

**MONTECITO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Board Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2019**

Present: Mrs. Kate Murphy, President, Mr. Chad Chase, Clerk, Mrs. Marilyn Bachman, Member, Mrs. Susannah Osley, Member, and Mr. Peter van Duinwyk, Member.

Staff Present: Mr. Anthony Ranii, Superintendent, Ms. Virginia Alvarez, Chief Business Official, Dr. Nick Bruski, Principal, Mr. Rusty Ito, Assistant Principal, and Mrs. Autumn Noe, Executive Assistant.

Call to Order

Board President, Mrs. Kate Murphy called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

There was no public comment for Closed Session Items.

Closed Session

Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Superintendent's Goals 2019-2020 (Government Code Section 54957), Title: Superintendent

Reconvene to Open Session

Report Out of Closed Session

The Board reconvened to Open Session and the Board President, Mrs. Kate Murphy reported that there was no reportable action was taken.

Opening Business

Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Marilyn Bachman made the motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Chad Chase seconded. Motion carried 5-0, members Bachman, Chase, Murphy, Osley, and van Duinwyk.

Correspondence and Board President's Letter

Recognition of Accomplishments

Mr. Anthony Ranii and the Board recognized reading Specialist, Mrs. Lynne Olerich. Mr. Anthony Ranii celebrated Lynne for her work giving students the skills and confidence to become fluent readers. He also recognized her commitment to always learning and this year she has employed new techniques, materials, and pedagogies in order to meet the needs of her students. Each Board member, Ms. Virginia, Alvarez, and Dr. Nick Bruski spoke to Lynne.

Mr. Ron Zecher also spoke to Lynne and the privilege it is to be her colleague.

Collaborative Efforts with the Santa Barbara Unified School District

Approval: CrisisGO Comprehensive Safety Platform

Mr. Anthony Ranii explained the Santa Barbara Unified School District(SBUSD) has purchased and is in the training stages of a new comprehensive safety platform called CrisisGo. He explained that SBUSD is asking all districts in the county to consider also implementing the safety platform. SBUSD Superintendent, Mr. Cary Matsuoka was present and explained the research involved in finding an emergency platform that would expedite emergency messages to students and parents.

They are currently in the training stages and will be testing the system for the first time. He explained the benefits of the partner school districts utilizing the same platform. Mr. Rusty Ito reported attending informational meetings regarding the CrisisGo app that have been hosted by SBUSD.

The Board continued to ask clarifying questions about the app and the timeline that the app would be implemented for parents at Montecito Union School.

Mr. Chad Chase made the motion to approve Option 1 of the CrisisGo Comprehensive Safety Plan. Mr. Peter van Duinwyk seconded. Motion carried 5-0, members Bachman, Chase, Murphy, Osley, and van Duinwyk.

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Santa Barbara Unified School District and Montecito Union School District for Feeder Student Data Sharing

Mr. Anthony Ranii explained there is not an efficient way to track Montecito Union School students once they have advanced through the public-school system at the junior high and high school. This memorandum of understating would allow the two districts to share relevant student data more effectively, which would allow Montecito Union School to track student progress.

Superintendent, Mr. Cary Matsuoka explained that with 7 districts and 3 charter schools in the Santa Barbara County this will give the ability to share data back and forth and as they start the planning process for 7th grade course selection for current MUS 6th graders.

Mr. Peter van Duinwyk asked to the privacy of the data and suggested informing parents.

Mrs. Marilyn Bachman made the motion Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Santa Barbara Unified School District and Montecito Union School District for Feeder Student Data Sharing. Mr. Peter van Duinwyk seconded. Motion carried 5-0, members Bachman, Chase, Murphy, Osley, and van Duinwyk.

Mrs. Kate Murphy suggested moving Agenda Item I.1. Visual Arts at MUS ahead of Items F., G., and H.

Strategic Initiative #1D: Academic Excellence and Whole-Child Success (Create a cycle of continuous growth, support, and reflection for our specialist and enrichment programs.)

Visual Arts at MUS

Mrs. Alyssa Gonzalez reported on the history of how art has been taught. She explained the differences between discipline-based art education and teaching for artistic behaviors and her reasoning for changing the pedagogy in the visual arts program. This allows for students to have more artistic expression and creativity. With this new process, Mrs. Gonzalez changed the way the art studio is arranged and organized, the new set up allows for students to choose tools and media which allows the students to become thinkers and allow for more artistic expression. She also explained that with this new style there is an integration of 8 Studio Habits of Mind that are important.

The Board and Mr. Anthony Ranii spoke to the exciting changes within the art program.

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.)

California School Dashboard Local Indicators Report

Mr. Anthony Ranii presented the Local Indicators Report. Schools are required to publicly present the report as part of our annual Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), which allows for questions or comments.

