

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

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

**Thursday, April 20, 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  
Kris Thurman

Others present: Ross Bickford, Nate Myers, Marcia Gorsuch, Onie Garcia, Gail King, Vanessa Alexander, Laura Barnard, Alex Lepf, Lena Orlando, Jason Coppla.

*The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Collins*

**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.

*Lena Orlando and Jason Coppla commented regarding the Interdistrict transfer of their student.*

*President Collins suggested to Superintendent Bickford to agendize the policy at next month's meeting.*

*Amy Stearn read a letter from a parent supporting the teacher's pay increase.*

*Kris Thurman read a letter from Michelle McDonald regarding the Bohemian Show.*

*Teresa Raef read a letter from Jessica Freedenburg regarding the teacher's pay increase.*

**III. REPORTS AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Monte Rio Teachers' Association – *Laura Barnard reported that the TK/K are learning about mini gardens and lady bugs. Grades 1-2 are learning about life cycles. Grades 3-8 are beginning the first week of state testing.*

B. CSEA/Classified/Para-educators – *Gail King reported that the CSEA bargaining unit had a brunch at Northwood Restaurant with spouses and families. They had a great time. Gail also requested to postpone the approval of the academic calendar for 2017-18.*

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- C. School Site Council – *Principal Myers reported that Language Arts curriculum and the Parent Survey were the two items discussed at the last meeting. Also, Laura Barnard will be leaving the council. Vanessa Alexander and Alex Lepf will be stepping in to replace her.*
- D. Parent Organization – *Trustee Stearn reported the Easter Egg hunt was a great success. They are also getting ready for the Earth Day clean up.*
- E. Trustees’ Reports – *Trustee Baker spoke about the Memorial Day BBQ put on by the Chamber of Commerce. President Collins reported that the programming class he is teaching in Ms. B’s room is wrapping up.*
- F. Superintendent’s Report – *Superintendent Bickford reported that he along with Onie Garcia attended a redevelopment workshop at SCOE, on a brochure on the CA school dashboard which he handed out that tells how CA schools are doing, that gravel will be delivered to the back parking lot on May 1, a meeting with Jynx Lopez regarding her interest in resuming the food program for the preschool and Restorative Practices training for the rest of the staff.*
- G. Principal’s Report – *Principal Myers reported choir, piano, and Chess for Kids starting last week, on the Earth Day cleanup which we have received wood chips, bags of soil and are ordering a green house, the English Language Arts curriculum was looked at by parents and it met with their approval, and a Restorative Circle with 2 groups of students will be done on March 27.*

**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, March 16, 2017
- B. AGENDA of Regular Meeting, April 20, 2017
- C. WARRANTS
- D. CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLICATIONS
  - 1. Tiger Tales for April, 2017
  - 2. School Site Council Minutes: April 13, 2017
  - 3. Letter from Superintendent Bickford to State representatives regarding special education funding. This is in response to a request from Adam Stein, SCOE SELPA Director
  - 4. Grant requests to West County Consortium for Medi-Cal dollars to purchase counselor, psychologist, and nurse time.
  - 5. Thank you letter to 20-30 Club
  - 6. Thank you letter to Dawn Redwoods
  - 7. Thank you letter to Bartlett’s Market
  - 8. Thank you letter to Russian River Rotary
  - 9. Thank you letter to Donna Roper
  - 10. Thank you letter to Lori and Hans Bruhner
  - 11. Thank you letter to Mount Jackson Lodge
  - 12. Thank you letter to Richard and Emily Deering

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E. DONATIONS

1. Piano Keyboards from Kerstin Hall, Eric Glentzer, Sarah MacEachen, Ross Bickford, Tania Aldana, Noel McCue, and a few more “anonymous” donors
2. \$350 from Russian River Rotary to support the Drums Alive Program
3. \$250 from Russian River Rotary for Books and Beyond
4. \$100 from Richard and Emily Deering for the Yosemite Trip
5. \$500 from the 20-30 Club for the Yosemite Trip
6. \$1500 from Dawn Redwoods to support School Programs
7. \$100 for Bartlett’s Marked to support the Kindergarten Program
8. \$100 from Donna Roper for the Yosemite Trip
9. \$100 from Lori and Hans Bruhner for the Yosemite Trip
10. \$250 from Mount Jackson Lodge to support the Athletic Program

