

MONTE RIO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
20700 FOOTHILL DRIVE  
MONTE RIO, CA 95462

**REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, February 16, 2017**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**Monte Rio School Library**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

**Establish Quorum:**

Roger Collins, President  
Amy Stearn, Clerk  
Agnese Daniel  
Mary Cowan Baker - Absent  
Kris Thurman

Others present: Ross Bickford, Nate Myers, Marcia Gorsuch, Onie Garcia, Gail King

*The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.*

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

At this time the public may address the Board on any item not listed on the agenda. Presentations are limited to five minutes per person per topic. When addressing the board, please state your name and your position (i.e.: teacher, parent, concerned citizen, etc.). It should be noted that the board will not respond to presentations. Public may address the Board on any item listed on the agenda at the time the matter is taken up by the Board.

*None*

**III. REPORTS AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Monte Rio Teachers' Association - *Principal Myers reported the TK/K class celebrated Chinese New Year and Groundhog Day. Grades 1-2 just finished PBL unit on light. The students traced their shadows at different times during the day. Grades 3-4 are working on opinion pieces – "Would you help slaves escape on the Underground Railroad?" Grades 5-6 just finished the novel "Hoot" and are starting a Hoot project. Grades 7-8 just finished the novel "Hatchet" and are creating a "How to survive in the Wilderness" slide presentation. The Middle School students are also working hard on a Jungle Book play.*
- B. CSEA/Classified/Para-educators – *No report*
- C. School Site Council – *Principal Myers reported that the SSC approved the Safety Plan.*
- D. Parent Organization – *Amy Stearn reported that at the last Parent Organization they discussed parents volunteering on campus and working on the website with Roger Collins.*
- E. Trustees' Reports – *No report*
- F. Superintendent's Report – *Superintendent Bickford reported that the Russian River Sisters Bingo night was a real success, as well as school being closed 4 times because of weather. A parent dropped a student off on one of the closed days so Superintendent Bickford will be here if school is closed again. Superintendent Bickford also reported that Jennie Snyder, Deputy Superintendent of SCOE is*

*Superintendent Bickford will be here if school is closed again. Superintendent Bickford also reported that Jennie Snyder, Deputy Superintendent of SCOE is willing to give the Board an LCAP presentation. The Board agreed to the presentation.*

- G. Principal's Report – *Principal Myers reported he is pushing for parent volunteers on the campus, and that there will be 3 afterschool activities offered for students. The activities are Chess for Kids, Choir and Piano lessons, and Girls on the Run, which is a running activity for girls in grades 3-8. Principal Myers also reported that the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Valentine Rose sale was a big hit.*

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

**ACTION**

**ITEM**

The following items are considered routine and non-controversial. The Board will consider approving the items as a block.

- A. MINUTES of Regular Meeting, January 19, 2017
- B. AGENDA of Regular Meeting, February 16, 2017
- C. WARRANTS/PAYROLL
- D. CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLICATIONS
  - 1. Tiger Tales for February
  - 2. Letter of support for Sarah Looney from Principal Myers
  - 3. Restorative Resources announces SCOE grant for middle schools  
This grant will allow us to train the rest of our classified staff in restorative practices and to ask for the Agency's support in running restorative circles with our students.
  - 4. Thank you letter from Laura Barnard to Donna Roper for a donation of hand-made mittens.
  - 5. Thank you letter from Laura Barnard to Roger and Cindy Collins for a \$500 donation toward the Yosemite Trip.
  - 6. Thank you letter to Jackson Lodge #295 for a \$500 donation toward the Yosemite trip.
  - 7. Offer from Dr. Jenny Snyder, SCOE Assistant Superintendent to do a presentation to the Board on the new State Accountability Process.
- E. DONATIONS
  - 1. Donation of \$500 from Roger and Cindy Collins for the Yosemite trip
  - 2. Donation of handmade mittens from Donna Roper
  - 3. Donation of \$500 from the Mount Jackson Lodge #295 for the Yosemite trip

**F. ATTENDANCE REPORT**

Monte Rio Union School District Enrollment											
2016-2017	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Transitional Kinder	2	2	2	2	3	4	4				
Kindergarten	13	13	16	16	16	17	17				
First	10	10	10	10	11	11	11				
Second	8	8	8	8	8	8	8				
Third	9	9	9	9	9	8	8				
Fourth	14	14	14	14	14	15	14				
Fifth	10	10	10	10	10	11	11				
Sixth	7	7	7	7	7	7	7				
Seventh	5	5	5	5	5	5	4				
Eighth	10	9	9	9	9	8	8				
2016-2017 Totals	88	87	90	90	92	94	92				
2015-16	87	84	84	84	84	86	84	84	86	85	85

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2015-16	87	84	84	84	84	86	84	84	86	85	85	
2014-15	89	88	89	90	94	93	91	91	90	87	82	
2013-14	93	97	94	95	98	98	95	95	94	94	93	
2012-13	87	86	91	92	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	
2011-12	82	82	78	78	79	78	77	80	81	81	81	
2010-11	91	91	91	91	91	91	90	89	87	87	87	

*Motion by Trustee Stearn, seconded by Trustee Daniel to approve the consent agenda, 4-0.*

**V. GENERAL**

A. APPROVAL OF INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST ACTION  
ITEM

The Board will consider any Inter-district Transfer requests.

