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Minutes of
Madera County Board of Education
December 12, 2017

Present: Cathie Bustos, Nancy Prosperi, Alfred Soares, Jr., Grant Sturm, Bobby Thatcher, Joe Vived, Sara Wilkins

Also Present: Kristen Andersen, Bianca Gil, Fred Cogan, Carrie Dennis, Mariela Gonzalez, Kelly Kline, Dennis Lingo, Cecilia A. Massetti, Cheryl Mohr, Jeannette Ocampo, Jennifer Pascale, Tricia Protzman, Laura Rodriguez, James Sargent

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Flag Salute

President Sara Wilkins called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

2.0 Consideration of Board Organization

2.1 Election of President

Bobby Thatcher moved to elect Sara Wilkins as President. Alfred Soares, Jr. moved to close the nomination, seconded by Joe Vived and carried by unanimous vote.

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

2.2 Election of Vice President

Cathie Bustos moved to elect Alfred Soares, Jr., as Vice President. Carried by unanimous vote.

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

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

Nancy Prosperi moved to elect Grant Sturm as the representative to the MCSBA Executive Committee. Alfred Soares, Jr. moved to close the nomination. Carried by unanimous vote.

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

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. The Board will meet at 1105 S. Madera Avenue, Madera, CA 93637. An additional meeting date will be set in June to approve the LCAP. The proposed dates are June 27 or June 28.

Grant Sturm moved to confirm the Board meeting dates, times, location, seconded by Cathie Bustos and carried by unanimous vote.

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

President Appointments – 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 14, 2017
Bobby Thatcher moved to approve the minutes of November 14, 2017, seconded by Grant Sturm and carried by unanimous vote.

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

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

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

5.0 Information
5.1 Public Comment
President Wilkins 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.

5.2 Letters and Communications
Dr. Massetti reported and provided copies on the following:

- Mock Trial was held December 5th at the Madera Courthouse, December 6th at the Bass Lake Courthouse, and December 9th at the Madera Courthouse. Students from

Liberty High, Madera High, Madera South High, and Yosemite High competed. Yosemite high won the competition.

- Cheryl A. Lara's retirement celebration took place December 8th.
- Madera County Superintendent of Schools (MCSOS) received a 2016-17 California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) Data Management Recognition for the submission and maintenance of high-quality data. Ceci commended Michelle Brewer and Claudia Rocha for their accurate work.
- MCSOS school psychologists assisted Golden Valley Unified School District after an 11-year-old boy died and a 9-year-old boy was put in critical condition due to a truck crashing into their bedroom in Madera Ranchos. The driver of the truck also died.
- A new voting system will be implemented in Madera County. It is one of five new systems in the state.
- Trees for Charity was held December 2nd.
- The Madera County Historical Society Christmas Gala was held December 3rd.
- The Pregnant Parenting Teen Youth Conference was held November 16th.
- Dannis Woliver Kelley, Attorneys at Law, provided a catalog titled, *Legislation & Case Law Highlights: Legal Developments of Interest for K-12 School Districts*. The catalog offered a section on Board Ethics, Transparency, and Accountability.

5.3 Non-School Sources
Reported under 5.2

5.4 **Madera County School Boards Association Executive Committee Meeting Report** Flyers have gone out announcing the next meeting at Sierra View Elementary in the Golden Valley Unified School District. The general meeting will be held on February 7 at 7:00 p.m. with the Executive Committee meeting being held at 6:00 p.m.

5.5 Communications Committee Report
Nancy Prosperi reported that the next meeting is scheduled for January 10 at 2:30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

5.6 Madera County Foundation Board Report
Cathie Bustos reported the next meeting will be held on February 13.

5.7 Member Report(s)
Bobby Thatcher attended the CSBA AEC conference at the San Diego Convention Center. He will bring information from the conference to the next meeting.

Joe Vived asked if MCSOS has a sexual discrimination policy. Dr. Massetti explained there is one, however, it is not an MCBE policy because it is an employer (MCSOS) policy. The Madera County Board of Education is not the employer. She will have copies of the policy for the group so they are aware of what it stipulates.

Mr. Vived commented Madera is going through some trying times. There are individuals analyzing the salaries of city department heads. It has been in the papers. The implication is that council members are not doing their job and protecting the taxpayers. He requested the salary schedules. Dr. Massetti explained salaries are posted on Transparent California

(transparentcalifornia.com). They are accessible to anyone. The Madera County Board of Education sets only the superintendent's salary. Board members are not responsible for any other salary. Dr. Massetti will meet with Mr. Vived and review the salary schedules as they are public documents.

5.8 Recognition Retirees: Deborah Hardy & Cheryl Lara

Deborah Hardy could not make the meeting. Cheryl Lara was recognized by the Board with a bouquet of flowers. Dr. Massetti talked about how she contributed to MCSOS over the last 41 years. Nancy Prosperi asked Cheryl Mohr to share one of the stories told during the retirement party. Cheryl Mohr retold the story for the Board.

6.0 Information from the Superintendent and Staff

6.1 Financial Report

Steve Carney stated the interim report is daunting. The original budget showed deficit spending of $2.15 million. The interim report is slightly better by $154,000. Deficit spending will be about $1.9 million. What was not included in the interim report or the original budget was the bill back that Dr. Massetti put in place for both preschool and AB602 Special Education dollars. The good news is that the unrestricted balance will increase by $122,000. It is the restricted numbers that show the deficit spending primarily in the area of special education as well as spending down grants that MCSOS had from the previous year.

