UNADOPTED

Minutes of
Madera County Board of Education
April 13, 2021

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

Absent: Cathie Bustos, Brian Ramirez

Also Present: Fred Cogan, Julie DeWall, Jessica Drake, Marisa Etheridge, Dianna Marsh, Jennifer Pascale, Tricia Protzman, Kellie Stiles

1.0 Call to Order at 3:34 p.m.

1.1 Flag Salute

President Alfred Soares, Jr., called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

2.0 Consideration of Minutes

2.1 Special Meeting March 31, 2021

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

Tammy Loveland moved to approve the minutes of March 31, 2021, seconded by Joe Vived and carried by unanimous vote.

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

3.0 Adoption of Board Agenda

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

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

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

Mrs. Pascale stated no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item. No one came forward to address the Board.

4.2 Letters and Communication

- At this time of the year, the Central Valley Education Coalition (CVEC) hosts an annual dinner meeting at TorNinos. Being uncertain of the ever changing COVID regulations, it was determined that the meeting would be held via Zoom this year. The invitation was sent electronically. Any Board of Education members wishing to attend should notify Jennifer Pascale before April 19. Lobbyists from the Ball and Frost Group, LLC will provide a legislative update. Senator Hurtado is the guest speaker.
- Madera County Regional Programs opened in Eastern Madera County with in-person instruction on April 1 and classrooms in the valley area began on April 6. Students and staff are happy to be back in their classrooms.

4.3 Non-school sources

None

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

Mrs. Deniz reported the Student Recognition Sub-committee met. Thirteen scholarships were received and the committee agreed to distribute a $120 scholarship to everyone.

4.5 Madera County Foundation Board Report

None

4.6 Member Report(s)

None

5.0 Information from the Superintnednet and Staff

5.1 Comparable Actual vs. Working Budget

Mrs. DeWall reported on MCSOS expenses through March 31. Because students returned in April, there was a big supply order pushed through at the end of March. Those funds will be reflected on the next report. Before March, just 30-40% of the supply budget had been used. The budget for services is also down. Special contracted services such as nurse, sign language interpreter, BCBA, etc. will be invoiced later in

the year. The actuals expense report shows that benefits and classified/certificated salaries are at about 80% used, which is normal for this time of year.

President Soares, Jr. asked if unutilized funds will be lost or if they can be carried over into the next year. Mrs. DeWall explained that all remaining unrestricted funds will roll into the ending balance. Dr. Massetti added that an example of this would be Title I funds that roll over can still only be used for specific purposes.

Areas expected to have increased costs next year are unemployment and minimum wage.

5.2 MCSOS Williams Quarterly Report
Ms. Drake reported no complaints were received.

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 March 1-31, 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: Deniz, Loveland, Padilla, Soares, Jr., Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Bustos, Ramirez

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. All items are non-operational and include: computers, printers, monitors, a scanner, and Low Incidence items.

Shelley Deniz moved to approve the list of equipment declared obsolete, seconded by Tammy Loveland and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.3 Consideration of the Madera-Mariposa Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Plan
Mrs. Pascale stated no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Dr. Massetti provided background information. The local SELPA is made up of two counties: Madera and Mariposa. $22 million is allocated to this SELPA. Funds are distributed on a funding formula to regional programs and to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs). MCSOS provides moderate to severe disability services. LEAs generally provide mild to moderate disability services.

The plan provided in the packet is the entire plan with parts that are updated at different times. Part B of the plan states that the Governance Council approves the annual plan. The local plan is adopted by the LEA boards every three years. Although CDE is not requiring that Part B (most recently modified) be adopted by the LEAs, there are Federal regulations mandating that it be adopted. For this reason the most up to date version of the plan is being brought to the Board even though the dates in parts D and E are different from part B.

Mr. Vived asked if inmates at the County jail are receiving MCSOS services through age 21. Mrs. Etheridge explained that students at the County jail do not usually qualify for MCSOS services. They are served through Madera Unified. However, students at Juvenile Hall are served by MCSOS.

Mr. Vived asked how many people serve on the Community Advisory Committee. Mrs. Etheridge explained there are currently two people on the committee. MCSOS and LEAs have reached out to families, but there is not a lot of interest. The plan is to bring in special presentations that would be of interest to parents. The meetings will continue to be offered virtually to make it easier for people to participate. She would also like employers who hire students with special needs to get involved so that parents can see that there are employment options for their children after that leave special education programs.

Mrs. Loveland asked if Madera has always been a joint SELPA. Dr. Massetti stated she knows that it has been a joint SELPA for at least the last 40 years. Mrs. Loveland stated Merced would be a closer option for Mariposa. Dr. Massetti explained that it would make sense for Mariposa to join Merced based on their funding formula. However, Madera/Mariposa SELPA offers a federal sparsity factor in funding and it is financially better for them to stay with the Madera/Mariposa SELPA.

The government was supposed to fund special education at 40%. To date, they have only funded at about 12%. The last two governors have reviewed the funding for special education and found that it is not equitable. Currently, the goal is to fund every student at a state average level of $650. Slowly, the funding is getting there. At the Federal level, President Biden has stated special education will be funded at the level promised in the future.

Zimri Padilla moved to adopt the Madera-Mariposa Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Plan, seconded by Joe Vived and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.4 Consideration Revision of MCOEP 2305 and MCOEP AR 2305 Conflict of Interest Code

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

Dr. Massetti explained that this policy is updated every two years. When MCSOS sent it to the County Board of Supervisors, County counsel reviewed it and suggested a few modifications. Those changes are marked in red in the packet along with titles that have changed or been removed.

Tammy Loveland moved to accept the revisions to MCOEP 2305 and MCOEP AR 2305 Conflict of Interest Code, seconded by Zimri Padilla and carried by unanimous vote.

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

9.0 Other

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

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

President Soares, Jr. asked what “unexcused absence” means. From a previous meeting, it was interpreted that “unexcused absence” meant that the Board of Education member absent did not call to notify the Madera County Superintendent of Schools or the Board of Education president. Dr. Massetti explained that the policy was originally concerned with Board members attending at least 75% of the meetings to qualify to attend conferences. The Board may want to review the policy to make modifications.

Tammy Loveland moved to excuse Cathie Bustos from the Board meeting, seconded by Joe Vived and carried by unanimous vote.

Action was not taken for Brian Ramirez since Mr. Ramirez did not notify the superintendent or president of the reason for his absence.

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

10.0 Adjournment

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

Joe Vived moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tammy Loveland and carried by unanimous vote.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia A. Massetti Ed.D.
Executive Secretary

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