*None*

B. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION: RECOGNITION OF MONTE RIO UNION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A SAFE HAVEN DISCUSSION/ACTION

*Motion by Trustee Thurman, seconded by Trustee Stearn to approve the resolution, 4-0.*

**VI. BUSINESS**

A. 2017 CSBA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY ELECTION ACTION  
ITEM

*Motion by Trustee Thurman, seconded by Trustee Daniel to vote for Ron Kristof who is running for one opening on the California School Board Association in Sonoma County's sub region, 4-0.*

B. RECEIPT OF REVISED OPENERS FROM CSEA CHAPTER 277 ACTION ITEM

*Motion by Trustee Daniel, seconded by Trustee Stearn to approve receipt of revised openers from CSEA, 4-0.*

C. RECEIPT OF OPENERS FROM MONTE RIO TEACHERS  
ASSOCIATION ACTION ITEM

*Motion by Trustee Stearn, seconded by Trustee Daniel to approve receipt of openers from MRTA, 4-0.*

D. OPENERS FOR MRUSD WITH MONTE RIO TEACHERS  
ASSOCIATION ACTION ITEM

ACTION ITEM

***Motion by Trustee Stearn, seconded by Trustee Daniel to accept the presentation of openers from the MRTA, 4-0.***

E. OPENERS FOR MRUSD WITH CSEA CHAPTER 277  
ITEM

ACTION

***Motion by Trustee Daniel, seconded by Trustee Thurman to accept the presentation of openers from CSEA, 4-0.***

F. REVIEW OF LETTER FROM SCOE REGARDING THE FIRST INTERIM REPORT.

DISCUSSION

***The Board reviewed the letter from SCOE regarding the First Interim Report.***

G. APPROVAL OF SAFETY PLAN

DISCUSSION/ACTION

***Motion by Trustee Stearn, seconded by Trustee Daniel to approve the Safety Plan, 4-0.***

H. CHOOSE BETWEEN TWO LIGHTING OPTIONS FROM AARON WORTHY OF ECOLOGYACTION

DISCUSSION/ACTION

We will receive approximately \$80,000 of Prop 39 money to upgrade our lighting to LEDS. To do the entire school will cost \$94,432. Mr. Worthy's company has done a revised budget of \$78,539, which would mean some areas would not be retrofitted. The lower cost version would diminish our annual savings by about \$1,300 annually. It would take 12-13 years to recoup the higher cost through the yearly savings.

***Motion by Trustee Thurman, seconded by Trustee Daniel to accept Ecology Action's lower bid, 4-0.***

I. RURAL SCHOOL BUS PILOT PROJECT

DISCUSSION

This may be an opportunity to get new buses with lower fuel costs and greater fuel efficiency. Deadline for application is March 30. There is no need for action at this point. The decision to apply or not can be made at the March meeting.

***The Board discussed the Rural School Bus Pilot Project.***

J. REQUEST STIPEND FOR RESPONDING TO SCHOOL SECURITY ALARM

ACTION ITEM

Jeff has been responding to the security alarm on his own time, incurring gas expenses, as well as wear and tear on his vehicle. Kathleen has offered to respond since she's closer. I recommend a stipend of \$200 for each of them as minor compensation for their time and expenses.

***Motion by Trustee Daniel, seconded by Trustee Stearn to pay a \$200 stipend to Jeff Young and Kathleen Sheridan for responding to the school security alarm, 4-0.***

**VII. CLOSED SESSION @ 7:10 p.m.**

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54957

A. Personnel

B. Negotiations

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**VIII. OPEN SESSION @ 7:25 p.m.**

*Motion by Trustee Thurman, seconded by Trustee Stearn to approve the contract with Onie Garcia for school Business Manager, 4-0.*

**IX. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

The next Board meeting will be at 6 P.M. on March 16 in the Monte Rio School Library. Superintendent Bickford requests changing the May Board meeting date.

**X. ADJOURNMENT@ 7:30 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Attested:

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Ross Bickford  
Superintendent

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Roger Collins  
Board President