UNADOPTED

Minutes of
Madera County Board of Education
December 14, 2021

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Brad Bitter, Zoe Bitter, Fred Cogan, Julie DeWall, Jessica Drake, Alan Macedo, Rachel Mancebo, Dianna Marsh, Dr. Justin Miller, Jennifer Pascale, Tricia Protzman, Scott Odell, Kristi Winter

1.0 Call to Order
1.1 Flag Salute
Executive Secretary Dr. Cecilia A. Massetti called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

2.0 Consideration of Board Organization
2.1 Election of President
Board Members selected numbers out of a basket to determine the order of nominations. Executive Secretary Massetti called for nominations. The nominations were as follows:

1. Brian Ramirez nominated Alfred Soares, Jr.
2. Alfred Soares, Jr., abstained from nominating.
3. Shelley Deniz nominated Alfred Soares, Jr.
4. Zimri Padilla nominated Alfred Soares, Jr.
5. Tammy Loveland nominated Alfred Soares, Jr.
6. Joe Vived nominated Alfred Soares, Jr.
7. Cathie Bustos nominated Alfred Soares, Jr.

Mrs. Pascale called the roll for the vote on the nomination of Alfred Soares, Jr. Alfred Soares, Jr., was elected by unanimous vote.

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

2.2 Election of Vice President
Board Members selected numbers out of a basket to determine the order of

nominations. Board President Soares, Jr., called for nominations. The nominations were as follows:

1. Zimri Padilla nominated Tammy Loveland.
2. Brian Ramirez nominated Tammy Loveland.
3. Joe Vived nominated Tammy Loveland.
4. Cathie Bustos nominated Tammy Loveland.
5. Shelley Deniz nominated Tammy Loveland.
6. Alfred Soares, Jr., nominated Tammy Loveland.
7. Tammy Loveland abstained from nominating.

Mrs. Pascale called the roll for the vote on the nomination of Tammy Loveland. Tammy Loveland was elected by unanimous vote.

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

2.3 Election of Representative to Madera County School Boards Association (MCSBA) Executive Committee

Board Members selected numbers out of a basket to determine the order of nominations. Board President Soares, Jr., called for nominations. The nominations were as follows:

1. Zimri Padilla nominated Joe Vived.
2. Shelley Deniz nominated Joe Vived.
3. Cathie Bustos nominated Joe Vived.
4. Alfred Soares, Jr., abstained from nominating.
5. Joe Vived nominated Shelley Deniz.
6. Tammy Loveland nominated Joe Vived.
7. Brian Ramirez nominated Joe Vived.

Mrs. Pascale called roll for the vote on nomination of Joe Vived. Joe Vived was elected Representative to the MCSBA Executive Committee by unanimous vote.

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

2.4 Confirmation Time and Place for Regular Board Meetings:

- Meeting Dates 2021-2022

- 2nd Tuesday of the Month (January – December)
- Additional Meeting Needed in June to Approve LCAP (June 21)

- Meeting Times: 3:30 p.m.
- Meeting Location: 1105 S. Madera Avenue, Madera, CA 93637

President Appointments (January Meeting)

- CSBA Legislative Network (1)
- Foundation Board (1)

3.0 Consideration of Minutes

3.1 Regular Meeting November 9, 2021

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

Shelley Deniz moved to approve the minutes of November 9, 2021, as presented, seconded by Zimri Padilla and carried by unanimous vote.

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

4.0 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 Joe Vived and carried by unanimous vote.

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

5.0 Information

5.1 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.

5.2 Letters and Communications

5.2.1 Award of Excellence: Chowchilla Union High School FFA Team

Superintendent Dr. Justin Miller and Coach Brad Bitter were introduced. Dr. Miller explained the team won their award before he became superintendent. He asked Mr. Bitter to talk about the process and the team's effort. Mr. Bitter noted that only half of the team was in attendance. Some team members are attending colleges out of the area. The team is ranked seventh highest in the nation. Competitor Rachel Mancebo is the fifth highest in the nation. Student Zoe Bitter explained the competition and talked about its rigor.

