MINUTES  
MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
January 19, 2021  

REGULAR BOARD MEETING  

**Pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order #N-25-20, the Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) conducted the Merced County Board of Education meeting at the regular time, in a different modality. MCOE used a webinar format (using Zoom) in order for the Board to participate remotely. There was no physical location for this meeting.**

I. Opening  
A. Board Vice Chairperson, Geneva Brett, called the regular meeting of the Merced County Board of Education to order at 3:00 PM.  
B. Members present were Geneva Brett, Frank Fagundes, Fred Honoré and Dennis Hanks. Chris Chavez was absent.  
C. Others Present: Nathan Quevedo, Jennifer Scheidt, Holly Newlon, Cindy Gentry, Cindy Heaton, Mark Pinto, Gigi Bettis, Susan Coston, Yolanda Campos-Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Steve M. Tietjen-County Superintendent.  

II. Consent Agenda  
Items listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine administrative functions and will be acted on by the Board in one motion and one vote. Any items under the Consent Agenda may be discussed; however, if the item needs further clarification and discussion, it may be removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of the Board or the Superintendent, and considered separately. Information concerning Consent Agenda items will be provided to each Board member for study prior to the meeting. It is understood that the Superintendent recommends approval of all consent items, unless otherwise noted. (Board Bylaw 9322)  

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting on December 14, 2020  
B. Resolution No. 2021-01 Recognizing February 2021 as Black American History Month  
C. Regional Occupational Program (ROP) Adult Programs  

**Dennis Hanks** moved and **Fred Honoré** seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.  

III. Written Communications  
A. Correspondence Received By Chairperson: None.  
B. Correspondence Received By Board Members: None.  
C. Correspondence Received By Superintendent: None.  

IV. Call for Public Comments on Agenda & Non-Agenda Items  
The public was invited to address agenda items, submit items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board for future consideration, or speak to issues related to the function and operation of the County Board of Education.  

**Public Comments:** MCOE has taken steps to utilize technology to encourage full public participation during upcoming meetings in order to comply with public health guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic. Accessibility to members of the public will be via conference call during the scheduled meetings and/or request to address the Board by completing the PDF form and submitting it to Yolanda Campos, Senior Executive Assistant to the County Superintendent at ycampos@mcoe.org. Please call Yolanda Campos at (209) 381-6603 with any questions.  

No comments were made.
V. Future Agenda Items

VI. Superintendent’s and Board Members’ Report (Information/Discussion Only)

A. Board Member’s Report (if any): Dennis Hanks informed the Board that the Annual MCSBA Fall Conference was moved from March 2021 to October 8-10, 2021.

B. Superintendent’s Report: Steve Tietjen reported on the following:

VII. Business Items for Action

A. Outstanding Employee Selection Committee

   It is recommended that the Board of Education select a Board Representative to serve on the Outstanding Employee Selection Committee (current rep: Frank)

   Dennis Hanks moved and Fred Honoré seconded a motion to select Frank Fagundes to serve as the Board Representative of the Outstanding Employee Selection Committee. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

B. MCSBA Executive Committee

   It is recommended that the Board of Education select a Board Representative to serve on the Merced County School Boards Association (MCSBA) Executive Committee. (current rep: Dennis) [2-year term]

   Frank Fagundes moved and Fred Honoré seconded a motion to select Dennis Hanks to serve as the Board Representative of the Merced County School Boards Association (MCSBA) Executive Committee. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

C. Head Start Policy Council

   It is recommended that the Board of Education select a Board Representative to serve on the Head Start Policy Council. (current rep: Geneva) [2-year term]

   Frank Fagundes moved and Dennis Hanks seconded a motion to select Geneva Brett to serve as the Board Representative of the Head Start Policy Council. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

D. Merced County Committee on School District Organization

   It is recommended that the Board of Education select a Board Representative to serve on the Merced County Committee on School District Organization. (current rep: Geneva) [4-yr term]

   Dennis Hanks moved and Fred Honoré seconded a motion to select Geneva Brett to serve as the Board Representative of the Merced County Committee on School District Organization. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.
E. Merced County Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Merced County Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule for July 2021 through June 2022.

**Dennis Hanks** moved and **Frank Fagundes** seconded a motion to approve the Merced County Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule for July 2021 through June 2022 as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

F. School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) 2019-2020

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2019-2020 School Accountability Report Cards for the following programs/schools: Valley Community School Atwater, Valley Community School Los Banos, Valley Community School Merced, Merced County Juvenile Hall Court School, Merced Scholars Charter School, and Come Back Charter School.

**Dennis Hanks** moved and **Fred Honore** seconded a motion to approve the 2019-2020 School Accountability Report Cards for the following programs/schools: Valley Community School Atwater, Valley Community School Los Banos, Valley Community School Merced, Merced County Juvenile Hall Court School, Merced Scholars Charter School, and Come Back Charter School. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

G. School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) 2019-2020

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2019-2020 School Accountability Report Cards for the following programs/schools: Merced County Office of Education Special Education and Schelby School.

**Frank Fagundes** moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to approve the 2019-2020 School Accountability Report Cards for the following programs/schools: Merced County Office of Education Special Education and Schelby School. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

X. Adjournment

**Dennis Hanks** moved and **Fred Honore** seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Merced County Board of Education at 3:22 PM. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve M. Tietjen, Ed.D.
County Superintendent of Schools
Secretary to the Board of Education

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