



Moapa Valley High School Organizational Team



MOAPA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SOT MEETING 6/16/2021 Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

Hal Mortensen, Korey Johnson, Kenna Higgins, Dallas Larsen, Mark Cottle, Bryan Linford, Louise Culler, Christie Lewis, Brayden Johnson, Donna Swanson, Lisa Cornwall, Ted Biggs, Terry Holzer, Marquessa Aikele, Chad Leavitt, Jodi Thornley, Lindsey Dalley, Annalyn James (by proxy Terry Holzer)

II. REVIEW/ APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mark proposed minutes be approved. Kenna approved minutes, Terry seconded. Minutes were approved as amended, unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (3 min ea.)

Discussion among teachers that dress code this fall should be more strictly enforced. All agreed dress code, tardy policy and all general school rules should be upheld better in the coming year.

IV. GENERAL MATTERS (H. Mortensen)

A. Staffing Issues

1- Custodian Vacancy

There is an 8 hour position available. No one applied for the job, but Hal has someone in mind. (A floater currently working 3 days a week here) The individual is still on probation and cannot apply for a new position for 4 months. We can try to fill with someone else or wait out the 4 months short staffed. Dallas proposed we wait the 4 months, Terry seconded it.

2- Career College Specialist

The situation is evolving and more information is forthcoming on whether or not we need to fill our Career & College Specialist position.

Side Note: Denise is retiring, effective today. A few ideas in mind on how to replace her position. Board feels sad to lose her and commented on the amazing things Denise was able to continue to do through the pandemic.

3- Extra funding for teacher position(s)?

Incoming 9th graders were left with not enough seats in elective classes, due to CTE class reduction requirements. Even going from 6 periods to 8 did not open enough classes. The new FLEX credits needed for graduation require more classes per kid, also putting strain on the schedule. Hal has requested funding for 2 more teachers, and multiple requests have been denied. Next, he requested for 5 prep buyouts and CTE granted the request. (This will solve the 9th grade schedule issue)

Hal gave a presentation:

Carryover dollars will come in the Fall or early Winter. It will be used for:

- Fencing between 200/300 and 300/400 hallways outside
- Custodial supplies
- \$32,000 additional prep buyouts for Lewis, Lee, O'Toole, Garlick, Biggs
- \$31,172 will carry over to next year

2021/2022 Funds:

\$166,510 General Supplies

\$259 Hope2

\$76,125 Academic Support Funding (Covid 19)

\$242,894 Sub Total

\$31,712 Carryover from 20/21

\$274,066 TOTAL

“Rural allotment” creates an issue when it looks like we have money but it’s tied up.

-\$58,700 (\$18,700 Athletics, \$10,000 for dept funds, \$10,000 tech., \$5,000 grounds, \$5,000 custodial, \$10,000 misc)

\$215,366 Remainder

**We have 2 years’ worth of supplies (paper, ink, toner, etc)

Attrition dollars forthcoming in October. (may be limited) 19/20 resulted in \$82,000 which is paying for security fencing.

Recommendation for \$215,366

#1 Use the funds for 1-2 teachers and run the risk of surplus and seniority because its not allocated for teachers and unsure what the new funding formula based on per pupil allocation of \$88,810 or \$177,620. 581projected students for fall 21/22

Hal proposes to

-Hire an English Teacher (\$215,366- \$88,810 = \$126,556) Risk Surplus**

A discussion ensued regarding the addition of a full time english teacher. It was decided to hire a full time English teacher and a new full time Ag Teacher.

\$126,556 recommendations

#2 Interactive screens (\$150,00 for 25, \$90,000 for 15, \$48,000 for 8)

#3 Remove the effervescent off exterior brick

#4 Dust collector

#5 Culinary Arts Remodel

#6 Two shipping containers/ roof structure for storage of orange carts, gators, mowers

Discussion about maybe using some of these funds instead to add to each department's budget. Cottle suggests we table this until teachers can talk to the department heads for ideas on how to best spend the money.

Options for Band/Choir/Guitar:

Discussion to hire a full time choir/orchestra director, this item of business has been tabled until further.

Sidenote: Lindsey asked Jodi to hop on to discuss how the meeting with Jarra went.

Jodi Thornley summarized her meeting with Jarra. They questioned: Why can't each SOT determine how the money is spent? Sounds like budget teams are pre-decided and plan to keep money central to be spent in predetermined ways. Lindsey feels strongly that rural schools have different needs and we should be allowed to decide how best to spend our money for our school.

B. CCSD Community Call

1- SOT Representation at Thursday event

Kenna will attend and report to SOT at the next meeting.

2- NV State Board Education meeting report

Lindsey brought up- At the state board there is a disconnect between Horsford & CCSD. Jarra is blaming the SOT's for his problems. Many SOT members testified as well as principals on the importance of SOT. The state told the district they need a deadline for new SLA's responsibilities. There is an illusion of autonomy.

V. Further Public Comment (3 min ea.)

No comments

VI. Adjourn