Students received an "Award of Excellence" certificate of recognition from the Board and the team was honored with a plaque.

5.3 Non-School Sources

- Dr. Massetti provide articles about Excellence in Education that were in the Fresno Bee, Sierra Star, and the Madera Tribune.
- Dr. Massetti attended Veterans Day in the Park. Priscilla Huerta, a local singer, sang the National Anthem with her five-year-old niece. Mrs. Huerta sings at the MCSOS Excellence in Education event annually.
- Gould Educational Center will host an outdoor winter program for family members on December 15th. Each class will perform a holiday song or skit.
- A graduation ceremony will be held for 47 PTC students on December 17th.

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

Mrs. Deniz stated there was nothing to report.

5.5 Madera County Foundation Board Report

Mrs. Bustos stated there was nothing to report.

5.6 Member Report(s)

None

6.0 Information from the Superintendent and Staff

6.1 Student Events Presentation

Dianna Marsh introduced Events Coordinator Kristi Winter. Mrs. Marsh noted that the Academic Decathlon lecture series took place in October. There were six speakers. The theme this year is, "Water: Our Most Precious Resource." A scrimmage has also been completed for the competition.

Mrs. Winter distributed brochures listing the dates of this year's events. New this year is a competition for elementary level students titled, "Battle of the Books." Mock Trial is coming up on January 19, 20, 26, & 27. Twenty-three volunteers are needed for this competition. Teams are coached by an attorney in legal procedures. Students act as

attorneys, witnesses, the court clerk, and bailiff. Competitions are planned to be held at Madera County Superior Court. Local judges preside over each case. This year's case is titled "People vs. Coby." It is a murder trial. There are additional competitions for art and journalism.

Mrs. Winter stated the Academic Decathlon is a high school competition. There are ten subject areas: art, economics, essay, interview, language/literature, math, music, science, social science, and speech. This year, seven schools are participating. Each team may have up to 25 students. Each team must have three students in each range qualifying with the following grade point averages: 4.0, 3.0, and 2.0. The essay competition will take place on January 18th. Objective testing will be held February 1. The speech, interview, and super quiz will be held on February 5.

$100 scholarships are given to the highest scoring student in each subject. The top scoring senior of each team receives a $250 scholarship. The highest scoring student overall receives a $500 scholarship.

600 students throughout California participate in Lecture Day. Six valley experts participate.

Graduation cords are provided to students who participate in the Academic Decathlon for two years and score 4,000 points or more.

61 volunteers are needed for the speech and interview competitions.

Academic Pentathlon is a middle school competition with five events. The topics are the same as Academic Decathlon. Up to 15 students may participate on each of the 7th and 8th grade teams. This year, 11 schools are participating. The essay/literature competition will be held March 3. On March 19, the remaining events in fine arts, science, social science, super quiz will take place. Sometimes the Academic Decathlon and Academic Pentathlon teams work together to study.

Battle of the Books will be held on March 5. Six elementary schools are participating in the 3-4th and 5-6th grade competitions. Teams read from a list of 20 books. Competitions include: Friendly Family Feud, Relay Race, Super Challenge, and the Grand Challenge.

7th and 8th grade students will participate in the Math Tournament on April 8th. Titles of events include: The Mad Hatter, Leap Frog, Circuit Training, and the Relay Race, which is an outdoor event.

The ArtsFest will be held on May 7th. It is a free outdoor festival with activities for children including: flower pot decorating, rock painting, bag decorating, washer necklaces, chalk murals, pool paintings, face painting, art demonstrators, a performance stage. A newer event to encourage parent involvement is also available. Parents are provided with a list of things they can do with their children. Free snow cones and popcorn are also available. The conference center is turned into an in-door art gallery.

Students in grades K-12 may compete in 2D, 3D, and still photography. There is also a category for special education. 33 volunteers are still needed.

