MINUTES
MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 20, 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/97511728893?pwd=UkgvK1B1VEVzR2pTYmMyNTNOM1dWQT09 or by phone at: 1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID: 975 1172 8893 Passcode: 268622

I. Opening
   A. Board Chairperson, Chris Chavez, called the regular meeting of the Merced County Board of Education to order at 3:01 PM.
   B. Members present were Chris Chave, Geneva Brett, Frank Fagundes, Fred Honoré, and Dennis Hanks.
   C. Others Present: Carol Mays, Nina Mendoza, Mark Pintor, Maritza Salgado, Denisse Soto, May T. Moua, LaRhonda Batson, Gigi Bettis, Jennifer Scheidt, John Magneson, Eva L. Chavez, Janet Riley, Yolanda Campos-Senior 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 September 2021
      1. Classified Employee: Carol Mays, Educational Services
      2. Classified Employee: Nina Mendoza, Human Resources
      3. Certificated Employee: Maria Villanueva, Education Services
      4. Management Employees: Maria Lopez, Human Resources

   Outstanding Classified, Certificated, and Management Employees for the Quarter ending September 2021 were recognized. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Outstanding Employees Awards could not be awarded in-person during the Board meeting.

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 August 16, 2021
   B. Resolution No. 2021-25 Recognizing September 2021 as School Attendance Awareness Month
   C. Resolution No. 2021-26 Recognizing October 10-16, 2021 as Week of the School Administrator
   D. Resolution No. 2021-27 Recognizing October 2021 as Character Education Month
   E. Retirement Resolution:
      1. Resolution No. 2021-28 Honoring Peggy LaRocque
      2. Resolution No. 2021-29 Honoring Daphne Post

   Geneva Brett moved and Dennis Hanks 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: Steve provided updates on the Regions of County Superintendent of Schools, STRS Sub-Committee, and Legislative Action Committee.

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 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 ycamps@mcoe.org. Please call Yolanda Campos at (209) 381-6603 with any questions.

None.

VII. Future Agenda Items

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

A. Board Member’s Report (if any): None.

B. Review & Discuss Board Bylaw:
   • 9250 – Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits

C. Superintendent’s Report: Steve Tietjen reported on the following:
   1. MCSBA Fall Conference – October 8-10, 2021
   2. Excellence in Education – October 7, 2021 – Virtually
   3. MCE Foundation Oktoberfest Fundraiser – October 23, 2021
   4. Camp Green Meadows Nurses Station

IX. Business Items for Action

A. Public Hearing – Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Textbooks

1. Review Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Textbooks for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in Schools Operated by the Merced County Office of Education in compliance with Education Code 60119

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

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

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Resolution No. 2021-30 Declaration of Sufficient Instructional Materials and Textbooks for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in Schools Operated by the Merced County Office of Education

Geneva Brett moved and Frank Fagundes seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-30 Declaration of Sufficient Instructional Materials and Textbooks for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in Schools Operated by the Merced County Office of Education. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
B. Public Hearing – Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Textbooks

1. Review Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Textbooks for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 at Merced Scholars Charter School Operated by the Merced County Office of Education in compliance with Education Code 60119

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

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

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Resolution No. 2021-31 Declaration of Sufficient Instructional Materials and Textbooks for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 at Merced Scholars Charter School Operated by the Merced County Office of Education

Dennis Hanks moved and Fred Honoré seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-31 Declaration of Sufficient Instructional Materials and Textbooks for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in Merced Scholars Charter School Operated by the Merced County Office of Education. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

C. Public Hearing – Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Textbooks

1. Review Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Textbooks for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 at Come Back Charter School Operated by the Merced County Office of Education in compliance with Education Code 60119

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

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

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Resolution No. 2021-32 Declaration of Sufficient Instructional Materials and Textbooks for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 at Come Back Charter School Operated by the Merced County Office of Education

Frank Fagundes moved and Geneva Brett seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-32 Declaration of Sufficient Instructional Materials and Textbooks for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in Merced Scholars Charter School Operated by the Merced County Office of Education. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

D. Independent Study Waiver

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Resolution No. 2021-33 Authorizing the Request Independent Study Waiver TK-6 Grade Levels for Valley Court and Community Schools

Fred Honoré moved and Dennis Hanks seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-33 Authorizing the Request Independent Study Waiver TK-6 Grade Levels for Valley Court and Community Schools as presented. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

XII. Adjournment

Dennis Hanks moved and Geneva Brett seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Merced County Board of Education at 3:42PM. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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