Mendocino Unified School District

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

MAY 21, 2026

MENDOCINO HIGH SCHOOL
10700 FORD STREET
MENDOCINO, CA 95460

4:30 P.M. CLOSED SESSION – VIA TELECONFERENCE
(Closed Session Public Hearing – link on page 2)

5:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION – IN PERSON at MENDOCINO HIGH & VIA TELECONFERENCE

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Board Priorities

- *Develop and expand community partnerships and communication*
- *Increase learning and achievement for all students, families, and staff*
- *Plan wisely for the future while maintaining fiscal integrity*
- *Maintain and improve the physical plant*

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1. 4:30 P.M. CLOSED SESSION CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

1.1. Call to order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM. Present were Trustees Morton, Griffen, Schaeffer and Aum. Absent was Trustee Bloyd.

1.2. The President will verbally identify the agenda items to be discussed during closed session as listed below.

The President verbally identified the agenda items to be discussed.

2. PUBLIC HEARING FOR CLOSED SESSION

Members of the public may take this opportunity to comment on closed session agenda items per Board Policy 9322. Under the requirements of the Brown Act open meeting law, members of the community wishing to address an item on the closed session agenda may do so at this time. Items not on the agenda cannot be addressed at this time. A three-minute limit is set for each speaker on all items. The total time for public input on each item is limited to 20 minutes. (Government Code 54954.3).

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3. CLOSED SESSION

The Board will adjourn to closed session pursuant to Government Code 54950 - 54962.

3.1. Conference with labor negotiators (Govt. Code 54957.6) Agency Representative: Superintendent Jason Morse
Employee organizations: CEMUS, MTA bargaining units and unrepresented employees

3.2. Employment/Personnel Changes

4. 5:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION

4.1. Call to order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM. Present were Trustees Morton, Griffen, Schaeffer and Aum. Absent was Trustee Bloyd.

4.2. Closed session disclosure
Any reportable action taken during closed session will be disclosed at this time.

Nothing was disclosed.

4.3. Approval of agenda
Items to be removed from the agenda or changes to the agenda should be done at this time.

MSA Morton/Griffen (4/0) to approve the agenda.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are passed in one motion without discussion. Any item may be pulled from the consent agenda by any member of the Board and moved to action when approving the agenda.

5.1. Approval of Warrants
5.1.1. 4/2/26, 4/9/26, 4/16/26, 4/23/26, 4/30/26

5.2. Approval of Minutes
5.2.1. Board Meeting Minutes: 4/23/26

5.3. Approval of Employment/Personnel Changes
5.3.1. Accept Resignation, Classified Employee, 8.0 hrs/day, 12 mos/yr, effective 5/4/26
5.3.2. Hire, Classified Employee, 8.0 hrs/day, 12 mos/yr, effective 5/5/26
5.3.3. Hire, Classified Manager, 8.0 hrs/day, 10 mos/yr, effective 5/18/26

5.4. Approval of the Current Budget Change Report

5.5. Approval of Student Body Reports – April 2026

5.6. Approval of California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Representatives for Mendocino High School

5.7. Approval of the MOU between MUSD and North Coast School of Education for Teacher Induction Programs

5.8. Approval of the MOU between MUSD and North Coast School of Education for Career Technical Education (CTE) Programs

5.9. Approval of the MOU between MUSD and North Coast School of Education for "Be A Teacher" Programs

5.10. Approval of the MOU between MUSD and Cal Poly Humboldt for Student Teaching, Observation, or Field Work

5.11. Approval of MOU 2025-26-02 between MUSD and CEMUS

5.12. Approval of the Kitchen Supervisor Classified Management Job Description

5.13. Approval of the updated Classified Management Salary Schedule for 2025-26

MSA Griffen/Morton (4/0) to approve the consent agenda.

6. REPORTS

6.1. Student Trustee – Max Oatney

Student Trustee Oatney reported that the Interact Club Bike-a-thon is this weekend. Donations have been coming in strong. Scholarship night took place with many students receiving awards. Student Trustee Oatney reports that he will be attending MIT in the fall.

6.2. Administrative

6.2.1. Principal – Kim Humrichouse

Principal, Kim Humrichouse, gave the attached presentation.

6.2.2. Superintendent – Jason Morse

Superintendent Morse reported that scholarship night was a huge success. The support from our community is strong. The playground at the K8 is finished. Woodchips are on the way. Had jury duty for the last week which put him behind schedule. However, was able to do mock interviews with the high school students. New staff members have been hired including a high school custodian and new kitchen manager. Held the Community Oversight Committee meeting this past week and the annual report will be presented in June.

6.3. Bargaining Units

6.3.1. Mendocino Unified Teachers Association (MUTA)

No report.

6.3.2. Classified Employees of Mendocino Unified Schools (CEMUS)

No report.

6.4. Board Trustee Reports

Trustee Griffen reported that their absence at the last meeting was due to a work conflict and requested the Albion/Comptche 3rd grade discussion be placed back on the agenda.