6.2 Proposed Trustee Area Maps

Mr. Odell noted that at the last meeting the census data was reviewed. The guideline is to have less that a 10% deviation. The census data revealed MCSOS was at a 14% deviation. Mr. Odell's firm prepared two map scenarios. The main goals were to balance the population and not dilute the Latinx vote. Both of the maps meet those goals. One scenario accommodates the growth in Tesoro Viejo and Riverstone developments. Madera Acres was broken up in the old map. The new maps bring almost all of it together.

The Board of Education will be asked to select a map to recommend to the Madera County Committee on School District Organization at the next meeting. The selected map will be taken to the committee for action in February 2022.

7.0 Old Business

None

8.0 Closed Session

None

9.0 New Business

9.1 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 November 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.

Tammy Loveland moved to ratify the TCCs, seconded by Cathie Bustos and carried by unanimous vote.

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

9.2 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 a computer, a projector, a typewriter, Promethean boards, projectors, and digital cameras.

Shelley Deniz moved to approve the list of surplus/obsolete equipment submitted, seconded by Zimri Padilla and carried by unanimous vote.

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

9.3 Consideration Receive and Review First Interim Report

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

Mrs. DeWall stated MCSOS is in a positive place. The First Interim Report certifies MCSOS will meet the fiscal needs of the current and next two years. The Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and special education revenues remain conservative. ADA is estimated to stay the same in 22-23 and 23-24 years. ADA is projected at 38.68 for Juvenile Hall, 15 for County funded non-juvenile court schools, 215.19 for PTC, 58.75 for MCIA, and 289.40 for Special Education. Hard to fill positions such as nurses and school psychologists are being filled by outside contract agencies. The cumulative increase in PERS/STRS retirement rates for the three years is budgeted at $962,000. Step and Column increases are budgeted to increase by 1.5%. One-time funds for COVID are not included in the two out years. The current projected budget shows an increase in the Unrestricted General Fund ending balance for 21-22 of about $700,000.

Joe Vived moved to accept the positive certification as presented, seconded by Tammy Loveland and carried by unanimous vote.

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

9.4 Consideration of the Waiver to Change the Schedule for Extended School Year

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

Mrs. Drake recommended Extended School Year be held for 15 full days instead of 20 half days. The regular schedule is easier on parents and students. There is also a financial savings when the districts are not in session. It is also easier to recruit staff to work 15 days opposed to 20.

Shelley Deniz moved to approve the submission of the waiver to the State Board of Education to change the schedule for Extended School Year, seconded by Joe Vived and carried by unanimous vote.

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

Abstain: None
Absent: None

9.5 Educator Effectiveness Grants

9.5.1 Madera County Superintendent of Schools Program

9.5.2 Pioneer Technical Center

9.5.3 Madera County Independent Academy

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

Mr. Cogan explained the Educator Effectiveness Grants were presented to the Board at the last meeting for review. Today, they are for the Board's consideration for approval.

Tammy Loveland moved to approve the Educator Effectiveness Grants for Madera County Superintendent of Schools, Pioneer Technical Center, and Madera County Independent Academy, seconded by Cathie Bustos and carried by unanimous vote.

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

9.6 Consideration Federal Addendum to Local Control Accountability Plans (LCAPs)

9.6.1 Madera County Superintendent of Schools

9.6.2 Pioneer Technical Center

9.6.3 Madera County Independent Academy

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

Mr. Macedo reviewed the Federal Addendum to the LCAPs. iReady is being used in all Career Technical and Alternative Education Services programs. ParentSquare is being used to keep parents informed. Teachers are being taught by specialists in math and social emotional learning.

Zimri Padilla moved to approve the Federal Addendum to the LCAP, seconded by Brian Ramirez and carried by unanimous vote.

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

10.0 Other

None

11.0 Adjournment

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

Shelley Deniz moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Zimri Padilla and carried by unanimous vote.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia A. Massetti, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary