UNADOPTED

Minutes of
Madera County Board of Education
March 12, 2019

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

Absent: Sara Wilkins

Also Present: Leslie Neumeier, Jessica Drake, Dennis Lingo, Tricia Protzman, Dianna Marsh, Steve Carney, Nicole Mosqueda, Hugo Sanchez

1.0 Call to Order
1.1 Flag Salute
Vice 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 February 12, 2019
Cathie Bustos moved to approve the minutes of February 12, 2019, seconded by Grant Sturm and carried by unanimous vote.

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

3.0 Adoption of Board Agenda
Cathie Bustos 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: Wilkins

4.0 Information
4.1 Public Comment
Vice President Soares, Jr., 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 Letter and Communications
Dr. Massetti reported and provided copies of the following:

- The Crystal Tower Awards will be held on August 27th. Camarena Health is one of the

honorees.

- The Compact Mixer is scheduled for March 21, 2019. This is a partnership with all of the County Chambers of Commerce. Projects such as Ag Day and Health Day will be reviewed. San Joaquin Wine, Riley's Beer, and Reedley College will provide beverages. The Madera High culinary arts program will provide catering.
- The Madera County Local Child Care and Development Council (LPC) assembled a Strategic Plan for 2019-2024. A copy of the publication was passed around.
- The CSBA Education Legal Alliance annual report for 2018 was distributed to all members.
- The Pentathlon will be held this Saturday. The theme is the 1960's. The Super Quiz is at 9 a.m. and the awards ceremony will follow. 350 students are participating. North Fork is defending their title of 1st place.
- The Bridges to Leadership Symposium will be held March 23, 2019. There are 20 graduating. The event begins at 10 a.m.
- The MCOE LIFE Games event will take place on April 11th at the fairgrounds. Community stakeholders will be present. Art activities and sports games will be offered. ASB volunteers from local high schools will be volunteering. The event begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 1:30 p.m.
- The SPS Prom will be held on April 5, 2019 and begins at 10:30 a.m. The theme this year is "Be Our Guest" and relates to Beauty and the Beast.

4.3 Non-School Sources

None

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

Grant Sturm reported a meeting was held on Wednesday, March 6th at Hillside Elementary School. Guest speaker, Matthew Balzarini had 12 years experience on the police force in San Francisco and was a fire fighter. He helped his school district create a school safety plan.

Dr. Massetti added Mr. Balzarini talked about the Incident Command System (ICS) and MCSOS has received ICS training. Mr. Balzarini suggested using table-talk discussions for practice. MCSOS will be practicing using some of the scenarios he suggested.

Mrs. Prosperi stated she found it interesting that Mr. Balzarini said it is best to stay indoors when the fire alarm is pulled because active shooters are using that to get kids outside. He also suggested that the Public Information Officer report at a location away from the site where the incident has happened to draw people not essential away from the crisis.

The next meeting will be on August 28, 2019, at Rivergold School and the topic will be on social media.

4.5 Communications Committee Report

Nancy Prosperi reported the last meeting was held on March 6th. The Spring Fling will be on May 2nd at 4 p.m. Bobby Thatcher and Sara Wilkins will be honored. The Communications Committee usually receives a small gift for the work they put into the event. Because costs have increased, the committee was asked if they would prefer a donation be made to the

Ronald McDonald House. The committee agreed that would be a better option.

There are still some funds available through the Instructional Technology Committee. A new program has been purchased to track the iPad apps. Service to iPads will be completed over the summer.

The solar panels should be connected to the meter next week at the main building and MCIA will be wrapping up soon. The two portable buildings at the Early Education Center will be relocated to MCSOS behind Building II and five new portables will constructed possibly beginning in May.

The Career and Alternative Education Services division reported many successes in the area of sports. Special Education has several upcoming events and field trips.

Educational Services is providing Differentiated Assistance support to qualifying districts.

The job fair was held February 27th. There were nearly 100 participants. Several follow-up interviews have been scheduled for certificated positions at MCSOS and with districts.

Mandi De La Pena's students are participating in basketball games with other schools. The schedule was distributed.

Three students from the correctional facility helped to hang 156 quilts for the Quilt Guild.

