MINUTES
MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 14, 2021

SPECIAL 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/93829135971?pwd=RGRhSDEvM2FBRGY1OWtQTzMrQWqrZz09 or by phone at: 1-669-900-6833. Meeting ID: 938 2913 5971 Passcode: 030968

I. Opening

A. Board Chairperson, Chris Chavez, called the special meeting of the Merced County Board of Education to order at 3:02 PM.

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

C. Others Present: Cecilia Casillas, Beth Smith, Cindy Gentry, Mark Pintor, Craig Nelson, Cody Smith, May T. Moua, Holly Newlon, Maira Noriega, Tony Smith, Kristie Williams, Maria Duran-Barajas, Nina Mendoza, Ceci Perez, Jennifer Scheidt, Gigi Bettis, Elvira Lopez, John Magneson, Eva L. 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. Retirement Resolution(s):
   1. Resolution No. 2021-12 Honoring Elizabeth (Beth) Smith

Dennis Hanks moved and Geneva Brett seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (Honoré absent).

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 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 ycAMP@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 Hearing – Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) with Budget Overview for Parents Review Merced Scholars Charter School in compliance with Education Code 52068(b)(1)

Mark Pintor presented the Merced Scholars Charter School LCAP with Budget Overview for Parents Review for Board review and public input.

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

B. Public Hearing – Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) with Budget Overview for Parents Review Come Back Charter School in compliance with Education Code 52068(b)(1)

Mark Pintor presented the Come Back Charter School LCAP with Budget Overview for Parents Review for Board review and public input.

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

C. Public Hearing – Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) with Budget Overview for Parents Review Merced County Office of Education Community and Court Schools in compliance with Education Code 52068(b)(1)

Cindy Gentry presented the MCOE Community and Court Schools LCAP with Budget Overview for Parents Review for Board review and public input.

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

D. Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Disclosure 2021-2024 California School Employees Association (CSEA) #541 in compliance with Government Code 3547.5 – Janet Riley presented the proposed agreement between MCOE & CSEA #541 Bargaining Unit. No public comments were made.

E. Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Disclosure 2021-2024 Merced County Office Teachers Association (MCOTA) in compliance with Government Code 3547.5 – Janet Riley presented the proposed agreement between MCOE & MCOTA. No public comments were made.
F. **Public Hearing** – 2021-2022 MCOE Budget Review in compliance with Education Code 1620

Review of the 2021-2022 MCOE Budget: Janet Riley presented the 2021-2022 Budget for Board review and public input.

1. Open Public Hearing: Chris Chavez opened the public hearing.

2. Close Public Hearing: No public comments were made. The public hearing was closed.

G. **Board Member’s Report (if any):** Geneva Brett and Frank Fagundes spoke on the experience of serving on the Scholarship Committee. They both were impressed with the students wanting to serve the community; it was heartwarming.

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

1. August 5<sup>th</sup> MCOE Kickoff
2. Dedication Ceremony for Colleen Menefee

VII. **Business Items for Action**


It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 2021-13 Determining How the Moneys Received from the Education Protection Account (2021-2022) are spent at the Merced County Office of Education

1. Open Public Hearing: Chris Chavez opened the public hearing.

2. Close Public Hearing: No public comments were made. The public hearing was closed.

3. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-13 Determining How the Moneys Received from the Education Protection Account (2021-2022) are spent at the Merced County Office of Education

Frank Fagundes moved and Geneva Brett seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-13 Determining How the Moneys Received from the Education Protection Account (2021-2022) are spent at the Merced County Office of Education. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (Honoré absent).

B. **Resolution Bridge Financing** [Resolution No. 2021-14]

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 2021-14 Authorizing the Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) use General Fund expenditures on State Funded Facility Project while the MCOE proceeds with Facility Financial Hardship Application

Geneva Brett moved and Dennis Hanks seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-14 Authorizing the Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) use General Fund expenditures on State Funded Facility Project while the MCOE proceeds with Facility Financial Hardship Application. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (Honoré absent).
VIII. Call for Public Comments Identified Closed Session Agenda Items
The public was invited to address identified closed session agenda items prior to adjournment into Closed Session.

No public comments were made.

IX. Closed Session
Conference with real property negotiator, property management, Steve M. Tietjen, Negotiator of Real Property/Land Development issues, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.

X. Open Session
The Board discussed issues relating to land development and provided direction to staff.

Dennis Hanks moved and Frank Fagundes seconded the motion to authorize staff to open the land negotiation process. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (Honore absent).

XI. Adjournment
Geneva Brett moved and Dennis Hanks seconded the motion to adjourn the special meeting of the Merced County Board of Education at 4:29 PM. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (Honore absent).

Respectfully submitted,

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

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