MINUTES
MERCEDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 15, 2021

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order #N-25-20, the Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) will be conducting the Merced County Board of Education meeting at the regular time, in a different modality. There will be no in-person public access to the meeting location. MCOE will be using a webinar format (using Zoom) in order for participation remotely. To join the meeting via Zoom visit this link: https://mcoe-org.zoom.us/j/92707425642?pwd=Q1JpG5oZHZZuT0dxampackVUZ1dFdz09 or by phone at: 1-669-900-6833. Meeting ID: 927 0742 5642 Passcode: 423656

I. Opening

A. Board Chairperson, Chris Chavez, called the regular meeting of the Merced County Board of Education to order at 3:00 PM.

B. Members present were Chris Chavez, Geneva Brett, Frank Fagundes, Fred Honoré, and Dennis Hanks.

C. Others Present: Mary Farmer, Susan Coston, Janette Alvarado, Laura Andrews, LaRhonda Batson, Cecilia Casillas, Nathan Quevedo, Jennifer Scheidt, Gigi Bettis, Christina Vera, Craig Nelson, Stephen Peck, Demetria McMullen, Janet Riley, Elvira Lopez-Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Steve M. Tietjen-County Superintendent.

II. Flag Salute – Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

III. Presentation

A. Presentation of Plaques to MCOE Outstanding Classified, Certificated, and Management Employees for the Quarter ending March 2021

1. Classified Employee: LaRae Demorest, Educational Services
2. Classified Employee: Mary Farmer, Special Education
3. Certificated Employee: Janette Alvarado, Educational Services
4. Management Employees: Laura Andrews, Educational Services

Outstanding Employee Awards were presented to LaRae Demorest, Outstanding Classified Employee, Educational Services; Outstanding Classified Employees, Mary Farmer, Special Education; Certificated Employee Janette Alvarado with Educational Services; and Outstanding Management Employee Laura Andrews, Educational Services.

IV. 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 February 16, 2021
B. Resolution No. 2021-01 Recognizing April 10-16, 2021 Week of the Young Child

Dennis Hanks moved and Fred Honoré seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

V. Written Communications

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

VI. 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 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.

VII. Future Agenda Items

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

A. Board Member’s Report (if any): None.
B. Superintendent’s Report: Steve Tietjen reported on the following: School Safety and Covid Plan.

IX. Business Items for Action

A. Holiday Schedule for 2021-2022

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Holiday Schedule

Geneva Brett moved and Fred Honoré seconded a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Holiday Schedule as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

B. Board Bylaws

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Board Bylaws:
9012 – Board Member Electronic Communications
9320 – Meetings and Notices

Geneva Brett moved and Frank Fagundes seconded a motion to approve the Board Bylaws listed as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
C. **School Safety Reopening Plan & Covid-19 Prevention Program (CPP)**

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the School Safety Reopening Plan and Covid-19 Prevention Program (CPP) for Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) programs/schools. Both can be found on the MCOE website at [https://www.mcoe.org/Pages/Home.aspx](https://www.mcoe.org/Pages/Home.aspx)

1. Open Public Hearing: Chris Chavez opened the public hearing.
2. Close Public Hearing: No public comments were made. The public hearing was closed.

**Dennis Hanks** moved and **Frank Fagundes** seconded a motion to approve the School Safety Reopening Plan and Covid-19 Prevention Program (CPP) for Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) programs/schools found on the MCOE website at [https://www.mcoe.org/Pages/Home.aspx](https://www.mcoe.org/Pages/Home.aspx). The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

D. **2020-2021 Second Interim Report**

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Second Interim Report and the Criteria and Standards Review – Second Interim Report

1. Approve and Authorize Superintendent to Sign Notice of Review

**Frank Fagundes** moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to approve the Second Interim Report and the Criteria and Standards Review – Second Interim Report. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

X. **Adjournment**

**Dennis Hanks** moved and **Fred Honoré** seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Merced County Board of Education at 3:40 PM. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Steve M. Tierjen, Ed.D.
County Superintendent of Schools
Secretary to the Board of Education

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