure cleaning is continued and not to disrupt the summer work that is typically performed and to continue with the COVID-19 cleaning/disinfecting precautions.

The Board continued to discuss liability and reinforced the importance to continue following the recommendations of County Public Health guidelines.

There was a question through the Zoom chat from Mrs. Jillian Wittman what would happen if there is more interest than spots available. Mr. Anthony Ranii explained that there would be a lottery system and that if a student is selected via the lottery and has a sibling that also wants to attend summer school, both students would be in the program, as the lottery is by family rather than by individual student.

Mrs. Susannah Osley made the motion to approve the Summer School Learning Opportunities. Mr. Peter van Duinwyk seconded. Motion made 5-0, members Bachman, Chase, Murphy, Osley, and van Duinwyk.

Consent Agenda

Personnel Action Report

Mrs. Kate Murphy asked to pull the Consent Agenda item, Personnel Action Report in order to discuss the item.

Mr. Anthony Ranii explained that the Personnel Report had Mrs. Reilly Cochran listed as being released from temporary assignment and completion of temporary assignment. He explained that it is not the same as being laid off as she was hired as a temporary employee for the 2019-2020 school year only to fill for a teacher that was out on leave.

Mrs. Marilyn Bachman made the motion to approve the Personnel Report. Mr. Peter van Duinwyk seconded. Motion made 5-0. Motion made 5-0, members Bachman, Chase, Murphy, Osley, and van Duinwyk.

Adjournment

Mr. Chad Chase made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m. Mr. Peter van Duinwyk seconded. Motion made 5-0, members Bachman, Chase, Murphy, Osley, and van Duinwyk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susannah Osley

Mrs. Susannah Osley, Board of Trustees Clerk

Signature: 
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