4.6 Madera County Foundation Board Report
Nothing to report.

4.7 Member Report(s)
None

5.0 Information from the Superintendent and Staff

5.1 Financial Report
Steve Carney reported there will likely be significant changes in the May revision to the Governor's budget. Revenues are $2 billion short of what was expected. Sales tax is down by $200 million. Payroll withholdings are also down. The original budget called for lots of one-time funds outside of Prop 98 funding. Mr. Carney believes the budget will change in that area.

A recession is being predicted for the near future. There is a 17% possibility for this year, a 33% possibility for 2020, and a 60% possibility for 2021. The COLA is 2.7% for this year and projections have it jumping to 3.5% in 2020. Mr. Carney cautions districts to be careful in negotiations because in following years the COLA drops to 2.9%.

More school districts are facing financial difficulties. At beginning of year there were six districts. After the second interim report, there are eleven.

5.2 Camarena Health Center Presentation

Nichole Mosqueda reported on the services available through the Camarena Health Center. They offer family, internal, pediatric, women's health, optometry, chiropractic, behavioral health, dental, health education, urgent care, labs, x-ray, and pharmacy services. While not all services are offered at each site, multiple services are offered. Mental and behavioral health and health education are offered at every site.

Facilities are located in Madera on 6th Street, A Street, Almond, Country Club, Madera South High School, as well as in Chowchilla, Coarsegold, Oakhurst. In 2019, the following sites/services will be available: Chowchilla will offer optometry, chiropractic, and imaging services, an urgent care will open in Oakhurst, and a mobile unit will offer medical, dental, and behavioral health services.

Mrs. Prosperi asked how much of Camarena's funding is grant based. Ms. Mosqueda explained not much of it is grant funded. 20% of the overall budget is federally funded and most is revenue built. 64% of patients are on Medi-Cal, 17% have private insurance, 8% are on Medicare, and 11% are uninsured. In 2018, one in every four people in Madera County accessed care at Camarena Health. Camarena saw almost 15,000 patients between the ages of newborn to 18.

Outside of the health centers, Camarena is involved in

- Agricultural Health Programs providing workers and their families with access to quality, low-cost medical services.
- Outreach & Education Programs offer health education classes, car seat/baby shower programs, Reach Out & Read Program, scholarship program, CTE & School based health programs, Health Careers Youth Conference, Women's Conference, and Community Outreach Events.
- Madera County – Career Technical Education Support
    - Madera COMPACT: Business and Education partnership to develop programs for students to be college and career ready in Agriculture, health Care or Advance manufacturing, and technology professions
    - Advisory Groups for CTE Programs at school districts
    - Teacher trainings
    - Youth Conference

5.3 WASC Report

Leslie Goston explained a letter was received from WASC with accreditation findings. Pioneer Technical Center (PTC) received a two-year probation accreditation. In 2021, WASC will return to see if the recommendations of the report have been completed.

The report was prepared by administration with staff assistance. The purpose of report is to be transparent. During the WASC review process, the WASC team verifies that what is in the report is taking place at the school site. PTC requested for WASC to visit in spring because of the blended transition. The request was denied and the visit was completed in November. There is some confusion in the report. Some things are considered strengths in one area of the report and those same things are also being considered weaknesses in another area of the report.

There are concerns around assessment and student performance. Areas of follow-up include: professional development that is targeted for technology integration, assessment and disaggregation of data.

Ms. Goston assured the board that the work has already begun. Administrative staff met on February 13th to discuss the action to be taken. Ms. Goston met with Dr. Massetti, Mr. Carney, and Ms. Protzman to hear their concerns. An all-staff survey was completed on February 22nd. Results were reviewed on February 28th. On March 1st, the survey results and the WASC letter was shared with staff. Groups were formed to begin the work on the report.

Mr. Vived commented one of the positive attributes noted in the report was the caring staff. He asked who decides how the funding from the CSI grant is spent. Ms. Goston responded that administration and staff make those decisions.

Mr. Vived stated it sounded like there was a communication problem between the teachers. Hugo Sanchez explained this was one of the reasons the WASC team was asked to complete the review in the spring. At the time of the review, staff had only been on campus together for two months. Things have changed for the better.

Ms. Prosperi asked if independent study students are aware of what is being offered throughout the CAES program. Ms. Goston responded that teachers have been asked to notify students and a school counselor is going to the meetings held every Friday to communicate with staff.

