MINUTES
MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 15, 2021

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) will be conducting the Smith Family Scholarship Board and Trustee meeting at the regular time and in-person. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in-person or remotely. To join the meeting via Zoom visit this link: https://mcoe-org.zoom.us/j/96539564021?pwd=UEFNNUtweUhlte1FuSnV0N0UJUTmGQT09 or by phone: 1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID: 965 3954 0211 Passcode: 671687

I. Opening

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

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

C. Others Present: Parent of Interdistrict Appeal Hearing #2021-02, Michal Lomeli, Jenny Hidalgo, Darin Dupont, Ken Reynolds, Nathan Quevedo, Paula Heupel, May T. Moua, Gigi Bettis, Jennifer Scheidt, John Magneson, Janet Riley, Yolanda Campos-Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Steve M. Tietjen-County Superintendent.

II. Flag Salute – Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

The Board will proceed into Closed Session.

III. Closed Session Pursuant to Education Code 35146 to Hear Appeal of Denial of Interdistrict Attendance Request

3:00 PM – Appeal # 2021-02

The Board of Education met in closed session for the Interdistrict Appeal Hearing of student #2021-02

The Board will proceed into Open Session.

IV. Open Session

The Board decided to proceed into Open Session for the regular Board meeting and return into Closed Session to deliberate the Interdistrict Attendance Appeal afterwards.

V. 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 October 18, 2021

Frank Fagundes moved and Geneva Brett seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
VI. Written Communications

A. Correspondence Received By Chairperson: None.

B. Correspondence Received By Board Members: None.

C. Correspondence Received By Superintendent:
   1. County Superintendent visits to School Board Meetings – Williams Report & VST Project
   2. County Superintendent invited to be part of the CCSESA Special Education Advisory Group

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

None.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

A. Merced Scholars Charter School Petition for Material Revisions Approval/Denial – December 13, 2021 at 3:00pm, Board Room

B. Annual Reorganizational Meeting – December 13, 2021

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

A. Williams Site Visit – 2021 Annual Report on the Status of Schools in Merced County. Paula Heupel provided the report.

B. Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Plan. Paula Heupel provided an update.

C. Public Hearing – 2020 Trustee Boundary Maps and Options
   1. Open Public Hearing: Chris Chavez opened the public hearing.

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

E. Superintendent’s Report: None.

X. Business Items for Action

A. Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Summaries for Quarterly Periods July 2021 through September 2021

Paula Heupel presented the report. There were no complaints.

Geneva Brett moved and Dennis Hanks seconded a motion to approve the Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Summaries for Quarterly Periods July 2021 through September 2021. The motion carried a vote of 5-0.
B. Sale or Disposal of Surplus Property [Resolution No. 2021-36]

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 2021-36 authorizing the sale or disposal of surplus property as submitted (Education Code 1279).

This agenda item was pulled – not needed.

C. Revised – Holiday Schedule for 2021-2022

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

Frank Fagundes moved and Geneva Brett seconded a motion to approve the Revised 2021-2022 Holiday Schedule. The motion carried a vote of 5-0.

D. Revised – Merced County Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Revised Merced County Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule for July 2021 through June 2022

Geneva Brett moved and Frank Fagundes seconded a motion to approve the Revised Merced County Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule for July 2021 through June 2022. The motion carried a vote of 5-0.

The Board will proceed into Closed Session.

XI. Closed Session to Deliberate Interdistrict Attendance Appeal #2021-02

The Board deliberated the Interdistrict Attendance appeal in closed session.

The Board will proceed into Open Session.

XII. Open Session for the Disposition of Interdistrict Attendance Appeal

On the request for an appeal of denial of the Interdistrict Attendance Request submitted on behalf of Student #2021-02 it was moved by Geneva Brett and seconded by Fred Honoré to overturn, for the 2021-2022 school year, Weaver Union School District decision to deny the parents’ appeal for an Interdistrict Attendance Agreement for attendance at Pioneer Elementary School. The motion carried with a vote of 4-1.

Vote (by roll call)

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XIII. Adjournment

Geneva Brett moved and Frank Fagundes seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Merced County Board of Education at 4:58PM. 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