REGULAR MEETING - Sep 08, 2026, Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 3:30 PM

1111 Las Gallinas Avenue, San Rafael, CA Board Room

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Call to Order - President Curtis Robinson, M.D.

Open: 3:34 PM

1.02 Roll Call - Superintendent John Carroll

Present: Curtis Robinson, Cindy Johanson, Jill Sartori, Li DelPan, Marilyn Nemzer, Nancy McCarthy

1.03 Approval and Adoption of Agenda - President Curtis Robinson, M.D.

Moved for approval as presented by: Marilyn Nemzer; seconded by: Jill Sartori

Yea: Marilyn Nemzer, Curtis Robinson, Li DelPan, Cindy Johanson, Nancy McCarthy, and Jill Sartori

Motion Carries 6-0

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

2.01 Identification of persons wishing to address the Board on items on or not on the agenda - President Curtis Robinson, M.D.

This is an opportunity for the public to direct questions or comments related to the business of the County Office of Education concerning matters on or not on the agenda. No action can be taken by the Superintendent or Governing Board unless the matter is placed on an agenda. The Board has allocated 30 minutes for this agenda item. Speakers will be allocated one to three minutes. The time allotted per speaker will be dependent on the number of speakers.

No public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent items are of a routine nature or items for which no Board discussion is anticipated and for which the Superintendent recommends approval. The Board will take one action to approve the entire consent calendar. There will be one period for public comment on all matters appearing on the consent agenda.

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3.01 Approval of Minutes - Deputy Superintendent Jonathan Lenz

Recommended Action: Review and approve the August 11, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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3.02 Acceptance of Gifts - Deputy Superintendent Jonathan Lenz

Recommended Action: Review and accept the gifts received by the MCOE for the time period August 11, 2026, through September 8, 2026.

Acceptance of Gifts September 8, 2026.pdf

3.03 Temporary Certificates - Assistant Superintendent Janelle Campbell

Pursuant to Education Code section 44332, the Marin County Office of Education may issue Temporary County Certificates (TCC) to candidates after it has obtained all required documentation and determined that the candidate qualifies for a California educator credential. The TCC authorizes the teacher candidate to provide the services that the credential specifies in a Marin County public school classroom while the document is being processed by the State of California. The TCC is valid until the expiration date listed on the form or until the Commission on Teacher Credentialing grants or denies the credential application. The applicants on the attached list have been screened and found to meet all requirements, including a demonstration of basic skills and completion of a criminal background check. (Education Code 44332, 44332.5, 44332.6.)

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Recommended Action: Issue the Temporary County Certificates to the candidates as indicated on the attached.

Moved for approval as presented by: Jill Sartori; seconded by: Li DelPan

Yea: Marilyn Nemzer, Curtis Robinson, Li DelPan, Cindy Johanson, Nancy McCarthy, and Jill Sartori

Motion Carries 6-0

4. MARIN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORTS

4.01 Superintendent's Remarks - County Superintendent of Schools John Carroll

The Marin County Superintendent of Schools commented on the following items:

- With the start of school, MCOE was reported to have welcomed more than 240 special education students across 30 classrooms, 18 sites, and eight districts. The provision of staff professional development and student support services was also highlighted.
- Career technical education was reported to have expanded into Northern Marin County through programs at Novato High School. Appreciation was expressed to Novato Unified School District for its partnership.
- The Marin Middle School Athletic League was reported to have launched, offering multiple sports to middle school students throughout Marin County.

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- Dan McLaughlin was recognized as the 2027 Marin County Teacher of the Year for his 28 years of service to students and families.
- California's $10,000 student teacher stipend program was highlighted as an important support for aspiring educators.
- The importance of September being Suicide Awareness Prevention Month was recognized, with MCOE's prevention programs and resources, including 988, highlighted.
- The Board was reminded that the November Board meeting would be held at Walker Creek Ranch at 3:30 p.m. and would include an annual update regarding the programming available at Walker Creek Ranch.
- An update was provided on the Trustee Area 2 provisional appointment process, including the application process and September 17, 2026, Special Meeting to identify a candidate for the provisional appointment.
- Patty Garbarino was recognized for her service to the Board and Marin County schools.

4.02 Student Programming Updates - Deputy Superintendent Jonathan Lenz

Staff will provide an overview of the Marin County Office of Education's 2025–2026 summer student programs, as well as an update on student programming for the 2026–2027 academic year.

