UNADOPTED

Minutes of
Madera County Board of Education
March 9, 2021

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Julie DeWall, Jessica Drake, Dianna Marsh, Jennifer Pascale, Susan Pennell, Tricia Protzman

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Flag Salute

President Alfred Soares, Jr., called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

2.0 Consideration of Minutes

2.1 Regular Meeting February 9, 2021

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

Tammy Loveland moved to approve the minutes of February 9, 2021, seconded by Cathie Bustos 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 stated no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Dr. Massetti informed the group they received the wrong information for agenda item 8.5. She asked to remove this item. It will be prepared and brought to the next meeting.

Brian Ramirez arrived at 3:33 p.m.

Joe Vived moved to adopt the amended agenda, 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 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 stated that no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item. No one came forward to address the Board.

4.2 Letters and Communications

- Executive Secretary Massetti provided copies of the current Public Health tier status for Madera County regarding COVID.
- Dr. Massetti received a letter from the California Department of Education regarding the First Interim Report. The report was approved.
- The State Academic Decathlon shared a letter received from a parent/coach. The coach was appreciative of the work Kristi Winter put into the event to make it virtual.
- Chowchilla Elementary School District has opened with in-person instruction and shared a picture of one of their classrooms.
- The Office of Emergency Services (OES) has been supplying MCSOS with personal protective equipment, such has masks and hand sanitizer. Dr. Massetti shared the amounts received of some of the items and noted that supplies received have been shared with all of the districts.
- Programs and pins from Academic Decathlon and Mock Trial were provided to Board members.
- Dianna Marsh announced that Madera South High School won Academic Decathlon. They will represent Madera County at the state level. This year, students that would like to compete at the state level, but are not on a winning team will be able to compete in the written tests in a separate event virtually.
- Yosemite High School won the Mock Trial competition.
- Kristi Winter developed award videos for Academic Decathlon and Mock Trial. They were posted to YouTube.
- The Academic Pentathlon will take place this Saturday.
- Dr. Massetti talked about COVID vaccines. The Madera County Health Department provided 1500 slots. Camarena Health provided another 500 slots. 50 were allocated for Madera County Superintendent of Schools. Clinics were

held at the Camarena Centers in Madera, Chowchilla, Oakhurst, Coarsegold, and two high schools in Madera. The new state program, called MyTurn, has assigned 500 pin numbers to MCSOS. Districts were contacted to see how many they need. Any remaining slots will be opened to substitutes. Over half of the MCSOS staff have been vaccinated. Students 16 and older can take the vaccine. Testing is underway for the 12-16 age group.

- Madera County is currently in the purple tier. Schools in purple tier that want to open for in-person instruction, must create and submit to the state a reopening plan. MCSOS has developed a plan. It will be submitted to the public health officer this Thursday. The plan needs to be adopted by the Board. A Special Board of Education meeting will be required. Members agreed to meet on March 31, 2021, at 3:30 p.m.

4.3 Non-School Sources
None

4.4 Madera County School Boards Association (MCSBA) Executive Committee Meeting Report
Mrs. Deniz reported that the meeting was led by Dr. Massetti because the president and vice president were absent. New officers were elected. The next meeting will be held on August 25, 2021, in the Bass Lake Joint Union Elementary School District.

Dr. Massetti added that professional development funds are available. Alview-Dairyland was awarded the Board Member Development Scholarship ($2,000) this year, however, because of COVID the conference was conducted online at no cost. A suggestion was to hire someone to speak at a virtual conference for the entire group.

4.5 Madera County Foundation Board Report
Mrs. Bustos was unable to attend the Foundation meeting, but gathered information from Kristi Winter. The Golden 1 account has been closed and moved to Educational Employees Credit Union. There is $25,000 in savings and $9,000 in checking. Pitman scholarships were awarded. The next meeting will be held in June.

Dr. Massetti gave a brief history on how the Pitman scholarship came into existence. Mrs. Pitman was an educator who wanted to obtain a master's degree, but could not afford it. A member of the community paid for her degree. When Mrs. Pitman went to reimburse this individual, she was told to pay it forward. The funds were deposited into an investment account. Every year, for at least the last 20 years, a scholarship of $2,000 has been granted to someone in the community.

