Mendocino Unified School District

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

JANUARY 15, 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 SCHOOL & 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 P.M. Present were Trustees Griffen, Morton, Bloyd, Schaeffer and Aum.

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 and MTA bargaining units

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 5:02 P.M. Present were Trustees Griffen, Morton, Bloyd, Schaeffer and Aum.

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

Nothing was disclosed out of closed session.

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

MSA Aum/Griffen (5/0) to approve the agenda with the removal of Items 5.3.7., 5.3.8., and 5.5

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. 12/3/25, 12/10/25, 12/17/25

5.2. Approval of Minutes
5.2.1. Board Meeting Minutes: 12/11/25, 12/18/25

5.3. Approval of Employment/Personnel Changes
5.3.1. Hire, Classified Employee, 5.0 hrs/day, 10 mos/yr, effective 12/15/25
5.3.2. Hire, Temporary Certificated Tutor, 5 hrs/week + prep time, effective 12/11/25
5.3.3. Hire, Temporary Stipend Position, effective 8/21/25
5.3.4. Hire, Temporary Stipend Position, effective 11/10/25

5.3.5. Accept Retirement, Classified Employee, 6.0 hrs/day, 10 mos/yr, effective 4/10/26
5.3.6. Hire, Classified Management Position (training), 8.0 hrs/day, 105 days, effective 1/5/26 thru 6/12/26.
5.3.7. Hire, Classified Management Position, 8.0 hrs/day, 186.5 days, effective 7/1/26
5.3.8. Award, Educational Increment, Certificated Employee, column 4 to column 5, effective 1/1/26

5.4. Approval of the Current Budget Change Report

5.5. Approval of Student Body Reports – December 2025

5.6. Approval of the Cafeteria Financial Report through November 2025

5.7. Approval of the Quarter 3 Investment Reports

5.8. Approval of the Williams Settlement Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report for Quarter 2 of the 2025-26 School Year

5.9. Approval of the 2025-26 Consolidated Application – Winter Release

5.10. Approval of the 2024-25 Audit Report

5.11. Final Approval of Board Policies, Bylaws and Administrative Regulations
5.11.1. AR 2131.2: Business Manager (administration)

MSA Aum/Bloyd (5/0) to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

6. REPORTS

6.1. Student Trustee – Max Oatney

Student Trustee Oatney reported that scholarship season for seniors has started. Meetings with counselors have been going well.

6.2. Administrative
6.2.1. Principal – Kim Humrichouse

Principal Humrichouse gave the attached presentation.

6.2.2. Superintendent – Jason Morse

Superintendent Morse reported that the construction on the water tank project is moving forward. All of the equipment is on site. The completion date is still May. The Solar Project is set to begin on January 20th. Thank you to the SPED department for leading the IEP meetings.

6.3. Bargaining Units
6.3.1. Mendocino Unified Teachers Association (MUTA)

Interim President, Josh Potter, reported that staff is feeling positive this new year. He mentions that SPED has a good thing going right now with staff/students and workloads. Thank you to fellow staff for dedication and organizing the student field trips. So much work goes into planning and preparing these much appreciated trips. The KAKX Radiothon is taking place this Saturday for 24 hours.

6.3.2. Classified Employees of Mendocino Unified Schools (CEMUS)

There was no report from CEMUS.

6.4. Board Trustee Reports

Trustee Schaeffer reported that he attended a CSBA workshop and there is hopefully more money coming for education in the future. Stay tuned.

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.

There was no parent/community comment.

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 as well as the Water Storage Project.

The board has received updates from Centrica and GHD regarding the ongoing water and solar projects. The siding on the woodshop has been completed and the doors and windows replaced. Work will begin on the railing to the PAC in the coming weeks.

8.2. Greenwood Preschool

The Board will discuss the preschool model.

The Board discussed going to a full day model at Greenwood Preschool. There are currently 4 students enrolled. Deadline to finalize decision to go from 4 to 8 students is in January. Board to discuss again at the February meeting.

8.3. Board Policies, Bylaws and Administrative Regulations (first reading)

8.3.1. BP 9270: Conflict of Interest (bylaws of the board)

MSA Griffen/Morton (5/0) to approve BP 9270.

