UNADOPTED

Minutes of Special Meeting of
Madera County Board of Education
September 22, 2020

Present: Cathie Bustos, Nancy Prosperi, Alfred Soares, Jr., Grant Sturm, Bobby Thatcher, Joe Vived, Cecilia A. Massetti

Absent: None

Vacant: Area 2

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

1.0 Call to Order
1.1 Flag Salute
Vice President Alfred Soares, Jr., called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

2.0 Consideration of Minutes
2.1 Regular Meeting September 8, 2020
Mrs. Pascale announced no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Cathie Bustos moved to approve the minutes of September 8, 2020, seconded by Grant Sturm and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Prosperi, Soares, Jr., Sturm, Thatcher, Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

3.0 Adoption of Board Agenda
Mrs. Pascale announced no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Joe Vived moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Nancy Prosperi and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Prosperi, Soares, Jr., Sturm, Thatcher, Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

4.0 Information

4.1 Public Comment

Vice 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. Anyone addressing the Board is asked to complete the form titled, "Madera County Board of Education Request to Address the Board," so they can be called to the podium to speak. No one came forward to address the Board.

4.2 Letter and Communications

Dr. Massetti shared thank you cards from Benson, Wade, and Reed Soares. They are enjoying the seasonal items from the meetings.

The California Department of Education (CDE) has accepted the MCSOS budget.

An advertisement in the Madera Tribune announced that Kalvin Thomas Ayers graduated from Pioneer Technical Center, Chowchilla. The article stated, Ayers had struggled in junior high because of his ADHD. By his junior year, he had fallen behind in credits and was struggling with algebra. When schools shutdown due to COVID, Ayers began studying online through PTC – Chowchilla for 6-7 hours a day with the help of teachers Andrea Perez and Jennifer Neely. Ayers was not only able to catch up on his credits, but he completed high school 9 months before he was supposed to graduate.

4.3 Non-School Sources

None

4.4 Member Report(s)

Joe Vived reported he learned about the intranet. He used it to watch the training provided to teachers earlier this year titled, *The Distance Learning Playbook.* He encouraged the school board members to watch it as well. Dr. Massetti will send a link to the group for those interested in watching the training.

Nancy Prosperi attended the CCBE Annual Conference, which was held virtually and hosted by the Monterey County Superintendent of Schools this year. The superintendent talked about the Monterey County Bob Hoover expansion program, which includes an aviation program. Harrison Ford donated funds to the program and took pictures with students. The founder of Zoom also spoke. He talked about his history and life. Zoom was a small start-up company and is now the largest educational platform in the world. Other speakers talked about the social/emotional well-being of students and staff. Capital Advisors provided information about propositions and assembly bills. Speaker Mike Walsh provided an interesting angle and good information. Ms. Prosperi felt he would be a good speaker to bring to Madera. He asked board members why they were interested in serving.

Grant Sturm reported the next MCSBA meeting will be held next Wednesday at the Matilda Torres High School. Dr. Massetti added that a tour would be offered at 5:30 p.m.

5.0 Information from the Superintendent and Staff

Dr. Massetti announced that the Excellence in Education event scheduled for October has been canceled. EECU will not be hosting any in person events this year. MCSOS wanted to do something to honor the nominees and winners. This Friday and Saturday they will have their picture taken and the winners speeches will be recorded. The final video will be put on USB drives for the participants. Board members who would like to attend to be photographed with the MCSOS nominees may attend Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Formal attire was suggested.

6.0 Old Business

None

7.0 Closed Session

None

8.0 New Business

8.1 Consideration of Adoption of Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCP)

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

8.1.1 Pioneer Technical Center

Mr. Ellingson asked for the Board to adopt the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for Pioneer Technical Center. The plan was reviewed at the regular September 8th meeting.

Mr. Thatcher asked if it was common for students to excel like the student in the paper. He asked about the requirements and what students were learning. Mr. Ellingson responded that PTC is a comprehensive high school and students need to meet the same requirements as other schools: 240 credits. Mr. Thatcher wondered about the progress of students during COVID-19 since we have never been through a pandemic. Dr. Massetti stated the County Office may have seen a pandemic since it was established in the late 1800's.

8.1.2 Madera County Independent Academy

Mr. Vived asked what changes were made this year. Mr. Sanchez responded they have incorporated trainings like the *Distance Learning Playbook*. When he met with parents last year, they stated students needed additional time with teachers. The base program is one hour a week. An additional six hours are available for students that want to access them.

Mr. Thatcher asked how food is being distributed to needy students. Mr. Cogan stated that food services are provided through Madera, Chowchilla Elementary, Chowchilla High, and Yosemite School Districts. To date, he has not been notified of anyone needing food that has not been able to access it. Ms. Drake added that Yosemite feeds Raymond-Knowles as well and they are offering food at bus stops for easier access.

Mrs. Prosperi noted that at the CCBE conference, they referred to the pandemic as a syndemic since there is more than one issue occurring at once.

8.1.3 Madera County Superintendent of Schools for Court and Community/Gould Educational Center

Mr. Sanchez noted a few changes made to the LCP since the last meeting. On page 8, the answer to, "Maintain a stock of PPE including, hand sanitizer, cleaning wipes, Vindicator spray, face masks and face shields to minimize risk of COVID-19 infection," was changed from no to yes because stocking those supplies has a financial effect. On page 20, in response to the following three descriptors, yes was added to the "contributing" box.

1. The purchase of additional technology and hotspots to ensure all students have connectivity and access to distance learning instruction.
2. The purchase of Second Step materials to address student social emotion well-being.
3. Additional supplemental software programs to add resources to the classroom instruction.

Mr. Vived asked for a description of Second Step. Ms. Drake explained it is a curriculum that has been used in emotional disturbance classes and is now being used throughout MCSOS programs to address the social and emotional needs of students due to COVID-19.

Cathie Bustos moved to adopt the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCP) for Pioneer Technical Center, Madera County Independent Academy, and Madera County Superintendent of Schools for Court and Community Schools and Gould Educational Center, seconded by Nancy Prosperi and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Prosperi, Soares, Jr., Sturm, Thatcher, Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

9.0 Other

None

10.0 Adjournment nancy, cathie, all

Nancy Prosperi moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cathie Bustos and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Prosperi, Soares, Jr., Sturm, Thatcher, Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia A. Massetti, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary

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