UNADOPTED

Minutes of
Madera County Board of Education
December 11, 2018

Present: Cathie Bustos, Nancy Prosperi, Alfred Soares, Jr., Grant Sturm, Joe Vived, Dr. Cecilia A. Massetti, Sara Wilkins (Via Conference Call)

Also Present: Jennifer Pascale, Leslie Neumeier, Dennis Lingo, Tricia Protzman, Cheryl Mohr, Jessica Drake, Steve Carney, Dianna Marsh, Mary Donovan

Absent: Bobby Thatcher

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Flag Salute

Dr. Massetti called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

2.0 Consideration of Board Organization

2.1 Election of President

Dr. Massetti opened the nominations. Grant Sturm moved to elect Sara Wilkins as President, seconded by Nancy Prosperi and carried by unanimous vote.

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

2.2 Election of Vice President

Sara Wilkins moved to elect Alfred Soares, Jr., as Vice President, seconded by Cathie Bustos and carried by unanimous vote.

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

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

Sara Wilkins moved to elect Grant Sturm as the representative to the MCSBA Executive Committee, seconded by Nancy Prosperi and carried by unanimous vote.

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

2.4 Confirmation Time and Place for Regular Board Meetings:
The Board confirmed meeting on the second Tuesday of every month at 3:30 p.m. accept for the month of December when the Board will meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month. An additional meeting is scheduled to approve the LCAP on June 27th. The meeting location remains: 1105 S. Madera Avenue, Madera, CA 93637.

For clarification, the dates are as follows:

- January 8, 2019
- February 12, 2019
- March 12, 2019
- April 9, 2019
- May 14, 2019
- June 11, 2019
- June 27, 2019 (Special Meeting)
- July 9, 2019
- August 13, 2019
- September 10, 2019
- October 8, 2019
- November 12, 2019
- December 17, 2019

President Sara Wilkins elected to make the following appointments at the January meeting:

- CSBA Legislative Network (1)
- MCSOS Communications Committee (1)
- Foundation Board (1)

3.0 Consideration of Minutes

3.1 Regular Meeting November 13, 2018
Sara Wilkins moved to approve the minutes of November 13, 2018, seconded by Nancy Prosperi and carried by majority vote.

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

4.0 Adoption of Board Agenda
Cathie Bustos moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Joe Vived and carried by unanimous vote.

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

5.0 Information

5.1 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).

Early Start Teacher and CTA President Mary Donovan invited the Board to attend the Early Start Winter Party on Friday, December 14, 2018, from 10-11:30 a.m. The event will be held at MCSOS Building II. She thanked the board members who attended the opening of school.

5.2 Letters and Communications

Dr. Massetti reported and provided copies on the following:

- Mrs. Stansbury, Mrs. Corchado, and Mr. Contreras hosted a Thanksgiving lunch and performance at Nishimoto Elementary School on November 15th.
- The PPT Conference was held November 29th. Joe Vived attended and had the opportunity to talk with the vendors. He was amazed at the number of vendors serving families in the Madera community.
- A picture of Gould with a rainbow over the school was shared with the Board.
- Tulare County Office of Education Superintendent Jim Vidak retired and a celebration was held for him on November 17th. The event included a fundraiser the new UC Merced/SCICON Field Station.
- The MCSOS coat drive brought 94 coats to students enrolled in MCSOS programs. Tricia Protzman reported that Kristen Anderson coordinated the event. Monetary donations were used to purchase 19 additional coats for students identified as needing one but whose sizes were not available in the donated coats. A principal at Madera Unified posted a need for coats on social media. Some of the remaining coats were delivered to that school site. The remainder of the coats were donated to the local mission and churches.
- The Early Start Winter Party will be on December 14th at MCSOS Building II at 10 a.m. The Early Education Center will be hosting a party of their own on the same day and Santa will be in attendance.
- The Gould Christmas Performance will be on December 17th at 10 a.m.

5.3 Non-School Sources

None

5.4 Madera County School Boards Association Executive Committee Meeting Report

Grant Sturm reported that no new information is available. The next meeting will be held March 6th at Hillside Elementary.

5.5 Communications Committee Report

Nancy Prosperi reported the next meeting is scheduled for January 23rd.

5.6 Madera County Foundation Board Report

Cathie Bustos reported the next meeting is scheduled for February 12th. The Academic Decathlon Interview and Essay contests will be held January 25th and the Academic Decathlon event will be on February 2nd.

5.7 Member Report(s) [Member]

None

6.0 Information from the Superintendent and Staff

6.1 Financial Report

Steve Carney reported the revised budget for the First Interim adjusts revenue by $1,217,018. This is due to MAA revenues projected to increase and an increase in Interagency Revenues. A decrease is projected to the LCFF revenues for Alternative Education due to decreasing ADA.

The overall decrease in the Fund Balance is projected to increase by $477,774, which is related to contracting services for Speech Pathologists and the construction project for the Career Technical Education building.

Bill backs have not yet been included.

7.0 Old Business

None

8.0 Closed Session

None

9.0 New Business

9.1 Consideration Issuance of Temporary County Certificates

Tricia Protzman asked the Board to ratify the issuance of Temporary County Certificates (TCCs) from November 1-30, 2018. 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 Nancy Prosperi and carried by unanimous vote.

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

9.2 Consideration Disposition of Surplus/Obsolete Equipment

Mr. Carney provided the Board with a list of equipment declared obsolete. Items included computers, printers, monitors, and docking stations.

Nancy Prosperi moved to approve the list of surplus/obsolete equipment as submitted, seconded by Joe Vived and approved by unanimous vote.

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

9.3 Consideration Approval of First Interim Report
Mr. Carney explained a summary of the report was provided in the packet and the actual report was distributed today.

Mr. Carney reported the COLA for this year is 2.71%. The projection for 2019-20 is 2.5% and for 2020-21 it is 2.67%. These COLAs do not cover the increased cost of steps and columns for PERS and STRS which will be at least an increase of 3% per year.

Vice President Soares, Jr. questioned whether the 3% increase included increasing costs for minimum wage or health care. Mr. Carney confirmed that those expenses are not part of the 3% increase. Mr. Soares, Jr. asked if the retiree benefits are included. Mr. Carney explained that retiree benefits are included.

Mr. Carney reported MCSOS received the actuarial study, which shows the annual pay-as-you-go funds climbing to $1.3 million. Currently, MCSOS is at approximately $850,000. Those monies are not reported in the First Interim. The total liability on the actuarial study is $23 million. Dr. Massetti stated MCSOS has set aside $3-$4 million. MCSOS is considering putting those funds into an irrevocable trust because the interest rates will be much higher than what MCSOS is currently receiving on those funds. Four to five years ago when money and taxes were slim MCSOS used the liquidity of those funds so as not to borrow money. The fund has been paid back and the time is right to place the funds in a trust.

Mrs. Prosperi asked about item number four on the coversheet of agenda item #9.3. She wanted to know who the vendors are. Mr. Carney explained the vendors are school districts, County offices, and community colleges.

Grant Sturm moved to accept the positive certification of the First Interim Report, seconded by Joe Vived and approved my unanimous vote.

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

10.0 Other

10.1 Consideration Excusing Member from Absence at a Meeting for Purposes of Member Participation in Conference(s)
Nancy Prosperi moved to approve the absence of Bobby Thatcher, seconded by Joe Vived and approved by unanimous vote.

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

11.0 Adjournment

Nancy Prosperi moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cathie Bustos and carried by unanimous vote.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia A. Massetti, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary

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