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Minutes of
Madera County Board of Education
March 10, 2020

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Fred Cogan, Julie DeWall, Jessica Drake, Dennis Lingo, Dianna Marsh, Antonio Olivera, Jennifer Pascale, Susan Pennell, Tricia Protzman, Opie Riar, Rob Russel, Hugo Sanchez

1.0 Call to Order

President Sara Wilkins called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

2.0 Consideration of Minutes

Grant Sturm moved to approve the minutes of February 11, 2020, seconded by Alfred Soares, Jr., and carried by unanimous vote.

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

3.0 Adoption of Board Agenda

Alfred Soares, Jr., moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Cathie Bustos and carried by unanimous vote.

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

4.0 Information

4.1 Public Comment

President Wilkins stated that this time is offered to members of the public wishing to address the Board on matters not listed on the agenda. Board members may listen to, but not discuss matters not on the agenda (G.C. 54954.2). No one came forward to address the Board.

4.2 Letters and Communications
4.2.1 Special Recognition Awards

Opie Riar and Antonio Olivera
Dr. Massetti commended Opie Riar and Antonio Olivera for the work they completed on the CTE and EEC projects. She also praised them for staying on top of maintenance projects. She shared a story that highlighted Mr. Olivera's care and attentiveness to children and then invited Leadership to share their stories with the Board. Each Leadership member shared how Mr. Riar and Mr. Olivera have been and continue go out of their way to be helpful.

Dianna Marsh
Dr. Massetti explained that Dianna Marsh has been active with ACSA for 25 years. She has been the president and treasurer for many years and has made sure scholarships are available for students in May. ACSA participation has been low, but Mrs. Marsh kept it up and running. At the Mariposa/Madera ACSA dinner, Mrs. Marsh received the President's Award.

Mr. Riar, Mr. Olivera, and Mrs. Marsh were honored by the Board of Education with Award of Excellence certificates.

Dr. Massetti shared a letter from CDE, which confirmed that the first interim report verified fiscal solvency for the current year and two subsequent years.

Recently, MCSOS applied for expansion funds for the preschool program. MCSOS received 124.5 points out of a possible 144, which means that when grant funds are available we are approved for expansion.

Copies of the Winter Edition of Educational News and Views were provided to the Board.

The Student Programs and Services Prom was going to be held on April 2nd. It has been postponed due to COVID-19.

Yosemite High won the Mock Trial. Mrs. Marsh reported, that as of right now, the State level Mock Trial will move forward as planned.

The State level competition for Academic Decathlon will be completed online.

Stone Creek Elementary held a ground breaking ceremony. Dr. Massetti got to keep the shovel she used to turn the dirt.

Regarding COVID-19, districts are communicating regularly. Right now, Universal Precautions are important. Tricia Protzman, Joe Casarez, and Kim Linderholm are pushing out information. An e-mail was sent to staff and letter will be go to parents explaining what MCSOS is doing to keep students safe. Hand washing is more

prevalent and surfaces are being wiped down more frequently. Staff travel and student fieldtrips are being restricted. No one will be authorized to travel outside of the Madera and Fresno areas until after Spring Break. Large meetings and events at the conference center may be canceled. Somethings are being rationed, such as sanitizer. The Governor met with county superintendents. California may not be a port of entry for ships for a while. The Governor talked about independent study and waivers for school closures. Mr. Casarez sent a questionnaire to districts today to see what schools need. Universities are closing their campuses and moving to online instruction. Madera Community College is up and running. The Pentathlon will be held there. The super quiz will be held at GVUSD unless something more comes out. Dr. Paul and Sara Bosse from Madera Public Health want the public to have accurate information. Thus far, no students or staff have been identified as having a community transmission. MCSOS has a pandemic plan. COVID-19 is being added to it.

4.3 Non-School Sources
None

4.4 Madera County School Boards Association (MCSBA) Executive Committee Meeting Report
Mr. Sturm stated the last meeting was well attended. The speakers (Mrs. Protzman and Kevin Gordon) provided good information. The CVEC dinner meeting will be held on April 23rd at TorNinos in Fresno. The next MCSBA meeting will be held on August 26th at the Matilda Torres High School. Senator Hurtado will be the keynote speaker. The program will be on pandemic and trauma informed practices.

4.5 Communications Committee Report
Nancy Prosperi stated the last meeting was on March 4th. Minutes from the meeting were available for Board members to review. Highlights from the meeting included dates for Prom (April 2nd), Spring fling (May 7th), and Promotion (May 28th).

4.6 Madera County Foundation Board Report
Cathie Bustos reported the last meeting was held on February 18th. Officers were elected. Cathie Rosse was elected president and Cathie Bustos was elected vice president. The ArtsFest will be on May 2nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Posters will be distributed throughout Madera. Students were selected for the Pitman scholarships. The next meeting will be held on June 9th.