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Report

Dr. Nick Bruski reported on the implemented Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) that provides intervention, enrichment, and differentiation to meet the needs of all students. There are three sub-committees that focus on academic, behavioral, and social emotional learning. He explained that these allow for “7 Big Ideas” which include; multiple tiers of support, evidence based/scientifically validated interventions, universal, proactive screening, progress monitoring, treatment integrity, data-based decision making, and team-based problem solving. Mr. Rusty Ito also spoke to the usage of MTSS in behavior and social and emotional learning.

Strategic Initiative #1B: Academic Excellence and Whole-Child Success (Integrate a variety of learning experiences across all curricular areas for each student. Provide problem-solving opportunities to research, design, create, test, reflect upon, and explore concepts.)

Mathematics: Longitudinal Analysis: MUS Mathematics

Mr. Anthony Ranii presented achievement data from when classes were leveled to achievement scores after leveled classes were discontinued. He reported that unleveled classes performed better than their leveled counterparts in 5 of 6 categories in CAASPP Mathematics, 3 of 3 categories in Math Superbowl, and 8 of 9 categories in Math Olympiad. Overall, student achievement at MUS has risen since math classes were unleveled. The achievement of the most advanced mathematicians (as measured by overall standing in two mathematical competitions) has risen since math classes were unleveled. He explained that the Board will get to see more about the math program at the special board meeting planned for November 13th.

Strategic Initiative #1C: Academic Excellence and Whole-Child Success (Collaborate with and contribute to local and global communities to promote learning, leadership, and activism through service. Help students develop and display empathy and an understanding of various generations, schools, languages, and cultures.)

Service Learning Pathway Report

Mr. Rusty Ito gave the Board an update to the Service Learning Pathway Activities that Mrs. Tina Borbeau and Mr. Alfredo Martinez plan for MUS students during recess. Students can knit beanies and blankets, make friendship bracelets, and create Flower Empower cards. These items are often donated to local organizations such as the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation, Storyteller Children’s Center, or Transition House.

Strategic Initiative #2. Student Character and Wellness (Promote high character and the consistent demonstration of kindness, respect, and integrity. Give students skills to communicate effectively and display appropriate social skills and manners. Nurture students socially and emotionally, and help them develop mindfulness, health, and advocacy skills. Instill a strong sense of empathy and a need to respect the views of others.)

October Theme: Taking Responsible Risks

Mr. Anthony Ranii presented the Character Education calendar for the month of October. The calendar gives a weekly theme, goals, guiding questions, activities, websites for quotes, books, and videos.

“Becoming Me” Lessons Launched

Mr. Rusty Ito described the “Becoming Me” emotional wellness program created for all students by counselor, Ms. Michelle Villegas. Session I focused on self-awareness and self-compassion. He gave an example of an application created for different grade levels.

Strategic Initiative #3. Environmental Stewardship (Expand community-wide environmental literacy, advocacy, and leadership opportunities. Make decisions through a sustainability lens. Initiate programs to be carbon free and to minimize our resource consumption. Consistently reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost, striving for zero waste.)

October 30 Special Meeting Review: Solar Energy

Mr. Anthony Ranii explained that the purpose of this item is for the Board to discuss and set priorities for the special board meeting planned on October 30th where they will discuss the possibility of a large scale solar energy project. He asked the Board if they wanted to include anything else he might have forgotten. The Board continued to discuss the proposed meeting questions, ultimately, they agreed that the questions were necessary in order to move forward.

Call to Climate Change Action Resolution

Mr. Anthony Ranii explained that some districts have voluntarily adopted resolutions on climate change. He presented a resolution that he created by integrating the Santa Barbara Unified School District resolution, the MUS strategic initiatives, as well as resolutions from other school districts.

Mrs. Kristin Hogue and Mrs. Ellen Hunter spoke to the Board about the importance of a climate change resolution.

Mr. Peter van Duiwyk made the motion to approve Call to Climate Change Resolution #19/20-05. Mrs. Susannah Osley seconded. Motion carried 5-0, members Bachman, Chase, Murphy, Osley, and van Duiwyk.

Strategic Initiative #4. Safe, Efficient Facilities (Improve the safety, efficiency, accessibility, and utility of our physical structures and grounds to support student learning. Ensure all structures are properly maintained. Develop and implement a vision for our adjacent property in keeping with our Strategic Plan.)

Facility Projects Report and Approval of Change Orders

Ms. Virginia Alvarez presented a summary of the work completed for the North Parking Lot and Play Area Access Project, which also included the change orders to date. She explained the project is not completed due to the pending approval from the Department of State Architect (DSA) for the ball wall.