7. TIMED ITEM 5:30 P.M. - PARENT/COMMUNITY COMMENT

Items not on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of this body, may be addressed at this time or be submitted to the Superintendent in writing for Board consideration as an agenda item. A three-minute limit is set for each speaker on all items. The total time for public input on each item is limited to 20 minutes (Government Code 54952). The Brown Act does not permit the Board to take action on any item that is not on the agenda. In addition, in order to protect the rights of all involved, complaints about employees should be addressed through the District complaint process. Speaking about a personnel issue at a Board meeting may prevent the Board from being able to act on it. Please see an administrator to initiate the complaint process.

The Board may briefly respond to public comments by asking questions to clarify the speaker's comments and refer the speaker to the Superintendent for further clarification. We thank you for your comments and participation at this meeting.

8. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

8.1. Mendocino Unified Construction Update

The Board will discuss the small construction projects included in Phase III of the High School Modernization Project, Water Storage Project and Solar Project.

The Solar Project should be live and energized by the end of July. The water projects are still ongoing.

8.2. 2026-27 Board Calendar

The Board will discuss the proposed 2026-27 Board calendar.

MSA Aum/Morton (4/0) to approve the calendar with the addition of having the October meeting at the Albion School.

8.3. California Scholarship Federation (CSF)

CSF is requesting Board approval wherein CSF fundraisers are able to raise money for scholarships that go toward education related costs for members.

MSA Griffen/Aum (4/0) to approve the request by CSF.

8.4. Consideration of and Possible Action on Resolution 2026-05: Establishing Mendocino Unified School District as a School District of Choice Attendance Program.

MSA Aum/Morton (4/0) to approve resolution 2026-05.

8.5. Consideration of and Possible Action on Resolution 2026-06: Intention to levy and collect assessments with the Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

MSA Griffen/Morton (4/0) to approve resolution 2026-06.

8.6. Consideration of and Possible Action on Resolution 2026-07: Specification of Election Order.

MSA Aum/Morton (4/0) to approve resolution 2026-07.

8.7. Consideration of and Possible Action on Resolution 2026-08: Regarding Elimination of Vacant Classified Employee Positions: One Cook Manager, 8.0 hours/day.

MSA Morton/Griffen (4/0) to approve resolution 2026-08.

8.8. Board Policies, Bylaws and Administrative Regulations (information only)
8.8.1. BP 6151: Class Size (instruction)

Board agrees to move this item to a first reading in June.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Public Hearing for LCAP & Budget Adoption, Public Hearing MAD

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for **June 4, 2026 at the Mendocino High School.**

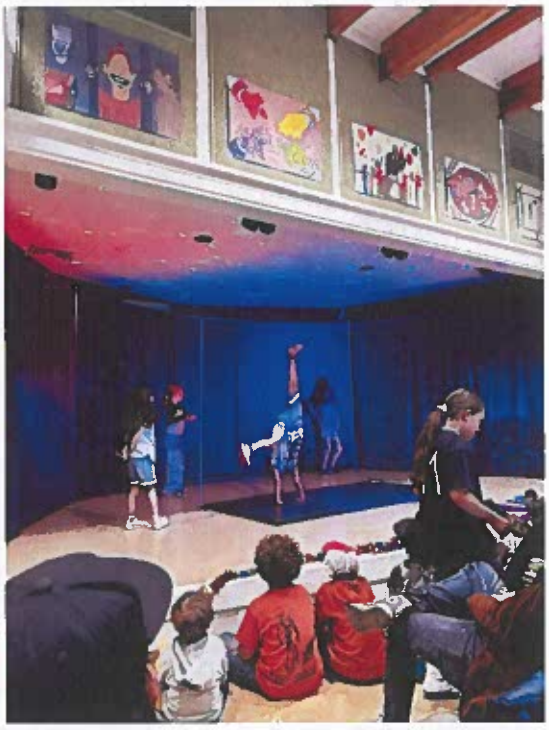
The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.



PTO Talent Show

- 3rd annual PTO Talent Show
- 36 students participate K-8
- 18 acts
- Thank you!
  - Maia Steward, PTO President
  - Ruby Heister, Stephanie Strupp, PTO action heroes
  - Doug Nunn, MC
  - Marshall Brown and Crew (Eli Griffen, Max Oatney, Amos Sebastian, Leo Hinkle)





State Testing

- Finishing up our last week of state testing
- 6 students opt out, 3rd - 8th
- Very stressful time for students and staff
  - Change of schedule
  - Drive to do well
  - Structured setting

Chronic Absenteeism

TK - 5th = 20.5% (26 students)

6th - 8th = 26% (25 students)

Albion School = 20% (2 students)

Comptche School = 62.5% (5 students)

End of Year Activities

- 8th grade transition to the HS
  - Class selection, CHS applications, HS/CHS tour, Parent Info night 5/27 @ 5:00, sped visit
- Incoming TK/K Open Houses
- Mendocino K8 School Open House (5/27, 5:30 - 6:30)
- Moving up day (6/11)
  - 3rd - 7th grade students participate (Albion)
  - Visit next year's teachers/classrooms
- 8th Grade Promotion (6/11 @ 2:00)