UNADOPTED

Minutes of Special Meeting
Madera County Board of Education
June 29, 2021

Present: Cathie Bustos, Tammy Loveland, Zimri Padilla, Alfred Soares, Jr., Joe Vived

Also Present: Fred Cogan, Julie DeWall, Jessica Drake, Scott Ellingson, Dianna Marsh (via telephone), Jennifer Pascale, Tricia Protzman, Hugo Sanchez

Absent: Shelley Deniz, Brian Ramirez

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Flag Salute

President Alfred Soares, Jr., called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

2.0 Consideration of Minutes

2.1 Regular Meeting June 8, 2021

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

Cathie Bustos moved to approve the minutes of June 8, 2021, seconded by Zimri Padilla and carried by unanimous vote.

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

3.0 Adoption of Board Agenda

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

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

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

Executive Secretary Massetti reported:

- The Association of Mexican American Educators held the 2021 Scholarship Awards Dinner on June 24, 2021, at Matilda Torres High School. Ten students were honored.
- Dr. Massetti received a summary regarding a solicitation to provide services for the Board of Education (BOE) and the Superintendent of Schools (SOS). She noted that all County Offices are different. MCSOS uses Atkinson Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo for Special Education and Human Resources; Marguerite Leoni for issues around elections; Lozano Smith for some contracts; and Mr. Robinson for expulsions and inter-district transfers. Fresno County has five in-house attorneys. There has not been a time when separate representation was needed. The legal summary regarding the Orange County settlement agreement explains that the BOE/SOS may co-appoint legal counsel.

4.3 Non-School Sources

- Mr. Vived was in the newspaper. He attended his class reunion. The class was on the front page of the newspaper. Also photographed was Rita Wilson. Ms. Wilson organizes the Giving Tree for Gould students.
- The Central Valley Correctional Office in Chowchilla contacted MCSOS about a grant for special needs equipment. Tanya Hill and Jessica Drake developed a proposal for equipment to be used at Gould Educational Center totaling $4,000. The grant was approved. Inmates and staff raised the grant funds through food sales. Dr. Massetti met with the warden and assistant warden in Chowchilla to pick up the check. While there, they talked to her about their braille program. The prison offered to braille books for MCSOS' visually impaired students since inmates have become certified braillers. MCSOS will need to provide the supplies. The prison also offered an adapted bicycle program. They will forward a form to MCSOS for parents to complete for their students. The form will help them determine how to customize a bike for the mobility impaired child. They can retrofit bikes with different handle bars, seats, wheels, etc.

4.4 Member Report(s)

None

5.0 Information from the Superintendent and Staff

5.1 Madera County Superintendent of Schools 2021-2022 County Summary of Assistance and Support to Madera County LEAs and Schools

Mrs. Marsh explained the Summary of Assistance is completed annually. It details the assistance that MCSOS offered to districts regarding their LCAPs and to districts in differentiated assistance (DA). Districts that would like data analysis, but are not in DA may receive the service for cost recovery.

6.0 Old Business

None

7.0 Closed Session

None

8.0 New Business

8.1 Consideration Adoption of Location Accountability Plan (LCAP) for Madera County Independent Academy (MCIA)

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

Mr. Sanchez stated the MCIA LCAP was brought to the Board on June 8th as an information item for review and now it is presented for adoption. He added the pandemic revealed an effective way of communicating with parents via Zoom since students had the technology at home. Video conferencing and ParentSquare will continue to be utilized in the CAES division.

Mr. Padilla asked what percentage of instruction would be in-person. Mr. Sanchez said students will be in-person 100%. Online meetings will continue with parents and family members.

Mr. Vived asked about ParentSquare. Mr. Sanchez explained ParentSquare is a software program that ties into attendance, which keeps parents informed about their students. It is also used to advertise school events to encourage family participation. Parents receive messages via text or e-mail through ParentSquare. Mr. Cogan added that ParentSquare allows teachers to send individual messages to parents and has the ability to translate messages into Spanish with 99% accuracy. Ms. Loveland stated that absenteeism is really high. She asked if ParentSquare is being used to reach out to families? Mr. Sanchez said CAES is using it for absenteeism. Administrative staff are also conducting home visits.

Dr. Massetti stated federal and state funds are available for learning lost mitigation. Additional days are being discussed to help with assessments and preparation for the first day of school.

Mr. Sanchez provided an explanation on how students are marked absent. He stated students might be attending, but if they do not get their work done, or the parent does not sign off on the work they are marked absent.

Joe Vived moved to adopt the LCAP for MCIA seconded by Tammy Loveland and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.2 Consideration Approval of 2021-2022 Budget for Madera County Independent Academy (MCIA)

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

Mrs. DeWall explained there are three sections of the budget broken out for presentation, but only one budget document goes to the state. A summary is provided for MCIA and PTC. The information is the same as what was presented at the June 8th meeting. Mr. Vived asked why the ending fund balance shows a deficit. Mrs. DeWall explained there were a lot of one-time expenses for building projects and the teacher to student ratio was lower than usual.

Tammy Loveland moved to approve the 2021-2022 Budget for MCIA, seconded by Cathie Bustos and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.3 Consideration Adoption of Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for Pioneer Technical Center (PTC)

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

Mr. Ellingson said he recently attended a training titled, *Mental Health First Aid for Youth.* Social emotional health is one of the goals for the PTC LCAP.

