MINUTES
MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 17, 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/99245651414?pwd=ZG4vVVWSQzh0T2hSS0VwYTF0eFJZdz09 or by phone at: 1-669-900-6833. Meeting ID: 992 4565 1414 Passcode: 129109

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, and Dennis Hanks. Frank Fagundes arrived at 3:05pm. Fred Honoré was absent.
   C. Others Present: Laura Andrews, Cindy Gentry, Mark Pintor, Maria Duran-Barajas, May T. Moua, LaRhonda Batson, Nathan Quevedo, Jennifer Scheidt, Gigi Bettis, Elvira Lopez, Susan Coston, Eva Chavez, Janet Riley, 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 April 19, 2021
      Geneva Brett moved and Dennis Hanks seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0-2 (Fagundes & Honoré absent).

III. Written Communications
   A. Correspondence Received By Chairperson: None.
   B. Correspondence Received By Board Members: None.
   C. Correspondence Received By Superintendent:
      1. Anonymous letters from parents regarding students going back to school - letters were forwarded to School District Superintendents.

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 Zoom 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 ycampab@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. Public Input on Sunshine 2021-2024 Bargaining Unit Proposal from MCOE to Merced County Office of Teachers Association (MCOTA). The public was invited to provide input on the proposal. No comments were made.

B. Public Input on Sunshine 2021-2024 Bargaining Unit Proposal from MCOE to California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 856 Unit A & B. The public was invited to provide input on the proposal. No comments were made.

C. Public Input on Sunshine 2021-2024 Bargaining Unit Proposal from California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 856 Unit A & B. The public was invited to provide input on the proposal. No comments were made.

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

E. Superintendent's Report: Steve Tietjen reported on the following:
   1. Public Health Covid-19 Update
   2. Calling Special Elections for Los Banos Unified School District Governing Board
   3. Budget – May Revision
   4. Merced County Committee on School District Organization redistricting in October

VII. **Business Items for Action**

A. **Uniform Complaint Report Summary**

   It is recommended that the Board of Education review and approve the Uniform Complaint Report Summary for Quarterly Period January 2021 through March 2021

   **Geneva Brett** moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to approve the Uniform Complaint Report Summary for Quarterly Period January 2021 through March 2021. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1 (**Honore absent**).

   *Board Member, Frank Fagundes disconnected at 3:20pm.*

B. **Sale or Disposal of Surplus Property** [Resolution No. 2021-11]

   It is recommended that the Board of Education review and adopt Resolution No. **2021-11** Authorizing the Sale of Portable Building to the Stanislaus County Office of Education

   **Dennis Hanks** moved and **Geneva Brett** seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-11 Authorizing the Sale of Portable Building to the Stanislaus County Office of Education. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0-2 (**Fagundes & Honore absent**).
C. Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant Plans

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant Plans for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for Schools Operated by the Merced County Office of Education including Charters in compliance with Assembly Bill 86 and Education Code 43521(b), 43522(e)

Geneva Brett moved and Dennis Hanks seconded a motion to approve the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant Plans for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for Schools Operated by the Merced County Office of Education including Charters in compliance with Assembly Bill 86 and Education Code 43521(b), 43522(e). The motion carried with a vote of 3-0-2 (Fagundes & Honoré absent).

D. Merced County School Board Association (MCSBA) Fall Conference

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize Board Members attendance at the MCSBA Fall Conference Summit for Educational Excellence, October 8-10, 2021, Hyatt Regency, Monterey

Dennis Hanks moved and Geneva Brett seconded a motion to authorize Board Members attendance at the MCSBA Fall Conference Summit for Educational Excellence, October 8-10, 2021, Hyatt Regency, Monterey. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0-2 (Fagundes & Honoré absent).

E. California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Annual Fall Conference

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize Board Members attendance at the CCBE Annual Fall Conference, September 10-12, 2021, Hyatt Regency, Monterey

Dennis Hanks moved and Geneva Brett seconded a motion to authorize Board Members attendance at the CCBE Annual Fall Conference, September 10-12, 2021, Hyatt Regency, Monterey. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0-2 (Fagundes & Honoré absent).

F. CSBA 2021 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize Board Members attendance at the California School Boards Association (CSBA) 2021 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show, In-person: December 2-4, 2021 held at the San Diego Convention Center or Virtually: December 9-10, 2021

Dennis Hanks moved and Geneva Brett seconded a motion to authorize Board Members attendance at the CSBA 2021 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show, In-person: December 2-4, 2021 held at the San Diego Convention Center or Virtually: December 9-10, 2021. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0-2 (Fagundes & Honoré absent).

The Board identified closed session agenda item(s) and proceeded into Closed Session.
VIII. Closed Session Pursuant to Education Code 35146 for Board to Meet as Thurman Agricultural Scholarship Committee to Review Applications

The Board will proceed into Open Session.

A. Selection of 2022 Thurman Agricultural Scholarship Recipient

Dennis Hanks moved and Geneva Brett seconded the motion to select Maartje Vander Dussen of Stoneridge High School as the recipient of the 2021 Thurman Agricultural Scholarship for Merced County. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0-2 (Fagundes & Honoré absent).

X. Adjournment

Dennis Hanks moved and Geneva Brett seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Merced County Board of Education at 3:31 PM. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0-2 (Fagundes & Honoré absent).

Respectfully submitted,

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

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