UNADOPTED

Minutes of
Madera County Board of Education
December 15, 2020

Present: Cathie Bustos, Shelley Deniz, Tammy Loveland, Zimri Padilla, Brian Ramirez, Alfred Soares, Jr., Joe Vived, Dr. Cecilia A. Massetti

Also Present: Fred Cogan, Julie DeWall, Jessica Drake, Scott Ellingson, Dennis Lingo, Alan Macedo, Dianna Marsh, Jennifer Pascale, Tricia Protzman, Hugo Sanchez, Kelly Stiles

1.0 Call to Order
1.1 Flag Salute
Executive Secretary Massetti called the meeting to order at 3:43 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

2.0 Consideration of Board Organization
2.1 Election of President
Board Members selected numbers out of a basket to determine the order of nominations. Executive Secretary Massetti called for nominations. The nominations were as follows:

1. Tammy Loveland nominated Alfred Soares, Jr.
2. Alfred Soares, Jr., abstained from nominating.
3. Brian Ramirez nominated Alfred Soares, Jr.
4. Joe Vived nominated Alfred Soares, Jr.
5. Cathie Bustos nominated Alfred Soares, Jr.
6. Zimri Padilla abstained from nominating.
7. Shelley Deniz nominated Alfred Soares, Jr.

Mrs. Pascale called the roll for the vote on the nomination of Alfred Soares, Jr. Alfred Soares, Jr., was elected by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Deniz, Loveland, Padilla, Ramirez, Soares, Jr., Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

2.2 Election of Vice President
Board Members selected numbers out of a basket to determine the order of nominations. Board President Soares, Jr., called for nominations. The nominations were as follows:

1. Tammy Loveland nominated Cathie Bustos
2. Alfred Soares, Jr., nominated Cathie Bustos

3. Shelley Deniz nominated Cathie Bustos
4. Joe Vived nominated Cathie Bustos
5. Zimri Padilla nominated Cathie Bustos
6. Brian Ramirez nominated Cathie Bustos
7. Cathie Bustos abstained from nominating.

Mrs. Pascale called roll for the vote on the nomination of Cathie Bustos. Cathie Bustos was elected as Vice President by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Deniz, Loveland, Padilla, Ramirez, Soares, Jr., Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

2.3 Election of Representative to Madera County School Boards Association (MCSBA) Executive Committee

Board Members selected numbers out of a basket to determine the order of nominations. Board President Soares, Jr., called for nominations. The nominations were as follows:

1. Alfred Soares, Jr. nominated Shelley Deniz
2. Shelley Deniz abstained from nominating
3. Joe Vived nominated Shelley Deniz
4. Brian Ramirez nominated Shelley Deniz
5. Tammy Loveland nominated Shelley Deniz
6. Zimri Padilla nominated Shelley Deniz
7. Cathie Bustos nominated Shelley Deniz

Mrs. Pascale called roll for the vote on the nomination of Shelley Deniz. Shelley Deniz was elected Representative to the MCSBA Executive Committee by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Deniz, Loveland, Padilla, Ramirez, Soares, Jr., Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

2.4 Confirmation Time and Place for Regular Board Meetings:

- Meeting Dates 2020-2021
  - 2nd Tuesday of the Month (January – December)
  - Additional Meeting Needed in June to Approve LCAP (June 29)
- Meeting Times: 3:30 p.m.
- Meeting Location: 1105 S. Madera Avenue, Madera, CA 93637

President Appointments (January Meeting)

- CSBA Legislative Network (1)
- MCSOS Communications Committee (1)
- Foundation Board (1)

3.0 Consideration of Minutes

3.1 Regular Meeting November 10, 2020

Mrs. Pascale announced no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Joe Vived moved to approve the minutes of November 10, 2020 as presented, seconded by Cathie Bustos and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Deniz, Loveland, Padilla, Ramirez, Soares, Jr., Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

4.0 Adoption of Board Agenda

Mrs. Pascale announced no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Executive Secretary Massetti noted the agenda was amended under agenda 2.4 to include the school year, "2020-2021," and the first bullet was changed from "January – November" to "January – December." Under agenda items 9.3, 9.4, and 9.5, "approve" was changed to "adopt".