North Parking Lot and Play Area Access Project Expense Summary to October 9, 2019	
Contract Amount	\$2,030,000
Billings/Paid To Date	\$719,267
Balance	\$1,310,733
Contingency Included in the above contract amount	\$100,000
Charges against contingency:	
Soil testing excavation, transportation & granular backfill	\$24,321
Concrete encasing of communication lines found in parking lot	\$13,226
Valve addition to waterline found in parking lot	\$16,552
Relocation of fire alarm wire	\$2,065
Total to date:	\$56,164
Remaining in allowance	\$43,836
Change Orders	
Conduit for solar power	\$8,871
Drinking fountain attachment	\$4,975
Stone Veneer Cancellation	-\$44,660
Landscape, trellis, DG path widening, removal of trees, catch basing relocation parking lot markings	\$50,633
Cancellation of pervious concrete due to DSA's directive	-\$116,239
Asphalt replacing pervious concrete and removal of 2" rock & install fabric	\$112,184
Larger catch basin due to change from pervious concrete to asphalt, root barriers to protect asphalt,	\$35,429
Additional excavation and border due to installation of playground equipment	\$29,522
Total	\$80,715
Ball wall is pending DSA approval	

She explained due to the change orders and pending work for the ball wall, the original contract with Menemsha was for \$2,030,000, which resulted in \$43,826 in remaining allowance and with the total change orders of \$80,715 the revised contract amount is \$2,152,460.

Mr. Peter van Duinwyk made the motion to approve the Contract with Menemsha including change orders in the amount of \$2,152,460. Mrs. Marilyn Bachman seconded. Motion carried 5-0, members Bachman, Chase, Murphy, Osley, and van Duinwyk.

Kindergarten Playground Equipment

Ms. Virginia Alvarez also presented a summary of the playground equipment replacement projects as they have been completed. The final expenses for the playground equipment, which included the terraces playground, the kindergarten playground, the hill slide, the installation, and excavation and border was \$330,000. The Montecito Union School Foundation donated \$118,000, resulting in \$212,000 from the general fund.

Mrs. Marilyn Bachman made the motion to approve the budget for the playground equipment replacement in the amount of \$212,000 from the general fund, including the change orders, the completion of the playground equipment project, and that the purchase was processed accordingly through the U.S. Purchasing Communities. Mr. Chad Chase seconded. Motion carried 5-0, members Bachman, Chase, Murphy, Osley, and van Duinwyk.

Notice of Completion of Proposition 39 Energy Efficiency Projects

Mr. Chad Chase made the motion to approve the completion of Proposition 39 Energy Efficiency Projects. Mr. Peter van Duinwyk seconded. Motion carried 5-0, members Bachman, Chase, Murphy, Osley, and van Duinwyk.

Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) Funding Application for Fire Alarm Replacement

Ms. Virginia Alvarez gave the Board an update to an application for Facilities Hardship Funding to the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) to replace the fire alarm system. She explained that they received the letter and requested updated cost information and the next steps as the application is in the review status. The estimated replacement cost for the fire alarms system throughout campus is \$513,064 and the estimated state grant would be \$307,838.

Possible Future Projects Update

Mr. Anthony Ranii gave the Board an update to the future facility projects by timeline: as soon as possible, by end of spring break, this school year, the summer of 2020, and no recommended timetable.

Governance

Superintendents Report

Mr. Anthony Ranii gave an update to the proposed bills on Governor Newsom's desk that pertain to education. He also reminded the Board that the Foundation will be hosting tours to the adjacent property to discuss future plans. He also gave the Board an update to the "Let's Talk Math" informational math meetings planned for parents. He also reported receiving correspondence from a neighbor about the lights in the 6th grade lot. He explained that the process would be the coordination of a meeting with two board members and the neighbor. Mrs. Kate Murphy volunteered to schedule the meeting.

Board Reports

Mr. Anthony Ranii reported that the Montecito Education Foundation continues to focus on the south property and continue to work with the administration and staff at MUS.

Consent Agenda

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2019

Warrants 9/10/19-10/3/19

Williams Uniform Complaints

It was requested that the minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda as there was an omission of Mrs. Susannah Osley to the motion carried on the agenda items.

Mrs. Marilyn Bachman made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda including only Items #2 and #3. Mr. Peter van Duinwyk seconded. Motion carried 5-0, members Bachman, Chase, Murphy, Osley, and van Duinwyk.

The amended minutes were discussed by the Board.

Mrs. Susannah Osley made the motion to approve the Amended September 17, 2019 Minutes with the addition of Mrs. Susannah Osley to the motion carried on the action agenda items. Mr. Chad Chase seconded. Motion carried 5-0, members Bachman, Chase, Murphy, Osley, and van Duinwyk.

Closing Business

Suggested Agenda Items for Future Meetings and Board Business

Mr. Anthony Ranii highlighted the potential agenda items for the November meeting.

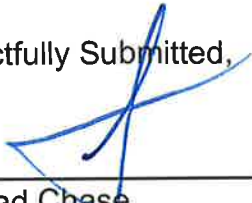
Board Evaluation of the Meeting

The Board discussed the configuration of the new tables.

Adjournment

Mr. Chad Chase made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Mrs. Susannah Osley seconded. Motion carried 5-0, members Bachman, Chase, Murphy, Osley, and van Duinwyk.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mr. Chad Chase
Board of Trustees Clerk