

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

REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 16, 2017
6:00 P.M.
Monte Rio School Music Room

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Establish Quorum:

Roger Collins, President
Agnese Daniel
Mary Cowan Baker
Kris Thurman
Jesse Stearn

Absent: Agnese Daniel

Others present: Ross Bickford, Nate Myers, Marcia Gorsuch, Onie Garcia, Terri Wendt, Michelle Sweeney, Ila Halstead, April Green, Arnie Ronis, Samantha Miller, Robert Miller, Jennifer Maples, Jessica Glentzer, Eric Glentzer, Martina Kitzmueller, Kari Morrissey, Ed Griggs, Lena Orlando, Jay Kennedy, Ruth Ochoa, Tyrone Aldana, Tania Aldana, Crystal Wither, Jon Withers, Chuck Novak, Kim Lambert, Laura Barnard, Sumer Withers, Jason Offill, Jane McDonough, Christina Brown, Brooke Gardner, Gail King, Noel McCue, Kaci Fazio, Dino Fazio, Dana Pederson, Vivian Sabbado Clark, Natalie Marchitello, Amy Stearn, Jacob Bayless, Katy Bayless, Teresa Raef, Vanessa Alexander, Jessica Freedenburg, Debra Kuziara

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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.

Public comments were made regarding making Monte Rio School a Kindergarten through Sixth Grade school by Parents and Staff members.

III. REPORTS AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Monte Rio Teachers' Association – Vanessa Alexander reported the K students are doing guided reading groups, Grades 1-2 are starting to write sentences and studying owls, Grades 3-4 are working on project based homework and going on a field trip to

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- the Bodega Marine Lab, and Grades 7-8 are working on a research paper on energy types, which is a graduation requirement.
- B. CSEA/Classified/Para-educators – Gail King commented that the Paraeducators are important parts of the classroom and the teacher to child ratio is quite small.
 - C. School Site Council – Principal Myers reported that the council has two new members, Mandee Hage and Ed Griggs.
 - D. Parent Organization – None
 - E. Trustees’ Reports – President Collins reported that he started back teaching his Technology class with the Middle School students and the need of a back up for the phone system when the power goes out.
 - F. Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent Bickford reported that he and Principal Myers gave Norman Grib a tour of the school campus, also there was a Restorative practice circle to discuss the opening of the school during the fire storm, and Principal Myers has been attending more trainings and workshops at SCOE.
 - G. Principal’s Report – Principal Myers discussed the School Site Plan. He also reported on having a disaster drill in early March, the assembly with the builders who worked on the remodeling of the counseling office, attending a Collective Bargaining workshop, the amazing Neewollah Festival, Band starting this week, the garden looking super amazing and parent Jason Offill wanting to have an after school open gym for students to learn the basics of basketball.

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 the Regular October 19, 2017 Meeting
- B. Agenda for the Regular November 16, 2017 Meeting
- C. WARRANTS
- D. CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLICATIONS
 - 1. November TIGER TALES
 - 2. Donation letter from the “Committee of 2017 River Rat Reunion”
 - 3. Thank you letter to The River Rats
- E. DONATIONS
 - 1. \$150 from Diana Phillips of the River Rats to be used for a field trip

Motion by Trustee Baker, second by Trustee Stearn to approve the consent agenda, 4-0.

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F. ATTENDANCE REPORT

Monte Rio Union School District Enrollment
2017-2018

| | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June |
|---------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Transitional Kinder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| Kindergarten | 10 | 11 | 11 | 11 | | | | | | | |
| First | 13 | 12 | 12 | 12 | | | | | | | |
| Second | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | | | | | | | |
| Third | 9 | 9 | 8 | 10 | | | | | | | |
| Fourth | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | | | | | | | |
| Fifth | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | | | | | | | |
| Sixth | 12 | 13 | 12 | 12 | | | | | | | |
| Seventh | 5 | 7 | 7 | 6 | | | | | | | |
| Eighth | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | | | | | | | |
| 2017-18 Totals | 88 | 90 | 88 | 89 | | | | | | | |
| 2016-17 | 88 | 87 | 90 | 90 | 92 | 94 | 92 | 93 | 98 | 98 | 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 INTER-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST ACTION ITEM

The Board will consider any Inter-District Transfer requests. There are no Inter-District requests for the past month.

None

VI. **BUSINESS**

A. DISCUSSION ON MAKING MONTE RIO SCHOOL A DISCUSSION ITEM
KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SIXTH GRADE SCHOOL

The Board will discuss the pros and cons on making Monte Rio School a Kindergarten through Sixth grade school, with Guerneville School being the Local Education Agency (LEA) for Seventh and Eighth grade students.

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B. REPORT BY KRIS THURMAN ON THE MONTE RIO EDUCATION
FOUNDATION REPORT

Long-term Board Member and long-term member of the Monte Rio Education
Foundation will report on the mission and activities of the Foundation.

Trustee Thurman reported on the Monte Rio Education Foundation.

C. PRESENTATION BY PRINCIPAL MYERS DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM
OF THE SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN

The School Safety Plan has to be updated each year. Principal Myers will present
the updated version.

*Principal Myers discussed the School Safety Plan during the Principal's
report.*

VII. CLOSED SESSION @ 8:45 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 @ 9:01 p.m.

Action taken during closed session will be announced at this time.

IX. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the
Monte Rio School Music Room.

X. ADJOURNMENT @ 9:05 p.m.

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