4.7 Member Report(s)
None

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

5.1 Quarterly Update on Low Performing Students Block Grant for Madera County Independent Academy and Pioneer Technical Center
Mr. Cogan reported PTC and MCIA received $19,800 each. All of the funds have been used at MCIA. Most of the money was spent on technology. Approximately $13,500 remains of the funds for PTC. It will be used to purchase a Cart on Wheels (COW).

The cart holds computers for students to use. Chromebooks will also be purchased.

6.0 Old Business
None

7.0 Closed Session
None

8.0 New Business
8.1 Consideration Issuance of Temporary County Certificates
Mrs. Protzman asked the Board to ratify the issuance of Temporary County Certificates (TCCs) from February 1-28, 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 Cathie Bustos and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.2 Consideration Disposition of Surplus/Obsolete Equipment
Mrs. DeWall provided the Board with a list of equipment declared obsolete. Items included laptops, computers, a printer, monitors, and TV/VCRs.

Alfred Soares, Jr. moved to approve the list of surplus/obsolete equipment as submitted, seconded by Bobby Thatcher and approved by unanimous vote.

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

Dr. Massetti noted that a large trash bin has been stored at MCIA for the last six months. Staff members throughout Madera County have done a good job in disposing of items that are broken and no longer usable for the classroom. Items with tags continue to be picked up by IT and placed on this list for Board approval.

8.3 Consideration Second Interim Report/Budget Revision
Mrs. DeWall reported that the Second Interim Report was prepared based on a number of assumptions. ADA is estimated to increase by approximately 10.4 in Juvenile Hall and 19.09 in the charter schools based on P-1 attendance counts. COLA is budgeted at 3.26% for 2019-20, 2.29% for 2020-21, and 2.71% for 2021-22.

There continue to be openings in hard to fill positions. The Second Interim Report reflects contracting for Speech and other hard to fill positions from outside agencies. The PERS and STRS increased rates for three years is budgeted to be approximately $1,066,000.

Local and State revenue budgest have been updated to reflect updated grant and local funding amounts.

Step and column increases are budgeted to increase by 1.5%.

Differentiated Assistance is budgeted to increase by $200,000 due to the number of schools qualifying.

The current projected budget shows a decrease in the Unrestricted General Fund deficit spending for 2019-20 in the amount of $1,082,713. This reduces deficit spending from $3,247,293.06 to $2,164,580.01 The change is due to $100,000 increase due to ADA, $200,000 due to differentiated assistance, $100,000 reduction to RRM contribution, $500,000 reduction for unfilled positions and the remainder due to State and Local revenue changes.

The current Restricted Budget Projections show an increase in Restricted General Fund deficit spending for 2019-20 of $26,762.81. Increases in salary and benefits maybe offset due to district bill back.

It is projected MCSOS will at least maintain the minimum required reserve in the current and next two years.

Mr. Thatcher asked if districts throughout the State are having difficulties filling these hard-to-fill positions. The response was that everyone is having difficulty filling speech positions.

Mrs. Prosperi asked for the process to pay a bill. Mrs. DeWall explained individuals from each department create requisitions to spend funds. Once the requisitions have been approved by administration and Business has confirmed budget is available, a purchase order is created for the requisition. Once an invoice is received, the invoice is matched to the purchase order and a check is cut.

Mr. Vived asked if the reserve is still 3%. The reserve is 3%.

Grant Sturm moved to accept the positive certification of the MCSOS Second Interim Report, seconded by Joe Vived and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.4 Consideration Educational Resources and Services Instructional Materials Recommendations

Susan Pennell presented a list of items and materials to be included for use in the ERS. Mrs. Pennell brought an octopus puppet with books for the Board to see and check-out a book on Pluto to Mr. Sturm since his professor was the person who discovered Pluto.

Joe Vived moved to approve the list of materials for inclusion in the Educational Resources and Services collection, seconded by Nancy Prosperi and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.5 Consideration of Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)

8.5.1 Madera County Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Sanchez stated the SPSA aligns with the LCAP and the goals are the same.

To help with student achievement, professional development is offered every Friday. iReady is helping to target student abilities. Students are learning in a safe environment and have access to technology. Parent engagement is a challenge. A student may be incarcerated for a few days or a few months and then cycle through to another site. Having a school site council that is comprised of all the MCSOS CAES sites is helpful.

Bobby Thatcher moved to approve the Title I Single Plan for Student Achievement, Parent Involvement Plan, and School Compact agreement, seconded by Nancy Prosperi.

Discussion took place regarding foster youth, the advisory council, and the maximum age for foster youth.

The SPSA was approved by unanimous vote.

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

9.0 Other

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

N/A

10.0 Adjournment

Bobby Thatcher moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nancy Prosperi and carried by unanimous vote.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia A. Massetti, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary

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