MONTE RIO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
NO Closed Session ~ Open session: 6:00 pm
MRS Library & Virtual Option:

https://zoom.us/j/98690872967?pwd=9nLaiiDqeo4umexfXqOE0JWltukDMJ.1

~Minutes~

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Establish Quorum:
-Renata Foucre, President
-Craig Baker, Vice President
-Mary Cowan Baker, Clerk
-Melissa Frost, Trustee
-Michael Wilder, Trustee (sworn in during this meeting)

~Renata Foucre called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
~Quorum established. All present.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

~Renata Foucre called for a motion to approve the agenda.
~Craig Baker moved, Mary Baker seconded.
~Ayes-4/Uanimous.
~Motion approved.
~No public comments.

3.0 REPORTS AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 Monte Rio Teachers Association

~Angie Bhana reported on the TK/K class, which was recently visited by the Charles Schulz Museum. For March, they are working on a leprechaun theme, incorporating gold coins for math and an art project on the idea that "kindness is golden." The students also learned a song about the months of the year. Angie is creating emotion toolboxes for the TK/K students. She shared that in 3rd and 4th grades, the focus was on African hair, with students reading stories in honor of Black History Month. Middle school students are making miniature zen gardens for calming time in class. Angie mentioned PAL Dog visits have been successful.

6.2 CSEA/Classified

~Kathleen Young praised the paraprofessionals for their excellent support during lunch, noting their improved organization. She shared that she completed Phase 1 of her state audit, which lasted 6 hours, and that the reviewer commended the efficient operation and mostly scratch-made food. Kathleen said there may be one finding, and the required paperwork must be uploaded by the 23rd.

6.3 School Site Council

~Liza Eichert said the site council meeting is on Thursday, with the focus being on the Wellness Policy and the latest draft of the Safety plan.

6.4. Parents' Organization

~Renata Foucre shared a note from Colin Mutchler, who couldn't attend. The note indicated that parents have been responsive when contacted, and that "Coffee with the Principal" has effectively brought them together. Upcoming events include "Books and Beyond" and the Movie Night fundraiser. Colin suggested that the Parents' Club may need to enhance outreach beyond ParentSquare, possibly by creating a text message phone tree. He also noted that the last basketball game is on Tuesday, March 24, and that more volunteers are needed for Spring Fest.

6.5 Trustees Report

~No report

6.6 Principal Report

~Liza Eichert reported that the Coffee with the Principal event was successful, showcasing presentations from Vanessa's class on personal history projects. She is focusing on library renovations and will catalog and order new books. The Books and Beyond games and a fundraiser for playground equipment at the Monte Rio Theater are scheduled for Friday. Maintenance progress includes installing upstairs bathroom stalls, working on fencing, clearing the preschool yard (which starts tomorrow), and ordering new drinking fountains. Liza plans to propose updates for the multi-purpose room at the next meeting. Staff evaluations will be completed by the end of the month, after nearly seven years. In April, Liza said she will evaluate classified staff. She shared that she has been working in the SPED room on Mondays, but next year, Emmy Wagner will be available as the SPED teacher for three days. Liza, Onie, and Barbara discussed opening an on-site preschool with River to Coast within the next year.

6.7 ENROLLMENT REPORT

TK/K –	7
1/2 –	11
3/4 –	14
5-6 –	11
7/8 –	14
Total	57

4.0 CONSENT

Action

The following items are considered routine and non-controversial. The Board is asked to approve these items as a block.

7.1 Minutes Regular Meeting February 17, 2026

7.2 WARRANTs

7.3 Donation of old library books and expired textbooks

~Renata Foucre called for a motion to approve the consent agenda as a block.
~Mary Baker moved, Melissa Frost seconded.
~Ayes - 4/Uanimous.
~Motion approved.

5.0 Discussion and/or Possible Action Items

5.1 **Oath of Office taken by Michael Wilder**

The Board President, Renata Foucre, will administer the Oath of Office.

~Renata Foucre administered the oath of office to new trustee Michael Wilder.

5.2. **Discussion/Action - Consideration and Approval of Updated Wellness Policy (2025–2026)**

Consideration and approval of the required Wellness Policy.

Presented by Liza Eichert, Principal

~Liza gave the board a summary of the Wellness Policy, which needed to be updated due to the Food Services Audit, and the board discussed it.
~Renata Foucre called for a motion to approve
~Mary Baker moved, Craig Baker seconded.
~Ayes - 5/Unanimous.
~Motion approved.

5.3 **Presentation of Portrait of a Graduate Program implementation, Board Priorities: Culture, Systems**.

Presented by Liza Eichert, Principal

~Liza Eichert discussed with the board the Portrait of a Graduate implementation, accompanied by a slideshow of the POG development, which started last year.

5.4 **Discussion/Action - Establish Ad Hoc Board Committee to review new board policies and Recommend Changes to the Board for consideration in Public Session.**

Limited to 2-3 trustees,

Presented by President Renata Foucre

~Renata Foucre proposed that an Ad Hoc committee be established to review the new board policies and Recommend Changes to the Board for consideration in Public Session.
~Renata Foucre volunteered for the committee, as did Michael Wilder.
~Renata Foucre asked for the motion to approve and establish an Ad Hoc committee to review new board policies.
~Mary Baker moved, Melissa Foucre seconded.
~Ayes - 5 / Unanimous.
~Motion approved.

6.0 BUSINESS

6.1 **Action - Approve Second Interim Report.**

The board is asked to approve the Second Interim Report. (See digital attachment)

Onie Garcia, CBO, will review the Second Interim Report.

~Onie Garcia presented and discussed the Second Interim Report with the board.
~Renata Foucre called for a motion to approve the Second Interim Report.
~Craig Baker moved, Mary Baker seconded.
~Ayes - 5. Unanimous.

10.0 ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETING AGENDAS

~The board discussed future agenda items.

- *Solar panel update*
- *Policy committee game plan*

~The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21, 2026

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

~Renata Foucre called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
~Mary Baker moved, Michael Wilder seconded.
~Ayes - 5/Uanimous.
~Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.