8.4. Board Policies, Bylaws and Administrative Regulations (information only)

8.4.1. AR 3311: Bids (business/noninstructional operations)

Last year the Board approved alternate language that prevents annual updates. They wish to remain under that language going forward. Trustee Griffen to provide that language for approval in February.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Administrative Contracts, LCAP Budget Overview, SARC's

Greenwood Preschool

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for **February 10, 2026 at the Mendocino High School.**

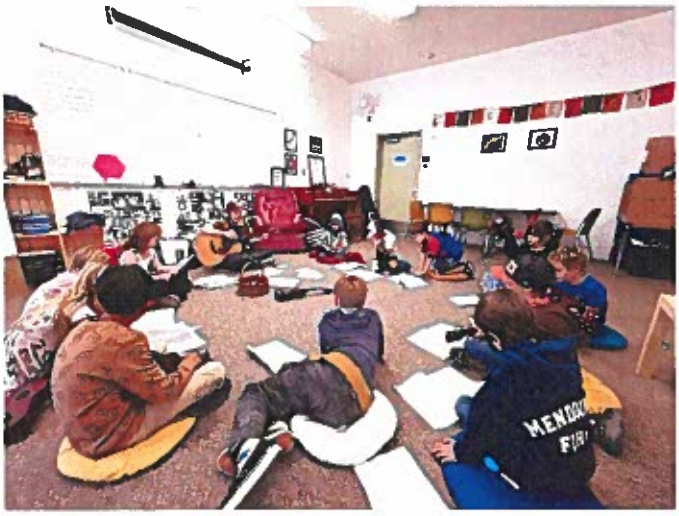
The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 P.M.

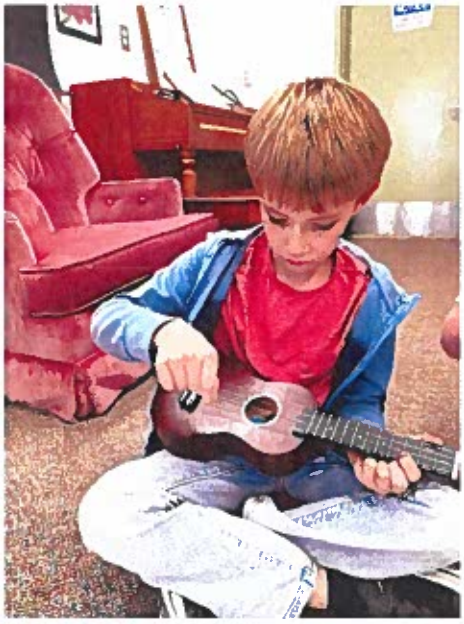


TK - 5th Grade Music

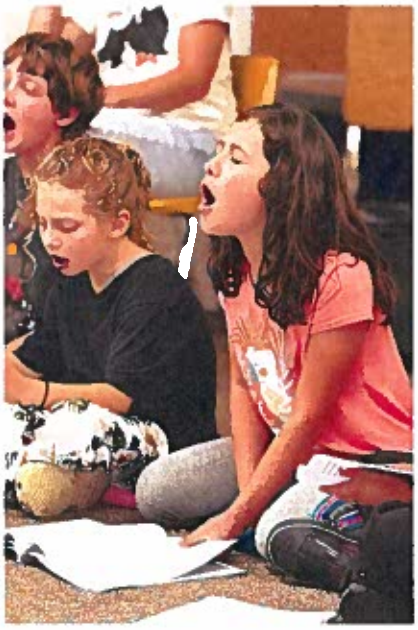
Angie Heimann

- Once a week
- Singing, learning instruments, creating music
- Incorporates the MS kids as much as possible
- Co-teach a ⅞ elective Spring Semester - Mendocino Music Machine













Mendocino K8 School Special Education Program

Seneca Sluis TK - 5th Special Education Teacher

Josh Potter 6th - 8th Special Education Teacher

Sam Skowron TK - 12th Speech and Language Pathologist

Cecilia Jimenez District Social Worker TK - 8th IEP Counseling

Mendocino K8 School Special Education Program

- 48 students with IEPs
  - 21 speech stand alones
- 13 categories of disabilities under IDEA
  - Specific Learning Disability - 15
  - Other Health Impaired - 5
  - Autism - 3
  - Emotional Disability - 3
  - Intellectual Disability - 1
  - Speech and Language Impairment - 21
- 1 Special Education Teacher with many types of disabilities and a varying degree of support needed.

Upcoming

- Entering a new state math curriculum adoption cycle
- End of the semester (1/23) and report cards
- K - 5th Universal Screenings and Writing Assessments
- Board Workshop