Tammy Loveland moved to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Shelley Deniz and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Deniz, Loveland, Padilla, Ramirez, Soares, Jr., Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

5.0 Information

5.1 Public Comment

Board President Alfred Soares, Jr., stated this time is offered to members of the public wishing to address the Board on matters under the jurisdiction of the Board, but not listed on the agenda. Board members may listen to but not discuss matters not on the agenda. (G.C. 54954.2)] The Board will not take action on any items presented under public comment. Speakers are limited to 3 minutes.

Mrs. Pascale announced that no public comments were submitted for this item and no one came forward to address the Board.

5.2 Letter and Communications

- Executive Secretary Massetti attended the Veterans Day 2020 Services.
- Board Member Joe Vived and wife, Pat, were honored as the king and queen of the Old Timers Day celebration.

- The California Department of Education approved the Madera County Superintendent of School's (MCSOS) LCAP Federal Addendum by the California State Board of Education at the September 2020 meeting.
- The Madera Rotary and Sunrise Rotary sent a thank you card for the services MCSOS provides to the youth in Madera.
- The Excellence in Education countywide winners were featured in the Fresno Bee: Patricia Sandoval, Chowchilla Elementary School District – Administrator of the Year, Ruby Diaz Ramirez, Chowchilla Elementary School District – School Employee of the Year, Andrea McCord, Madera Unified School District, Teacher of the Year.
- A virtual retirement party was held for Paige Sanders. Participants picked up a pre-packaged taco dinner and then watched speeches highlighting Mrs. Sanders accomplishments via Zoom.
- A virtual graduation ceremony is being held in December for students who have completed graduation requirements. 23 students will graduate and 17 have agreed to participate in an individualized graduation ceremony. Information Technology Services division will record the event with traditional speeches to be given to the students.

5.3 Non-School Sources

None

5.4 Madera County School Boards Association (MCSBA) Executive Committee Meeting Report

None

5.5 Communications Committee Report

None

5.6 Madera County Foundation Board Report

None

5.7 Member Report(s)

None

6.0 Information from the Superintendent and Staff

None

7.0 Old Business

None

8.0 Closed Session

None

9.0 New Business

9.1 Consideration Issuance of Temporary County Certificates

Mrs. Pascale announced no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Mrs. Protzman asked the Board to ratify the issuance of Temporary County Certificates (TCCs) from November 1-30, 2020. TCCs are issued in order to authorize the individual to work while the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing reviews his/her waiver request, emergency permit, initial and/or renewal credential application packet.

Joe Vived moved to ratify the TCCs, seconded by Brian Ramirez and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Deniz, Loveland, Padilla, Ramirez, Soares, Jr., Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

9.2 Consideration Approval of First Interim Report

Mrs. Pascale announced no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Mrs. DeWall explained four financial reports are brought to the Board throughout the school year and include: original budget, first interim report, second interim report, and unaudited actuals. The cover page explains the assumptions that the report is based upon.

The current projected budget shows an increase in the Unrestricted General Fund ending balance of $1,027,891 due to an increase in ADA due to the change in the fixed divisor used for Juvenile Hall and savings from unfilled positions.

Dr. Massetti asked Mrs. DeWall to explain what “restricted” means. Restricted funds are earmarked for specific purposes. For example, COVID relief funds can only be spent on COVID related expenses. Unrestricted funds can be used for any educational purpose and other expenses such as PG&E, water, insurance, etc.

Mr. Vived asked about the contributions. Mrs. DeWall will review the contributions and bring a report to the next meeting for clarification.

Board President Soares, Jr., asked about technology funds that needed to be spent by the end of the year. Mrs. DeWall commented that MCSOS is on track to spend the funds by December 30th. Laptops and hotspots have been purchased.

Mrs. Deniz asked if more money is coming in January for the remainder of the year. Mrs. DeWall explained that about $300,000 can be spent after January. Nothing has

been heard regarding additional funds after January.

Dr. Massetti added that COVID funding was spent on professional development activities regarding online learning, personal protective equipment like masks, face shields, gowns, and hand sanitizer, as well as Vindicator to disinfect surfaces, foggers for classrooms, individualized school supplies, COVID surveillance testing, hot spots, iPads, and Zoom licenses.

