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/96771955401?pwd=bFj4VjB3Z1czLy9FZ2NrcGSG5DZ4UT09 or by phone at: 1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID: 967 7195 5401 Passcode: 196842

I. Opening
A. Board Vice Chairperson, Geneva Brett, called the regular meeting of the Merced County Board of Education to order at 3:01 PM.
B. Members present were Geneva Brett, Fred Honoré, and Dennis Hanks. Chris Chavez and Frank Fagundes were absent.
C. Others Present: Monica Maldonado, Ceci Perez, Maira Noriega, Linda Wilson, Sherri Johnson, Rebecca Lincoln, Candace Camacho, Jesus Cisneros, Daphne Post, Lyalla Dias, Toua Moua, Dora Robles, Kristie Williams, Nou Chee Xiong, Holly Newlon, Bill Williams, Elvira Lopez, Jennifer Scheidt, Gigi Bettis, Janet Riley, Yolanda Campos-Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Steve M. Tietjen-County Superintendent.

II. Flag Salute – Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

III. 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 March 15, 2021
B. Minutes of Special Meeting on March 15, 2021
C. Retirement Resolution:
   1. Resolution No. 2021-06 Honoring Linda Elliott-Wilson

Retiree Linda Elliott-Wilson thanked everyone for their support throughout her career.

Dennis Hanks moved and Fred Honoré seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0-2 (Chavez & Fagundes absent).
IV. Written Communications

A. Correspondence Received By Chairperson: None.

B. Correspondence Received By Board Members:
   1. Annual MCSBA Fall Conference, October 8-10, 2021 to be held at Hyatt Regency Monterey – Board Member, Dennis Hanks informed the Board of the registration deadline.

C. Correspondence Received By Superintendent: None.

V. 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.

VI. Future Agenda Items

VII. Superintendent's and Board Members' Report (Information/Discussion Only)


B. Public Input on Sunshine 2020-2021 Bargaining Unit Proposal from Merced County Office of Teachers Association (MCOTA). The public was invited to provide input on the proposal. Jennifer Scheidt gave kudos to teachers and staff for ‘thinking out-of-the-box’ during this pandemic and continuing to provide for the needs of our students.

C. Sunshine 2020-2021 Bargaining Unit Proposal from MCOE to Merced County Office Teachers Association (MCOTA). The 2020-2021 Bargaining Unit proposal from MCOE to MCOTA was sunshined.

D. Board Member's Report (if any): None.

E. Superintendent's Report: Steve Tietjen reported on the following:
   1. Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Plan – May Board agenda item.
   2. Covid-19 Update – Merced County is now in the red tier; In-person Graduations.
   3. Legislation – Inter-district transfers; student retention.
VIII. Business Items for Action

A. MCOE Employee Recognition Resolutions

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve MCOE Employee Recognition Resolutions as submitted.

1. Resolution No. 2021-07 in Recognition of California Day of the Teacher, May 12, 2021, Merced County Office Teachers Association (MCOTA)
2. Resolution No. 2021-08 in Recognition of California Day of the Teacher, May 12, 2021, CSEA Chapter 856, Unit B – Head Start
3. Resolution No. 2021-09 in Recognition of Classified School Employee's Recognition Week – May 16-22, 2021, CSEA Chapter 541
4. Resolution No. 2021-10 in Recognition of Classified School Employee's Recognition Week – May 16-22, 2021, CSEA Chapter 856, Unit A – Head Start

Dennis Hanks moved and Fred Honoré seconded a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Holiday Schedule as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0-2 (Chavez & Fagundes absent).

X. Adjournment

Fred Honoré moved and Dennis Hanks seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Merced County Board of Education at 3:37 PM. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0-2 (Chavez & Fagundes absent).

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

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

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