

**MINUTES**  
**MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**October 17, 2022**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) will be conducting the Merced County Board of Education 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/91385570920?pwd=blgxVVE3dHloY25tSUdKQTc0bmZydz09> or by phone at: 1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID: 913 8557 0920 Passcode: 11932264

**I. Opening**

- A. Board Chairperson, Geneva Brett, called the regular meeting of the Merced County Board of Education to order at 3:23 PM.
- B. Members present were Geneva Brett, Frank Fagundes, Fred Honoré, and Dennis Hanks. Chris Chavez was absent.
- C. Others present: Cristina Vara, May T. Moua, Janice Rogge, Mary Whited, Holly Newlon, Laura Andrews, 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**

**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 September 19, 2022

**Frank Fagundes** moved and **Fred Honoré** seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Chavez absent*).

**IV. Written Communications**

- A. Correspondence Received By Chairperson: None.
- B. Correspondence Received By Board Members: None.
- C. Correspondence Received By Superintendent:
  - 1. CDE Federal Program Monitoring 2022-23 Notification of Findings – Expanded Learning Program, dated October 5, 2022

**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.

No comments were made.

**VI. Future Agenda Items**

- A. Williams Site Visit – 2022 Annual Report on the Status of Schools in Merced County

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

- A. California School 2022 Dashboard Presentation: Laura Andrews provided an informational report on the Dashboard – new release data coming out this year.
- B. Report on Attendance of MCSBA Fall Conference: Dennis Hanks reported the sessions were good. He appreciated the session that Matthew Navo presented on "Collaborative Leadership for an Educational Future we Can't Predict" and how we are in it for the long haul. Geneva Brett also enjoyed the sessions. She was glad to see that sixteen Merced County School Districts were represented at the conference. Frank Fagundes learned from the "Record Heat, Fires and Freezes: Preparing Your District to Weather the Storm" session that there are a lot more mandates required. Steve Tietjen was relieved to hear from Kevin Gordon and Jack O'Connell of Capitol Advisors Group, that the State revenue is going down but it is not a cliff, like years before and although inflation is up the COLA should be stronger next year.
- C. Board Member's Report (*if any*): Geneva Brett reported that she attended the Valley Community School Los Banos welcome back event and learned that one of the teachers organized a community closet to provide donated clothing for interviews. Geneva will collect and donate necessities items, such as miniature soaps/shampoos/deodorants.
- D. Superintendent's Report: Steve Tietjen, County Superintendent reported on the following:
  - 1. Merced County Education Foundation Oktober Fest
  - 2. Career Industry Day @ Merced Fairgrounds – October 20<sup>th</sup>

## VIII. Business Items for Action

### A. Adult ROP Professional Truck Driving Program

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the new Adult Regional Occupational Program Professional Truck Driving Program as presented

Mary Whited reported on the eight-weeks course program which is scheduled to start early 2023 with six to eight cohorts.

**Frank Fagundes** moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to approve the new Adult Regional Occupational Program Professional Truck Driving Program as presented. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Chavez absent*).

### B. Board Members Appointment – Appointment Due to Failure to Elect (Education Code 5328)

The Nomination/Declaration of Candidate period, as well as all applicable extended candidate filing periods, for the General Election (November 8, 2022) have closed. Only one candidate, Dennis Hanks for Area 1, has filed for the MCOE Governing Board Member seat that was to be included in the November 2022 election. Pursuant to Education Code Section 5326 and 5328 the governing Board shall appoint the qualified person nominated at a meeting prior to the November 8, 2022 election. Appointee shall be seated at the organizational meeting (December 12, 2022) of the board as if elected at a district election.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the nominee; **Dennis Hanks, Trustee Area 1**, as Appointment Members Due to Failure to Elect of the Merced County Board of Education pursuant Education Code 5326 and 5328.

**Frank Fagundes** moved and **Fred Honoré** seconded a motion to approve the nominee; Dennis Hanks, Trustee Area 1, as Appointment Members Due to Failure to Elect of the Merced County Board of Education pursuant Education Code 5326 and 5328. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Chavez absent*).

C. Board Members Appointment – Appointment Due to Failure to Elect (Education Code 5328)

The Nomination/Declaration of Candidate period, as well as all applicable extended candidate filing periods, for the General Election (November 8, 2022) have closed. Only one candidate, Geneva Brett for Area 5, has filed for the MCOE Governing Board Member seat that was to be included in the November 2022 election. Pursuant to Education Code Section 5326 and 5328 the governing Board shall appoint the qualified person nominated at a meeting prior to the November 8, 2022 election. Appointee shall be seated at the organizational meeting (December 12, 2022) of the board as if elected at a district election.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the nominee; **Geneva Brett, Trustee Area 5**, as Appointment Members Due to Failure to Elect of the Merced County Board of Education pursuant Education Code 5326 and 5328.

**Frank Fagundes** moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to approve the nominee; Geneva Brett, Trustee Area 5, as Appointment Members Due to Failure to Elect of the Merced County Board of Education pursuant Education Code 5326 and 5328. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Chavez absent*).

D. Use of General Fund for Financial Hardship Facility Project – VCS Los Banos

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt **Resolution No. 2022-38** Authorizing the Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) use of General Fund expenditures for financial hardship facility project while the MCOE proceeds with State Building Funds Application for project location: Valley Community School Los Banos as submitted

**Dennis Hanks** moved and **Fred Honoré** seconded a motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-38** authorizing the Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) use of General Fund expenditures for financial hardship facility project while the MCOE proceeds with State Building Funds Application for project location: Valley Community School Los Banos as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Chavez absent*).

E. State Building Funds Application – Valley Community School Los Banos

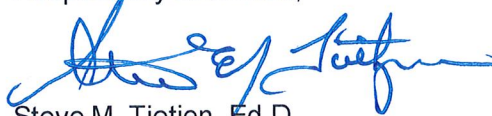
It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt **Resolution No. 2022-39** Approve a State Building Funds Application with the State Allocation Board for project location: Valley Community School Los Banos as submitted

**Frank Fagundes** moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-39** approving a State Building Funds Application with the State Allocation Board for project location: Valley Community School Los Banos as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Chavez absent*).

IX. **Adjournment**

**Dennis Hanks** moved and **Frank Fagundes** seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Merced County Board of Education at 4:06 PM. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Chavez absent*).

Respectfully submitted,



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