

MONSON-SULTANA JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting

March 10, 2026

5:00 P.M

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Worthley at 5:00 P.M.

1.1 Roll Call

Trustees present: Valdez, Quintana, Simmons, and Worthley
Trustees absent: Davidian
Secretary: Roberto Vaca

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Worthley led all those in attendance for the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Guests/Staff Present

Stephen Miller, Jaqueline Montejano, Joseph Rico, Katherine Arreguin, Santos Galeana, Abraham Carbajal, Makenna Brito, Brandon Corcoran, Catherine Diaz-Burciaga, Melinda Montejano, Denise Bese, Terry Bese, Raul Villar, Juan Reyes, Mia Martinez (ASB), and Obed Morales (ASB).

2.0 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Mrs. Denise Bese addressed the board and read a letter regarding her intent to retire. Mr. Stephen Miller also addressed the board and presented his appreciation for Mrs. Bese in the many years they've worked together. Board President Worthley gave a small history of Mrs. Bese's time with Monson-Sultana School and appreciation for all of Mrs. Bese's work. Superintendent Vaca addressed Mr. and Mrs. Bese and thanked them both for their hard work in getting the new library running this year.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Simmons moved and Trustee Valdez seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2026 Regular Board meeting.

PASSED

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

4.1 TCOE First Interim

Business Manager, Benita Cortez, presented the board with a letter from TCOE Assistant Superintendent, certifying the District's First Interim Report for the 2025-2026 School Year, but noting deficit spending and technical review.

4.2 GASB 45 Trust

Business Manager, Benita Cortez shared correspondence stating quarterly return of 2.02% for the period of October - December of 2025.

5.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S/ PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

5.1.1: Campus Update - The ASB Reps to the Board had a small game with the board members to start their presentation. The ASB Reps also gave a small recap of the Valentine's Dance, 6th Graders' Scicon Field Trip, the end of the sports season for Basketball, Read Across America Week, The Tobacco Bowl, the Saturday Lego Academy, and the Raider Fair. Next sports to look forward to are Volleyball, Softball tryouts and Track and Field. The presentation concluded with the calendar of events for the month of March which will include the Annual College and Career Day.

5.1.2: Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) and After School Education & Safety (ASES) Program Overview - Catherine Diaz-Burciaga gave an overview to the Board on the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) & the After School Education & Safety (ASES) Program which included introduction of staff and services provided. The ELOP agency agreement is to be brought back in April for review and approval.

5.1.3: Math Curriculum Adoption Report - Mr. Joseph Rico presented to the board on the Math Curriculum Piloting that will be taking place in 6th through 8th Grades only. These Piloting programs include Math Links (currently being piloted) and Math & You which will be piloted in the 2026-2027 school year; Another report will be brought up for discussion again to decide on an adoption.

**6.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON
CLOSED SESSION TOPICS:**

None.

**7.0 EXECUTIVE CLOSED
SESSION:**

Trustee Worthley called the meeting into closed session at 5:59 P.M. and was called back to regular session at 6:46 P.M.

8.0 REGULAR/OPEN SESSION:

8.1 Report of Action Taken
in Closed Session

Trustee Worthley reported out action taken during closed session to release an administrator. Reporting included voting of 4 Ayes 0 Nays and 1 absent Trustee.

9.0 CONSENT ITEMS:

9.1 2025-2026 Resolution
Adoption (Resolution
03-26-01) Tax and Revenue
Anticipation Note (TRAN)

Trustee Simmons moved and Trustee Quintana seconded the motion to Adopt Resolution 03-26-01 for the 2025-2026 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN). PASSED

9.2 2026-2027 Transportation
Plan

Trustee Valdez moved and Trustee Simmons seconded the motion to approve the 2026-2027 Transportation Plan as presented. PASSED

9.3 Budget Hearing
Planning Form

Trustee Quintana moved and Trustee Simmons seconded the motion to approve the Budget Hearing Planning Form. PASSED

9.4 Budget Revision 003-26

Trustee Quintana moved and Trustee Valdez seconded the motion to approve Budget Revision 003-26. PASSED

9.5 Cash Flow Report for month
of February 2026

Trustee Simmons moved and Trustee Valdez seconded the motion to approve the February Cash Flow Report. PASSED

9.6 2025-2026 Second Interim
Budget Report

Trustee Valdez moved and Trustee Quintana seconded the motion to approve the 2025-2026 Second Interim Budget Report as presented. PASSED

9.7 Center For Mathematics and
Teaching (CMAT) Curriculum
Adoption

Trustee Valdez moved and Trustee Simmons seconded the motion to approve the one (1) year quote for the 6-8 Math Curriculum. PASSED

- 9.8 TCOE Agency Agreement Trustee Simmons moved and Trustee Valdez seconded the motion to approve the agreement with Tulare County’s School Mental Health Programs for continuance of their services. PASSED
- 9.9 Revision to 2025-2026 District Calendar Trustee Quintana moved and Trustee Simmons seconded the motion to approve the revised district calendar as presented. PASSED
- 9.10 Instructional Minutes Recovery and Foggy Day Bell Schedule Trustee Simmons moved and Trustee Valdez seconded the motion to approve the Instructional Minutes Recovery plan and Foggy Day Bell Schedule as presented. PASSED

**10.0 AUTHORIZATION OF
VENDOR PAYMENTS:**

Trustee Quintana moved and Trustee Valdez seconded the motion to approve vendor payments for the period of 1/30/26-2/27/26. PASSED

11.0 PERSONNEL:

- 11.1 Personnel Order Trustee Valdez moved and Trustee Simmons seconded the motion to approve personnel order 11.1.1, the retirement of Denise Bese. PASSED

**12.0 MONSON-SULTANA
ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS
(MSAT) REPORT:**

Mr. Miller addressed the board of trustees to express his gratitude for the grant on the school garden which was taken on by Mrs. Adlard. He also addressed his appreciation for the monthly attendance challenges on motivating MS students to come to school. Finally, all MSAT will be receiving a teacher survey to complete, which will be presented at next month’s meeting.

13.0 CLOSING ACTIVITIES:

None.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Worthley President

Roberto Vaca Secretary

Lynn Simmons Clerk

Roy Valdez Trustee

Annie Davidian Trustee

Delbert Quintana Trustee