



Mountain Grove Elementary School District Interim Board



Board Meeting Agenda of the Mountain Grove Interim School District Board

Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Location: Whitmore Elementary School
30611 Whitmore Road, Whitmore, CA 96096

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (4:00 P.M.) by Shane Kidson at 4:09 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Shane Kidson
3. **OATH OF OFFICE**
 - 3.1 Administer Oath of Office - Fred Newell
Tony Moebes administered the Oath of Office to Fred Newell.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**
 - 4.1 Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes, July 29, 2026
James Henderson made the motion to approve Consent Agenda.
Seconded by Fred Newell
Roll Call
Shelly Case: Ayes
Shane Kidson: Ayes
James Henderson: Ayes
Fred Newell: Ayes
John Rodrigues: Ayes
Motion passed
5. **APPROVE AGENDA ORDER**

James Henderson made the motion to approve Agenda Order.
Seconded by Shelly Case
Roll Call
Shelly Case: Ayes
Shane Kidson: Ayes
James Henderson: Ayes
Fred Newell: Ayes
John Rodrigues: Ayes
Motion passed
6. **PUBLIC FORUM & COMMENTS**

Shelly Case, Board Member, expressed pride in the progress the Board had made since the first meeting noting the group had come together with a common goal and was moving forward effectively despite a challenging start.
7. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - 7.1 Adopt Board Goals with focus on creating a legally compliant, financially stable, operationally ready district
James Henderson made the motion to adopt Board Goals.
Seconded by Fred Newell

The board discussed the key goals for the new district, Tony Moebes noting these would likely be revisited by the elected board in December or January.

Key areas included:

Goal 1: Ensure a successful district transition.

Goal 2: Establish effective governance.

Goal 3: Ensure fiscal stewardship.

Goal 4: Achieve operational readiness.

Goal 5: Build community confidence.

Goal 6: Develop the district identity.

Roll Call

Shelly Case: Ayes

Shane Kidson: Ayes

James Henderson: Ayes

Fred Newell: Ayes

John Rodrigues: Ayes

Motion passed

7.2 Adopt Board Communication Protocols

Shelly Case made the motion to adopt Board Communication Protocols.

Seconded by John Rodrigues

Highlighted key areas included:

Speaking as one unified board voice.

Communication with the superintendent, staff, and public.

Email communication and Brown Act compliance.

Media relations and social media guidelines.

Confidential information handling.

Transition year communication expectations.

Roll Call

Shelly Case: Ayes

Shane Kidson: Ayes

James Henderson: Ayes

Fred Newell: Ayes

John Rodrigues: Ayes

Motion passed

7.3 Adopt Delegation of Authority – Resolution 2026-2027-2

James Henderson made the motion to adopt Delegation of Authority, Resolution 2026-2027-2.

Tony Moebes will check with Lozano Smith to confirm the Delegation of authority resolution includes the authority to open a bank account for the District.

Seconded by Shelly Case

Roll Call

Shelly Case: Ayes

Shane Kidson: Ayes

James Henderson: Ayes

Fred Newell: Ayes

John Rodrigues: Ayes

Motion passed

7.4 Adopt Board Meeting Procedures

Shelly Case made the motion to adopt Board Meeting Procedures.

Seconded by Fred Newell

Roll Call

Shelly Case: Ayes

Shane Kidson: Ayes

James Henderson: Ayes

Fred Newell: Ayes

John Rodrigues: Ayes

Motion passed

7.5 Adopt Transition Communication Plan

Fred Newell made the motion to adopt Transition Communication Plan.

Seconded by James Henderson

Tony Moebes outlined the communication goals: keeping stakeholders informed, building trust, establishing the new district identity, supporting employees, and preparing families. He said website development is underway and expected to launch by November/December.

Roll Call

Shelly Case: Ayes

Shane Kidson: Ayes

James Henderson: Ayes

Fred Newell: Ayes

John Rodrigues: Ayes

Motion passed

8. DISCUSSION

8.1 Discuss Superintendent Evaluation Process

Tony Moebes discussed the superintendent and board evaluation processes, recommending adoption of existing evaluation systems from both districts once the elected board takes office in December.

8.2 Discussion First Read Board Bylaws

Tony Moebes said the Board Bylaws will be adopted at next month's meeting.

8.3 Discuss First Read Adopted Mountain Union Board Policies, Regulations and Exhibits

Tony Moebes discussed the progress on updating policies, noting that Mountain Union had been maintaining updates while Whitmore had not done so for several years. He explained that existing policies on the Mountain Union website could be easily migrated to the new district website, requiring only minor updates to letterhead and binders.

Next Board Meeting is September 23. Whitmore's Open House is September 1 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Open House for Montgomery Creek School is September 2 at 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tony Moebes invited Board Members to attend.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Shane Kidson adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

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