The following attachment were reviewed at the meeting:

September 2026 MCOE School and Program Updates BOE Report (1).pdf

4.03 County Committee on School District Organization Election: Supervisorial District 4, Supervisorial District 5, and the At-Large Seat - Deputy Superintendent Jonathan Lenz

Deputy Superintendent Lenz will present information on the upcoming County Committee on School District Organization election for the Supervisorial District 4, 5 and At-Large seats.

2026 County Committee on School District Organization Election Overview.pdf

CCSDO Policy Governing Election.pdf

County Committee on School District Organization Overview and Purpose.pdf

Current Marin County CCSDO Committee Members.pdf

Marin County CCSDO District Map.pdf

4.04 Special Recognition - County Superintendent of Schools John Carroll

The County Superintendent of Schools will recognize Patty Garbarino for her many years of dedicated service as a Member of the Marin County Board of Education and her leadership serving as President of the Board.

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The following attachment was presented at the meeting:

Special Recognition Patricia Garbarino.pdf

5. PUBLIC HEARING

5.01 Public Hearing: Sufficiency of Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Materials for the Schools of the Marin County Office of Education - Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lisa Miller

The Board will conduct a Public Hearing regarding the sufficiency of pupil textbooks and instructional materials for the schools of the Marin County Office of Education, as required by California Education Code section 60119.

The public hearing opened at 4:30 p.m. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lisa Miller provided the Board with an overview of the requirements and procedures for determining the sufficiency of instructional materials under the California Education Code. The public hearing concluded at 4:33 p.m.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.01 Resolution No. 1096: Resolution on Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for the Schools of the Marin County Office of Education (Roll Call Vote) - Dr. Lisa Miller

The Board will consider adoption of Resolution 1096 regarding the sufficiency of pupil textbooks and instructional materials for the schools of the Marin County Office of Education (MCOE).

Education Code Section 60119 requires the Board to hold an annual public hearing on or before the eighth week of school detailing the extent to which textbooks and instructional materials were provided to all pupils, including English learners, in MCOE programs. “Sufficient textbooks or instructional materials,” as that term is used by Section 60119, means that each pupil has a textbook or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home. The County Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board adopt Resolution 1096, finding that, for the 2026-2027 school year, the MCOE has provided each pupil with sufficient textbooks and instructional materials aligned to the academic content standards and consistent with the cycles and content of the curriculum frameworks.

Resolution 1096 Sufficiency of Textbooks 2026-2027.pdf

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 1096: Resolution on Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for the Schools of the Marin County Office of Education

Moved for approval as presented by: Marilyn Nemzer; seconded by: Li DelPan

Yea: Marilyn Nemzer, Curtis Robinson, Li DelPan, Cindy Johanson, Nancy McCarthy, and Jill Sartori

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6.02 Marin County Board of Education Retreat Final Report and Annual Goals

Deputy Superintendent Lenz will provide an overview of the final report from the Board retreat, and the Board will review and consider the adoption of four (4) annual goals in the areas of strengthening governance and board effectiveness, establishing and advancing shared strategic priorities, strengthening Board-County Superintendent communication, and building a culture of continuous improvement.

MCBOE 2026 Retreat Final Report.pdf

2026.2027 Board Annual Goals.pdf

The following attachment was presented at the meeting:

Marin County Board of Education 2026 Annual Goals.pdf

Recommended Action: Adopt the strategic goals: Goal 1: Strengthen Governance and Board Effectiveness; Goal 2: Establish and Advance Shared Strategic Priorities; Goal 3: Strengthen Board-County Superintendent Communication; Goal 4: Build a Culture of Continuous Improvement

Moved for approval as presented by: Jill Sartori; seconded by: Marilyn Nemzer

Yea: Marilyn Nemzer, Curtis Robinson, Li DelPan, Cindy Johanson, and Jill Sartori

Abstain: Nancy McCarthy

Motion Carries 5-0

6.03 Resolution No. 1097: Resolution of the Marin County Board of Education Adopting Board Norms and Expectations to Support Effective Governance, Collaboration and Student-Centered Leadership - Deputy Superintendent Jonathan Lenz

The Board will consider adoption of Resolution Number 1097: Resolution of the Marin County Board of Education Adopting Board Norms and Expectations to Support Effective Governance, Collaboration and Student-Centered Leadership.