***Motion by Trustee Stearn, second by Trustee Daniel to approve the consent agenda, 5-0.***

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   | 4   | 4   |     |      |
| Kindergarten        | 13  | 13   | 16  | 16  | 16  | 17  | 17  | 17  | 18  |     |      |
| First               | 10  | 10   | 10  | 10  | 11  | 11  | 11  | 12  | 13  |     |      |
| Second              | 8   | 8    | 8   | 8   | 8   | 8   | 8   | 8   | 8   |     |      |
| Third               | 9   | 9    | 9   | 9   | 9   | 8   | 8   | 8   | 9   |     |      |
| Fourth              | 14  | 14   | 14  | 14  | 14  | 15  | 14  | 14  | 14  |     |      |
| Fifth               | 10  | 10   | 10  | 10  | 10  | 11  | 11  | 11  | 12  |     |      |
| Sixth               | 7   | 7    | 7   | 7   | 7   | 7   | 7   | 7   | 7   |     |      |
| Seventh             | 5   | 5    | 5   | 5   | 5   | 5   | 4   | 4   | 5   |     |      |
| Eighth              | 10  | 9    | 9   | 9   | 9   | 8   | 8   | 8   | 8   |     |      |
| 2016-2017 Totals    | 88  | 87   | 90  | 90  | 92  | 94  | 92  | 93  | 98  |     |      |
| 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   |

V. GENERAL

A. APPROVAL OF INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST

ACTION ITEM

The Board will consider any Inter-District Transfer requests.  
We have two transfers from Fort Ross

***Motion by Trustee Stearn, second by Trustee Baker to approve the two Interdistrict***

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*transfer requests, 5-0.*

- B. PRESENTATION OF ELA CURRICULUM ADOPTION DISCUSSION/ACTION  
Vanessa Alexander and Principal Myers will present the process of reviewing publishers' ELA curriculum for adoption and Principal Myers and the teachers' recommendation to the Board for adoption.

*Motion by Trustee Daniel, second by Trustee Baker to adopt the ELA curriculum recommended by Principal Myers and the teachers, 5-0.*

- C. UPDATE ON STATUS OF LCAP ACTION PLANS INFORMATION  
Superintendent Bickford sought input from teachers on the LCAP at this month's staff meeting and presented additional items to them to be included in the upcoming LCAP.

*Superintendent Bickford gave the Board an update on the status of the LCAP action plans.*

- D. APPROVE WILLIAMS QUARTERLY REPORT ACTION ITEM

*Motion by Trustee Thurman, second by Trustee Stearn to approve the Williams Quarterly Report, 5-0.*

- E. APPROVE FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT WITH SFIAC-UA ACTION ITEM  
This is a yearly request for use of our field for teenager soccer practice

*Motion by Trustee Thurman, second by Trustee Stearn, to approve the Facility Use Agreement with SFIAC-UA, 5-0.*

- F. REQUEST TO INSTALL A BOOK EXCHANGE BOX BY JYNX LOPEZ  
If the Board agrees to this request, we may want to partner with the preschool.  
DISCUSSION/ACTION

*Motion by Trustee Thurman, second by Trustee Daniel, to partner with the preschool and install a book exchange box, 5-0.*

**VI. BUSINESS**

- A. PRESENTATION FROM LAURA BARNARD REGARDING PROMOTION VS GRADUATION DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

*Laura Barnard gave a presentation to the Board regarding Promotion vs. Graduation. The Board requested this item to be tabled until next month.*

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- B. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH STARS PRESCHOOL ACTION ITEM  
The contract for the Stars Preschool is up for renewal. No changes are recommended

*Motion by Trustee Daniel, second by Trustee Baker, to approve the contract with STARS preschool, 5-0.*

- C. APPROVE ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2017-18 ACTION ITEM  
The Calendar has been presented to the teachers and they are in concurrence.

*Motion by Trustee Baker, second by Trustee Thurman, to approve the 2017-18 academic calendar with the report card date changes, 5-0.*

- D. DECIDE ON TWO BOARD DATES FOR JUNE: PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND APPROVAL DATES FOR LCAP ACTION ITEM

*Motion by Trustee Thurman, second by Trustee Stearn to approve June 15, 2017 for the public hearing date and June 22, 2017 for the approval date for LCAP, 5-0.*

- E. VOTE ON RESOLUTION 09-2016-2017: FUNDING FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES DISCUSSION/ACTION  
This is at the request of Adam Stein, SCOE SELPA Director

*Motion by Trustee Baker, second by Trustee Stearn, to approve the resolution, 5-0.*

**VII. CLOSED SESSION at 8:23 p.m.**

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

- A. Personnel
- B. Negotiations

**VIII. OPEN SESSION at 8:30 p.m.**

Action taken during closed session will be announced at this time

*No action was taken in closed session.*

**IX. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

The next Board meeting will be at 6 P.M. on May 11 in the Monte Rio School Library. Superintendent Bickford requests changing the May Board meeting date from the third

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Thursday to the second Thursday.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

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Respectfully Submitted:

Attested:

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Ross Bickford  
Superintendent

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Roger Collins  
Board President