In terms of revenue, there is a slight decrease in the general fund. ADA for both Special Education and Court Schools was adjusted: 1.45 for Special Education and 5.83 for Court Schools. If you look at salaries and benefits, there was a decrease of $516,000 for positions that were difficult to fill. However, there was an increase of about the same amount due to contracting for those specialized services. In the area of books and supplies, there was an increase in the restricted categories of about $26,000.

In unrestricted, there was an increase to insurance costs and the capital outlay to adjust for costs in building two, which Early Start will eventually move in to. In terms of the bill back that Dr. Massetti put in place, the AB602 dollars are a little over $1,000,000 in deficit spending if all positions are filled. MCSOS has not had the increases to offset salary increases or COLA on the revenue side. Special Education is always a difficult area to fund. The district superintendents have paid MCSOS and the Special Education staff a huge complement in saying they would prefer a bill back then to take the programs over. On the preschool side of Special Education there is a bill back of roughly $245,000. Of the $2 million deficit spending, $1.5 million relates to Special Education that may require a bill back. The rest of it is grants and prior year spending that MCSOS is spending down. Other factors making the budget difficult are STRS and PERS. In the next four years, MCSOS will see an increase in spending by $1.8 million.

Board members discussed school funding over the last 30 years with Mr. Carney.

Mr. Carney noted that in 2011 a supplemental payroll was run on the accounts payable commercial account. It should have come out of the payroll account. MCSOS will credit the accounts payable commercial account from the payroll account.

6.2 Quarterly Reports of Investments

Mr. Carney reported the effective rate of return is 1.14%. This is a favorable return compared to the last few years. In 2015, the return was 0.83%. In 2016, the return was 1.8%.

6.3 Dashboard Data for Alternative Schools

James Sargent reported on the dashboard data for Alternative Education that recently went public. Madera County Independent Academy (MCIA) has a mid-cycle WASC review this year. Pioneer Technical Center (PTC) has a WASC review next year. MCIA has a charter renewal in April. Mr. Sargent and his team have been reviewing the data and CAES programs. Finding schools to compare with MCSOS CAES programs was difficult. Every alternative education program is different. Madera Unified School District, Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, Merced Union High School District, and Fresno Unified were selected as comparisons.

Mr. Sargent reviewed the State priorities: absenteeism, suspension, academic performance. There are four levels: level 1 = not met, level 2 = nearly met, level 3 = met, and level 4 = exceeded. In alternative education, students often have gaps in their education and gaps in their preparation. Therefore, getting students from “not met” to “nearly met” is an accomplishment.

- Academic Assessment Results:
    - Math: In comparing MCIA and PTC with Madera Unified it was easy to see the challenges alternative education students have in reaching the “nearly met” marker for math. Mr. Sargent noted that many of the students at MCIA do not qualify to attend other alternative education programs such as Furman at MUSD. The results for the “met” category were very low.
    - English language arts results for MCIA and PTC were closer to similar schools than they were for math.
- Suspension Rates: PTC has the lowest suspension rate in comparison to the other schools.
- Chronic Absenteeism Rates: Chronic absenteeism is a student that misses 10% of the school year, which is roughly about 20 days. Some districts had up to 50-60% of students missing 20 days or more. MCSOS was similar.

MCSOS schools are not on the dashboard with color charts. Next fall they will be.

7.0 Old Business

None

8.0 Closed Session

None

9.0 New Business

9.1 Consideration Issuance of Temporary County Certificates

Cheryl Lara asked the Board to ratify the issuance of Temporary County Certificates (TCCs) from November 1-30, 2017. 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 Joe Vived and carried by unanimous vote.

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

9.2 Consideration Disposition of Surplus/Obsolete Equipment

Steve Carney provided the Board with a list of equipment declared obsolete. Items included: a projector, a storage enclosure, an SCSI drive blade, monitors, an interface, a tape drive, a tape backup, UPS backups, cabinets, and a four drawer file cabinet.

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

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

9.3 Consideration Approval of First Interim Report

Steve Carney asked that the Board to approve the First Interim Report as presented earlier in the meeting.

Grant Sturm moved to approve the First Interim Report as presented, seconded by Nancy Prosperi and carried by unanimous vote.

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

9.4 Consideration Nomination of Sara Wilkins as the CSBA County Delegate for Region 10

Sara Wilkins stated the process to nominate someone for the CSBA County Delegate Region 10 position is to put the item on the agenda and ask members to nominate someone. However, because she filled the remainder of someone's term she agreed to be the delegate for another term.

Bobby Thatcher moved to approve the nomination of Sara Wilkins as the CSBA County Delegate for Region 10, seconded by Alfred Soares, Jr. and carried by unanimous vote.

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

Abstain: None
Absent: None

10.0 Other
10.1 Consideration Excusing Member from Absence at a Meeting for Purposes of Member Participation in Conference(s)
None

11.0 Adjournment
Nancy Prosperi moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Joe Vived and carried by unanimous vote.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia A. Massetti, Ed.D. Executive
Secretary

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