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Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 1097: Resolution of the Marin County Board of Education Adopting Board Norms and Expectations to Support Effective Governance, Collaboration and Student-Centered Leadership

Moved for approval as presented by: Marilyn Nemzer; seconded by: Jill Sartori

Yea: Marilyn Nemzer, Curtis Robinson, Li DelPan, Cindy Johanson, and Jill Sartori

Abstain: Nancy McCarthy

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6.04 California School Employees Association's Appointment of a Member of the Marin County Office of Education's Personnel Commission - Senior Director of Personnel / Human Resources and Secretary of the Personnel Commission Jason Richardson

In accordance with Education Code section 45245, one member of the personnel commission shall be nominated by the classified employees of the Marin County Office of Education (MCOE) and the governing board of the MCOE shall appoint the nominee.

This item is presented for Board action.

26-27 FOSTER_CSEA Nomination_Personnel Commission Appointment_08.26.26.pdf

Recommended Action: Appoint Paulette Foster to the Marin County Office of Education Personnel Commission

Moved for approval as presented by: Marilyn Nemzer; seconded by: Li DelPan

Yea: Marilyn Nemzer, Curtis Robinson, Li DelPan, Cindy Johanson, Nancy McCarthy, and Jill Sartori

Motion Carries 6-0

6.05 Marin Adult Education Program Consortium Member Appointments - County Superintendent of Schools John Carroll

This item seeks Board approval of the County Superintendent of Schools' recommendation to appoint Assistant Superintendent Adam Jennings as a Voting Member Representative and Director Jesse Madsen as an Alternate Member to the Marin Adult Education Program Consortium (MAEP).

The California Adult Education Program (CAEP) is a statewide initiative funding 71 regional consortia. The Marin County Office of Education (MCOE) is a member of the MAEP, the regional consortium for Marin County. The MAEP serves the educational and workforce needs of adults in Marin County and offers free classes countywide in English as a Second Language, preparation for the General Educational Development exam and high school diploma, short-term career training, and parent-child success classes.

Education Code section 84905(c) requires the governing board of a consortium member agency to formally approve its designated representative(s).

Board approval of Assistant Superintendent Jennings as a Voting Member Representative and Director Madsen as an Alternate Member will authorize them to act on behalf of the MCOE for MAEP consortium business.

Recommended Action: Approve the County Superintendent of Schools' recommendation to appoint Assistant Superintendent Adam Jennings as a Voting Member Representative and Director Jesse Madsen as an Alternate Member to the MAEP

Moved for approval as presented by: Jill Sartori; seconded by: Marilyn Nemzer

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Yea: Marilyn Nemzer, Curtis Robinson, Li DelPan, Cindy Johanson, Nancy McCarthy, and Jill Sartori

Motion Carries 6-0

7. MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

7.01 Reports from Board Members and Items Introduced by Board Members - President Curtis Robinson, M.D.

A. Marin County School Board Association Report

Member Nemzer reported:

- The August 27 Session One: Foundations of Special Education meeting was well attended by districts throughout Marin County and provided an overview of special education and the coordination of federal, state, and local systems. Appreciation was extended to Larkspur-Corte Madera School District and the Marin County SELPA office for their support and leadership. Session Two was reported to be scheduled for January 28 and will focus on special education implementation processes.
- The Board was reminded that the CCSDO annual election was scheduled for October 26 at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom, with nomination forms and additional information forthcoming. The New and Current Board Member Workshop Series was rescheduled from September 2026 to January 2027 and would cover general board governance and an overview of MCOE departments.

B. Marin Schools Efficiency and Effectiveness Collaborative Report

Member McCarthy reported:

- The Efficiency and Effectiveness Collaborative has not met since the last Board meeting. They are scheduled to meet on October 7, 2026, and will be discussing professional development and CTE programming.
- Member Li DelPan commented E2 only meets quarterly via Zoom.

C. Association of California County Boards of Education Report

Member Johanson reported:

- The Board was informed that ACCBE was beginning a CTE series with virtual sessions on September 10 and October 29, followed by an in-person site visit in San Diego on November 4. Marin County Superintendent of Schools Carroll, Jesse Madsen, and Member Johanson would represent Marin County.
- ACCBE is also partnering with UCLA to host a webinar on “Rethinking Success in Alternative Education” on October 6 at noon. The next Northern California Regional Conference was reported to be scheduled for April 9–10, 2027.

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.01 Adjournment - President Curtis Robinson, M.D.

5:13 PM

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Motion was made for adjournment by: Nancy McCarthy; seconded by: Li DelPan

Yea: Marilyn Nemzer, Curtis Robinson, Li DelPan, Cindy Johanson, Nancy McCarthy, and Jill Sartori

Motion Carries 6-0

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