UNADOPTED

Minutes of
Madera County Board of Education
January 12, 2021

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

Absent: Brian Ramirez

Also Present: Steve Carney, Fred Cogan, Julie DeWall, Jessica Drake, Alan Macedo, Jennifer Pascale, Tricia Protzman, Dianna Marsh, Hugo Sanchez, Kellie Stiles

1.0 Call to Order
1.1 Flag Salute
President Alfred Soares, Jr., called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

2.0 Consideration of Minutes
2.1 Regular Meeting December 15, 2020
Mrs. Pascale announced no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Joe Vived moved to approve the minutes of December 15, 2020, as presented, seconded by Tammy Loveland and carried by unanimous vote.

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

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

Cathie Bustos moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Shelley Deniz and carried by unanimous vote.

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

4.0 Information

4.1 Public Comment

President 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.

4.2 Letter and Communications

- Executive Secretary Massetti shared the Soares family newspaper/holiday card with the Board.
- Executive Secretary Massetti provided a brief history on Central Valley Education Coalition (CVEC). Lobbyist, Ball/Frost Group LLC, wrote a letter on behalf of CVEC concerning State testing for the 2020-2021 school year. The letter outlined a number of reasons students should not be tested this year.
- This year, the Grand Jury reviewed at-promise youth programs offered throughout the County. The Grand Jury report was received. Their report on Endeavor/Voyager was positive and commended all districts on programs offered for youth.
- The California County Boards of Education (CCBE) is offering a workshop series. The series will be offered virtually in a two-track format for new and experienced board members. Live sessions will be recorded and available for registered attendees to view asynchronously. Sessions begin on March 9th and will be held every Tuesday for five weeks. Interested members may contact Jennifer Pascale to be registered.
- Mrs. Protzman reported MCSOS employees have been offered COVID surveillance testing. Surveillance testing helps to identify individuals who have COVID, but are asymptomatic. Employees who volunteer to participate will be testing every two months unless the guidance changes. If an outbreak occurs (3 or more cases within 14 days), by law MCSOS is obligated to provide testing during worktime. Madera County is completing phase 1A of vaccines to healthcare workers, including school nurses and health aides. Phase 1B will include educators, the food industry, and individuals who are 75 and older. Information from Public Health was received today and they are now vaccinating the 75 or older group. No appointment is needed. Public Health is offering vaccine clinics 10 hours a day a few times a week. Their goal is to offer 10-hour days 7 days a week. Public Health may utilize their mobile unit in eastern Madera County. The vaccine has not been approved for individuals under the age of 16.

4.3 Non-School Sources

None

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

Nothing to report.

4.5 Madera County Foundation Board Report

Board Member Bustos reported no meeting had been held since the last Madera County Board of Education meeting. The Academic Decathlon will be held virtually on January 23. Volunteers are needed. Interested members may call Kristi Winter or Dianna Marsh to volunteer. The speech competition is scheduled for the morning and interviews will be held in the afternoon.

4.6 Member Report(s)

None

5.0 Information from the Superintendent and Staff

5.1 Governor's Preliminary Budget Review

Mrs. DeWall reported the Governor's budget was released last Friday. The State's fiscal picture has improved. Revenues are nearly back to the pre-pandemic levels. There will be an increase to Prop 98 funding for the current year providing $2 billion. Extended school year will see increased funding as well. Deferrals will be paid back when they were supposed to be paid back. The deferrals will be applied in 2020-2021. The Governor usually revises the budget in May. The budget is signed on July 1st. The 2021-2022 year is looking better than it was before. Capitol Advisors is offering a free workshop on the budget. A link to the workshop was e-mailed to the Board by Dr. Massetti.

5.2 MCSOS Williams Quarterly Report

Mrs. Drake reported no complaints were filed for this quarter.

Board Member Deniz asked if complaints are normally received. Executive Secretary Massetti explained that MCSOS has received only one complaint regarding rabbits used in a classroom on an integrated site. The janitor was allergic and the rabbits were removed from the classroom.

5.3 Procedure for Meetings

Executive Secretary Massetti reviewed procedures for Board of Education meetings. Agendas must be publicly posted 72 hours prior to a meeting. Agenda items include a descriptor so that the public has a better understanding of the subject being discussed. Board meetings are meetings held publicly, but they are not the public's meetings. The public has opportunity to comment on the items considered by the Board. The Board meetings generally follow *Robert's Rules of Order* and practices throughout the State. "Board Protocol for Meeting Agenda Items," and "Eight General Steps to Take Action," were reviewed.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Consideration President Appointments

President Soares, Jr. appointed Board Member Padilla to the CSBA Legislative Network and Vice President Bustos to the Foundation Board.

7.0 Closed Session

None

8.0 New Business

8.1 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 December 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.

Cathie Bustos moved to ratify the TCCs, seconded by Tammy Loveland and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.2 Consideration Disposition of Surplus/Obsolete Equipment

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

Mrs. DeWall provided the Board with a list of equipment declared obsolete. Items included computers, Chromebooks, a printer, a battery back-up unit, iPads, televisions, and VCRs.

Cathie Bustos moved to approve the list of equipment to obsolete as presented, seconded by Joe Vived and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.3 Consideration of School Accountability Report Card

8.3.1 Endeavor/Voyager Secondary School

8.3.2 Pioneer Technical Center

8.3.3 Madera County Independent Academy

8.3.4 Special Education

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

Mr. Cogan reported the SARCs for CAES programs reflect basic school data. All facilities are in good repair. The School Safety Plan was reviewed in 2020. Professional development is provided to staff every Friday for 75 minutes. Once the SARCs are approved they will be translated into Spanish and both versions will be uploaded to the MCSOS website. SARCs are also sent to the California Department of Education (CDE).

Ms. Drake reported a SARC is also completed for Gould Educational Center. Students with moderate to severe needs are served in the special education programs offered through MCSOS. Students located on integrated sites utilize the Unique curriculum. Students that are mainstreamed, often use the same curriculum offered by the district.

Mr. Vived noted there is a vast difference in the salary schedules between the programs. He asked if a salary schedule could be provided to the Board. Dr. Massetti explained that while MCSOS staff are not employees of the Board, a schedule would be provided. There are many factors, number of days worked, hours per day that account for the variance in schedules.

President Soares, Jr. asked if there will be modifications to testing this year. Mr. Cogan stated there has been a lot discussion around this topic, but nothing definitive has been decided. Mrs. Marsh added that the State will discuss this topic over the next few days. However, up to this point schools have been told that the Federal government would not allow waivers. That might change with the new administration.

Tammy Loveland moved to approve the School Accountability Report Cards for Endeavor/Voyager Secondary School, Pioneer Technical Center, Madera County Independent Academy, and Gould Educational Center, seconded by Zimri Padilla and approved by unanimous vote.

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

9.0 Other

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

Per Board Bylaw 9350, a member may be excluded from a meeting to attend

conferences or due to special circumstances as long as they have met an attendance requirement of 75% of the preceding 12 months of board meetings including special meetings.

Mrs. Bustos asked if Mr. Ramirez notified MCSOS about his absence. Dr. Massetti responded that he had not.

Cathie Bustos moved that Brian Ramirez should not be excused from the meeting as no reason was provided or notification given, seconded by Shelley Deniz and carried by majority vote.

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

10.0 Adjournment

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

Cathie Bustos moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Joe Vived and carried by unanimous vote.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia A. Massetti, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary

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