Mr. Vived noted there was a section titled *Diversity Within Unity* with a survey at the end. He thought it looked interesting and wondered how many people would be taking the survey. Mr. Ellingson said he was not sure, but that the more information obtained the better.

Mr. Soares asked if there will be an increase in enrollment. Mr. Ellingson said his gut feeling is that there will be a waiting list, since many families are not ready to send their students back to regular in-person instruction at a traditional school site.

Joe Vived moved to adopt the LCAP for PTC seconded by Tammy Loveland and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.4 Consideration Approval of 2021-2022 Budget for Pioneer Technical Center (PTC)
Mrs. Pascale stated no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Mrs. DeWall explained the information for this item is the same information presented at the June 8th meeting for review. PTC's ending fund balance is $196,801.

Cathie Bustos moved to approve the 2021-2022 Budget for PTC, seconded by Zimri Padilla and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.5 Consideration Adoption of Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for Madera County Superintendent of Schools (MCSOS)
Mrs. Pascale stated no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Mr. Sanchez stated the goals for the MCSOS LCAP align with the Expelled Youth Plan and the Foster Youth Plan.

Mrs. Loveland asked if students stay local after they are released from juvenile hall. Mr. Sanchez explained students are mostly from within Madera County. Sometimes they come from other areas.

Mr. Sanchez stated the correctional staff does a good job at bridging the connection to families. Last week there were 25 adults present for the graduation of one student. He is hopeful that students realize that all of the people in the room care and are there for them.

Mr. Vived asked if the Rotary Club still provides assistance to juvenile hall. Mr. Sanchez said they continue to maintain the book program.

Joe Vived moved to adopt the LCAP for MCSOS, seconded by Zimri Padilla and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.6 Consideration Approval of 2021-2022 Budget for Madera County Superintendent of Schools (MCSOS)
Mrs. Pascale stated no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Mrs. DeWall stated this document is a standardized form from the Department of Education. The form is not user friendly or easy to understand. Dr. Massetti offered to have Mrs. DeWall present on sections of the form throughout the year so that Board members have a

better understanding. Mrs. DeWall provided a summarization to help Board members grasp the whole picture. Federal revenues increased from $6.2 million in 2019-2020 to $10.5 million in 2021-2022. The increase in funds include one-time money that come with stipulations and restrictions on how they can be spent.

MCSOS assumed a 5.07% Cost-of-Living (COLA) adjustment applied to the LCFF components, and 4.05% for the Special Education components. The remaining programs used the statutory 1.74% COLA. The two subsequent years are estimated at 2.48% and 3.11% based on Department of Finance Estimates and School Services Dartboard. ADA used in the budget is 38.68 for Juvenile Hall and 289.4 for Special Education. The total projected revenues are $12,541,850 from LCFF sources, $8,954,010 from Federal revenue, $13,274,124 from other state revenue, and $12,209,023 from other local revenue.

On the expense side, most funds go toward salaries for classified and certificated staff. The budgeted change in the ending fund balance for 2021-2022 is an increase of $961,413 for unrestricted and $2,870,321 in restricted.

The budget report was finalized last week. As of June 25, the Governor and Legislature were still in negotiations. The Governor signed the budget yesterday. Now, a 45-day budget revision will be brought to the Board for review. This revision will include the ESSER III federal funds and any changes that have been made to the budget.

The deferrals will be going away. MCSOS will be paid back in the 2021-2022 year for the money deferred in 2020-2021. There are no ongoing deferrals. The COLAs will remain the same. The LCFF Concentration Grant was signed, which will provide additional funds for MCSOS. The grant was not included in the original budget. The unemployment insurance rate has been capped, so there will be a savings there.

Joe Vived moved to approve the budget for MCSOS, seconded by Tammy Loveland and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.7 Consideration Adoption of Consolidated Application for Submission, Part II
Mrs. Pascale stated no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Mrs. DeWall explained the Consolidated Application is submitted annually to receive state and federal funds. In 2020-2021, MCSOS received approximately $684,000 in federal entitlements for Title I Part A, Title I Part D, and Title II Part A. These funds come with stipulations on how they can be used.

Mr. Vived asked why MCSOS did not apply for Title III English Learner funds. Mrs. DeWall stated in order to receive those funds, MCSOS must be part of the EL Consortium. Dr. Massetti added the tests used by the State do not appropriately assess students with moderate to severe special needs. Those scores trigger sanctions for the consortium and

cause funding issues for the other participating districts, so MCSOS does not participate in the program.

Tammy Loveland moved to adopt the Consolidated Application for Submission, seconded by Cathie Bustos and carried by unanimous vote.

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

9.0 Other

Dr. Massetti informed the Board that CCBE will be holding their annual conference in person and virtually. The dates are September 10, 11, and 12. Board members who would like to attend must contact Jennifer Pascale who will register them and arrange hotel accommodations if those are needed.

10.0 Adjournment

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

Tammy Loveland moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cathie Bustos and carried by unanimous vote.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia A. Massetti, Ed.D.
Madera County Superintendent of Schools

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