UNADOPTED

Minutes of
Madera County Board of Education
August 10, 2021

Present: Cathie Bustos, Shelley Deniz, Tammy Loveland, Zimri Padilla, Brian Ramirez, Alfred Soares, Jr., Joe Vived

Absent: None

Also Present: Julie DeWall, Jessica Drake, Dianna Marsh, Jennifer Pascale, Tricia Protzman, Manny Rojas, Danielle Ross, Hugo Sanchez

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 July 13, 2021
Mrs. Pascale stated no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Dr. Massetti stated revisions to the minutes were made after the Board packet was mailed and those notes were mailed separately. Changes were marked in red. A comment made under agenda item 4.6 was mistakenly removed and will be added back.

Shelley Deniz moved to approve the revised minutes of July 13, 2021, seconded by Cathie Bustos, and carried by unanimous vote.

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

3.0 Adoption of Board Agenda
Mrs. Pascale stated no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Tammy Loveland moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Brian Ramirez 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 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 latest edition of Educational News and Views is out. Copies were provided to the Board. The newsletter featured articles on the vision van visiting the Early Education Center, graduations, promotions, and Ron Seals retirement in October.
- An article in the Tribune featured graduates from Madera County Independent Academy.
- Dr. Massetti provided a copy of an article on Valley Children's Hospital responding to the Clovis School Board regarding their comments and Board decisions on COVID. Mrs. Deniz stated the law says masks do not have to be worn by individuals with medical conditions and a medical release. Dr. Massetti noted MCSOS has a form approved by Madera County Public Health Officer Dr. Simon Paul to address those individuals needing medical exemptions. The form has been shared with the districts. Countywide, 40% of the population has been vaccinated. Vaccination clinics are available in Madera all of the time.

4.3 Non-School Sources

None

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

Mrs. Deniz reported the flyer for the meeting has been mailed. The event will take place on August 25 at 7 p.m. at Oakhurst Elementary. The RSVP deadline is August 13. Guests may attend for $13. The topic will be "What did we learning during COVID." Tricia Protzman will facilitate table talk discussions. Three superintendents will participate in a panel discussion about what took place in their districts.

A professional development opportunity will take place on September 18 via Zoom. The RSVP deadline is September 3. Dr. Linda Jordan will speak on SEL: Philosophy to Action and Hope in Learning.

4.5 Madera County Foundation Board Report

Mrs. Bustos reported there has not been a meeting since the Board last met.

4.6 Member Report(s)
None

5.0 Information from the Superintendent and Staff

5.1 MCSOS' Report on Williams Complaints
Dr. Massetti explained many districts do not hold a Board meeting in July and so, MCSOS did not receive many of their Williams Complaint reports. So far there have been no complaints. If something should arise, it will be brought to the Board.

5.2 MCSOS General Fund & Charter Schools Actual vs. Working Budget
Mrs. Dewall provided handouts and a PowerPoint presentation. She noted MCSOS is on target updating costs for salary and benefits. There was a savings in supplies. Business is currently doing closeout, so there are still some transfers to finalize. Salaries and benefits are MCSOS' largest expenses.

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 July 1-30, 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.

Cathie Bustos moved to ratify the TCCs, seconded by Zimri Padilla and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.2 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: computers, laptops, monitors, iPads, socket hand scanners, a wireless bridge, a processor, a desk chair, a CD player, and a projector.

Joe Vived moved to approve the list of surplus/obsolete equipment submitted, seconded

by Brian Ramirez and approved my unanimous vote.

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

8.3 Investment Performance Statement
Mrs. Pascale announced no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Mrs. DeWall stated the County Treasurer-Tax Collector's investments continue to provide as favorable a rate of return as can be expected in the current financial market. The current rate of return is 0.50%. Compared to last year's rate of return of 1.97% for the same time period, there is a decrease of 1.47%.

Mrs. DeWall added that all of the county funds are included in the investments. They are safe investments. When MCSOS wants to withdraw funds of over $1 million, notice must be given two days in advance. For withdrawals over $5 million, five days is needed.

Tammy Loveland moved to approve the Investment Performance Statement, Seconded by Joe Vived and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.4 Consideration of English Learner Plan
Mrs. Pascale announced no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Mr. Sanchez introduced Danielle Ross. Ms. Ross is the ELA/ELD program director who assisted with the English Learner Plan.

Mrs. Deniz asked if students are tested once a year. Mr. Sanchez explained students/families complete a home language survey within 30 days of enrollment. The survey triggers an assessment. When students have an ELPAC score of 4 then they can be reclassified. The ELPAC is given every spring. The ELPAC replaced the CELDT. The testing window opens in February and goes through the end of the school year.

Cathie Bustos moved to accept the English Learner Plan, seconded by Shelley Deniz and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.5 Consideration Approval of 2021-2022 Budget Revisions
Mrs. Pascale announced no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Mrs. DeWall explained budget revisions are necessary because the Governor's budget changed substantially. CTA and CSEA bargaining agreement adjustments along with non-represented group adjustments have been included along with step and column adjustments for all groups. State unemployment insurance decreased from 1.23% to .50%. Special Education funding is now calculated to include an increase to the base rate of $715 per ADA for the SELPA amounting to approximately $1 million. Federal funding through the CARES Act has been included in the Federal Revenue amount to address COVID needs: approximately $2 million. Services have increased due to additional needs of Learning Loss Mitigation due to COVID and mental health services. The budget reflects an increase to the ending Unrestricted General Fund balance of $844,971 and an increase of $2,406,919 in Restricted General Fund balance. The overall General Fund balance has increased by $3,251,890.

A board member asked if $715 per ADA is good. Dr. Massetti responded $715 was increased from $645, so it is more, but it is still not enough. Services for students with special needs are expensive. $715 puts MCSOS at the State average. MCSOS was well below previously.

Shelley Deniz moved to approve the 2021-2022 Budget Revisions, seconded by Zimri Padilla and carried by unanimous vote.

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

8.6 Consideration Review of MCBE P 5220 Independent Study
Mrs. Pascale announced no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

New requirements have been set by the State of California for independent study. The changes are outlined in the administrative regulations. MCSOS has 30 days to meet the new requirements, which include: meeting with parents to sign new contracts, adopting new/revised polices by the first day of instructions. The Board Bylaws state the regulations can be written by MCSOS administration. The administrative regulations for MCBE P 5220 were written Friday, August 6, 2021. The auditors were provided a copy to review. MCSOS may lose one day of apportionment if the policy does not meet the

requirement of being Board approved by the first day of instruction which was yesterday, August 9th.

Traditional independent study (15 days or less) will remain the same.

Shelley Deniz moved to adopt MCBE P 5220 Independent Study and MCBE P AR 5220 Independent Study, seconded by Cathie Bustos and approved by unanimous vote.

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

8.7 Consideration Adoption of MCBE P 5221 Instruction – Independent Study for 2021-2022

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

With the enactment of Assembly Bill No. 130 (Ch. 44, Stats. 2021), school districts and county offices of education are required to offer independent study for the 2021-2022 school year with limited exceptions. Administrative Regulations for MCBE P 5220 implementing this policy are in compliance with AB 130. The distance learning format that was provided in 2020-2021 is no longer available.

Tammy Loveland moved to adopt MCBE Policy 5221 Independent Study for 2021-2022, seconded by Joe Vived and carried by unanimous vote.

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

9.0 Other

None

10.0 Adjournment

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia A. Massetti, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary

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