4.6 Member Report(s)
None

<u>5.0 Information from the Superintendent and Staff</u>

5.1 LCAP and Board Responsibility
Mrs. Marsh explained that before the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), schools

were funded with little pots of categorical money, which could only be spent on certain things. This was problematic because schools often needed funds but could not access them because of the stipulations put on the categorical funds. Governor Brown implemented the LCFF to address that issue. Schools are now able to access all of the funds for the purposes they need. With this freedom came accountability in the form of the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). Funding amounts differ by grade level: K-3, 4-8, 9-12. Additional funds are available through Supplemental and Concentration funds for unduplicated pupils (foster youth, English Learners, or socioeconomically disadvantaged).

The LCAP is a three-year plan. It is a narrative of how a district will spend LCFF money. Districts set goals for themselves (usually between 3-5). Goals must contain metrics that include: basic services, implementation of State Academic Standards, parent involvement, student achievement, student engagement, school climate, access to a broad course of study, and outcomes in a broad course of study.

There is a budget overview for parents, which increases the transparency of the document. There is an annual update where districts evaluate whether they met their goals and if not, where did they fall short. Districts are required to invite parents to provide input. Districts have to consult with staff and students (in higher grades). These conversations maybe used to set the goals.

MCSOS provides training on the template and requirements. Last year, Learning Continuity Plans (LCP) were written in place of the LCAP because of COVID. Districts are working on their new three-year plan.

The LCAP may be adopted by the Governing Board when the following are met:

- The plan is effective for three years.
- The plan contains all the information required by the template.
- The plan has been presented to the parent advisory group and the English Learner advisory committee.
- The plan has been presented to the public for comment.

Two meetings are required to approve the LCAP. At the first meeting, a public hearing is held to allow for public comment on the budget and the plan. At the second meeting, the budget and LCAP may be approved.

There are two updates this year: the 2018-2019 LCAP and the 2020-2021 Learning Continuity Plan.

There are three stakeholder meetings coming up that can be accessed via Zoom.

6.0 Old Business

None

7.0 Closed Session
None

8.0 New Business
8.1 Consideration Issuance of Temporary County Certificates
Mrs. Pascale stated 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 February 1-26, 2021. 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 Tammy Loveland and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.2 Consideration Disposition of Surplus/Obsolete Equipment
Mrs. Pascale stated 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 Chromebooks, a laptop, and iPads.

Shelley Deniz moved to approve the list of equipment to be declared obsolete, seconded by Brian Ramirez and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.3 Consideration Second Interim Report/Budget
Mrs. Pascale stated no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Mrs. DeWall reported the Second Interim Report is due to the State by March 15. The LCFF and Special Education Revenue is conservatively presented. ADA is based on the 2020-2021 P-1 certifications, which were derived from the last official ADA calculation submitted prior to COVID 19. The COLA is budgeted at 0% for 2020-2021, 3.84% for 2021-2022, and 2.98% for 2022-2023. There continue to be openings in hard to fill positions such as nurse, psychologist, and deaf/hard of hearing teacher. PERS/STRS rates were increased to meet the required rates for 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023. The cumulative increase for the three years is budgeted to be approximately $819,528.00. Differentiated Assistance is budgeted to increase by

$200,000.00. The current projected budget shows an increase to the unrestricted general fund ending balance for 2020-2021 of $96,161.00.

Cathie Bustos moved to approve the Second Interim Report, seconded by Tammy Loveland and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.4 Consideration Educational Resources and Services Instructional Materials Recommendations

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

Mrs. Marsh introduced Manager, Library Media Services Susan Pennell to the Board. Mrs. Pennell provided a list of recommendations to add to the instructional media collection for use in Madera County schools. Mrs. Pennell stated the DVD's on the list will be available digitally. These are supplemental materials, not curriculum and meet education code requirements.

Mrs. Loveland asked about the selection of materials that could be of a sensitive nature or on controversial topics. Ms. Pennell stated that these materials are noted with a special restricted code recommending teachers preview prior to use.

Brian Ramirez moved to accept the Instructional Materials recommended for use in the Educational Resources and Services collection, seconded by Zimri Padilla and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.5 Consideration Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions

This item was removed and will be brought to the Board for action.

9.0 Other

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

None

10.0 Adjournment

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

Shelley Deniz moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cathie Bustos and carried by unanimous vote.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia A. Massetti, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary

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