Dr. Massetti stated the most damaging part of the report was that students were not achieving at the regular grade level. She said students need a strong instructional program. Students that attend in these programs have failed in traditional programs. MCSOS is seeing some success with the project based learning that is beginning to take place. These students must be taught in new ways. The program has to be integrated and must be evaluated with assessments.

Ms. Goston commented the report has made staff recognize that a change needs to be made. Students were not engaging in classes. These students are at an extreme disadvantage when they are asked to listen to lectures. They do well in small groups with tools in hand. She said the mission and vision of PTC is not lost. PTC is simply shifting the way instruction is delivered.

Vice-president Soares, Jr., asked for an update by the end of the year.

6.0 Old Business
None

7.0 Closed Session
None

8.0 New Business

8.1 Consideration Issuance of Temporary County Certificates

Tricia Protzman asked the Board to ratify the issuance of Temporary County Certificates (TCCs) from February 1-28, 2019. 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.

Nancy Prosperi moved to ratify the TCCs, seconded by Cathie Bustos and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.2 Consideration Disposition of Surplus/Obsolete Equipment

Mr. Carney provided the Board with a list of equipment declared obsolete. Items included were vehicles with engines and a transmission that are non-operational.

Bobby Thatcher moved to approve the list of suruplus/obsolete equipment as submitted, seconded by Cathie Bustos and approved by unanimous vote.

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

8.3 Consideration Second Interim Report/Budget Revision

Steve Carney reported the second interim report shows an increase to the unrestricted balanced of the General Fund of $929,970. This is an increase to the original budget of $388,713, primarily due to recording of the one-time allocation of the Comprehensive Support and Improvement Funds (CSI). Revenue shows a significant increase due to construction projects for the CTE building and the Early Education Center campus. However, the revenue is offset by the building costs.

Charter schools are budgeted to deficit spend by about $1.6 million due to a decrease in ADA and the cost to build the CTE facility.

Nancy Prosperi moved to approve the second interim report/budget revision as presented, seconded by Joe Vived and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.4 Consideration Educational Resources and Services Instructional Materials Recommendations
Dianna Marsh provided a list of items that have been previewed by California County Educational Technology Consortium members and subject area specialists that meet or exceed state standard and will be included for teacher use in the ERS. Susan Pennell asked Mrs. Marsh to highlight the Home Town Heroes series. 250 episodes honoring men and women whose service and sacrifice have secured U.S. citizens' freedom will be available through California Streaming.

Joe Vived moved to accept the instructional materials recommendations for use in the ERS, seconded by Cathie Bustos and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.5 Consideration of Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) Plan
Dianna Marsh explained AB 716 streamlined the state and federal planning processes. Schools are identified through the federal process by secondary schools graduation rates. All schools with a graduation rate of 67% or lower qualify. All of three of MCSOS' schools qualified on the basis of graduation rates. Pioneer Technical Center, Madera County Independent Academy, and Gould will be assisted through CSI funding. A total of $498,633 will be received and divided equally among the three programs.

Grant Sturm moved to accept the Comprehensive Support and Improvement Plan, seconded by Joe Vived and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.6 Consideration Low Performing Students Block Grant
Leslie Goston explained a grant in the amount of $19,760 has been allocated to Madera County Independent Academy and Pioneer Technical Center to provide additional supports for students identified as low-performing on State English language arts or mathematics assessments.

8.6.1 Madera County Independent Academy
Ms. Goston said the focus for MCIA will be on curriculum and professional development.

8.6.2 Pioneer Technical Center
Ms. Goston said the focus for PTC will be the same as MCIA. However, because high school students are being served at PTC, the CTE credit recovery will be included.

Joe Vived moved to approve the Low Performing Students Block Grant for MCIA and PTC, seconded by Nancy Prosperi and carried by unanimous vote.

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

Joe Vived asked for a monthly progress report. Dr. Massetti suggested quarterly reports. Mrs. Pascale will add the progress report to the Annual Board Calendar.

9.0 Other

9.1 Consideration Excusing Member from Absence at 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.

Bobby Thatcher moved to excuse Sara Wilkins, seconded by Cathie Bustos and carried by unanimous vote.

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

10.0 Adjournment

Bobby Thatcher 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: Wilkins

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia A. Massetti, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary

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