Cathie Bustos moved accept the First Interim Report as presented, seconded by Tammy Loveland and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Deniz, Loveland, Padilla, Ramirez, Soares, Jr., Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

9.3 Consideration of Proposed 2020-2021 Budget Overview for Parents (BOP) for Madera County Superintendent of Schools (MCSOS)

Mrs. Pascale announced no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Mr. Sanchez explained funding is received from different sources including state funds under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), other state funds, local funds, and federal funds. LCFF funds include a base level of funding for all LEAs and extra funding called supplemental and concentration grants to LEAs based on the enrollment of high needs students (foster youth, English learners, and low-income students). The report will be posted on the MCSOS website for parents and the public to review.

President Soares, Jr., commented that the layout is straightforward and easy to read.

Dr. Massetti explained Endeavor/Voyager are the schools for students that are incarcerated. Probation participates as the parent when students are incarcerated. Traditionally, students would rotate in pods. Due to COVID, they are using Go Guardian, which is an application like Zoom. However, this application only allows students to see and talk with their teachers. Students cannot communicate with each other, which removes the ability to “throw gang signs” or other such disruptive behaviors.

Mr. Padilla asked if parents have access to the budget report. Mr. Sanchez explained parents have not seen the report yet, but were a part of the process to create it. The report will be uploaded to the website for the public to view.

Joe Vived moved to adopt the 2020-2021 BOP for MCSOS, seconded by Cathie Bustos and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Deniz, Loveland, Padilla, Ramirez, Soares, Jr., Vived

Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

9.4 Consideration of Proposed 2020-2021 Budget Overview for Parents (BOP) for Pioneer Technical Center (PTC)
Mrs. Pascale announced no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Mr. Ellingson explained the social emotional support for students and staff has been important this semester. It has become a larger portion of student appointments. Students are sharing issues and teachers are helping them work through the problems. Drop-in intervention is available and includes math, English Language Arts (ELA), and English Language Development (ELD). All teachers have an office hour, which students can access for additional assistance. Chowchilla students will have more opportunities to access Career Technical Education (CTE) classes virtually.

CTE teachers like Mr. Pascale have gotten creative. Mr. Pascale sent home a project that allows students to build a miniature home to scale using blueprints.

Mr. Ramirez asked what students are offered CTE courses. Mr. Ellingson explained all students may take CTE classes. Dr. Massetti added tours will be provided as soon as possible. Mr. Ramirez commented apprenticeships are available that pay students to learn a trade. PTC students can look into that after graduation.

Joe Vived moved to adopt the 2020-2021 BOP for PTC, seconded by Shelley Deniz and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Deniz, Loveland, Padilla, Ramirez, Soares, Jr., Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

9.5 Consideration of Proposed 2020-2021 Budget Overview for Parents (BOP) for Madera County Independent Academy (MCIA)
Mrs. Pascale announced no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Mr. Vived asked if Board Members can see what is being taught to teachers and staff regarding social and emotional topics. Mr. Sanchez stated students are using red, green, and yellow cards to display how they are feeling to their teachers. Behavioral health has provided professional development. Dr. Massetti added training on Adverse Childhood Experiences has been offered. Three days of professional development were offered via Zoom regarding distance learning, social emotional issues, and self-care.

Mr. Vived asked how food services are being handled. Mr. Cogan explained MCSOS has partnered with districts to insure students receive meals. CAES programs are utilizing an open purchase order at Rancho San Miguel to provide snacks to students that are hungry. Dr. Massetti explained the Early Education Center purchases food at Costco one day a week, pizza on another day, and has a contract with Edgar's Restaurant for three days.

Joe Vived moved to adopt the BOP for MCIA, seconded by Cathie Bustos and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Deniz, Loveland, Padilla, Ramirez, Soares, Jr., Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

10.0 Other

10.1 Consideration Excusing Member from Absence at a Meeting for Purposes of Member Participation in Conference(s)

No members of the Board were absent.

11.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Pascale announced no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Cathie Bustos moved adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tammy Loveland and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Deniz, Loveland, Padilla, Ramirez, Soares, Jr., Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia A. Massetti, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary

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