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Minutes of
Madera County Board of Education
November 9, 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: Fred Cogan, Julie DeWall, Jessica Drake, Dennis Lingo, Scott Odell, Sam Pedersen, Tricia Protzman, Dianna Marsh, Dr. Rosemary Morales, Jennifer Pascale, Reis Soares

1.0 Call to Order
1.1 Flag Salute
President Alfred Soares, Jr., called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

2.0 Consideration of Minutes
2.1 Regular Meeting October 12, 2021
Mrs. Pascale stated no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Tammy Loveland moved to approve the minutes of October 12, 2021, as presented 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.

Shelley Deniz moved to adopt the agenda 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 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 Workshop on 2020 Census Data and Impact on Trustee Area Balancing

Dr. Massetti explained the redistricting process takes place every 10 years. MCSOS and the school districts have contracted with Odell Planning and Research, Inc. to assist with the process. Dr. Massetti introduced Scott Odell.

Mr. Odell reported school districts and county offices are mandated to balance trustee areas every 10 years. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss legal requirements and factors to consider when redistricting.

Under Amendment 14 of the U.S. Constitution the courts determined a deviation of 10% is acceptable. Education Code 1002 states the County Board must have a two-thirds vote to approve the trustee areas. Everything must be completed by March 1. The census data was four months late this time due to COVID.

The Federal Voting Rights Act ensures that the voting power of minority groups does not get diluted. In Madera, there is a large Latinx population. The trustee areas should be compact and contiguous. The boundaries should be easily identifiable. This can be challenging in mountainous areas. The boundaries must maintain and respect communities of interest as much as possible. Communities of interest include: identifiable neighborhoods, areas with similar racial and ethnic compositions and cultural identities as well as areas with common social and civic networks.

Mr. Odell noted that the population of Madera County has increased by 8,700 people, which is roughly 5.8%. Areas 1-6 gained population and Area 7 lost population. The ideal population of a trustee area would be one seventh of the total population. The deviation is currently 14.1%, some alterations need to be made.

Adjustments on the map would mainly involve decreasing population in Area 5 and increasing population Areas 2 and 7. Given the majority Latinx population in Madera, MCSOS must be mindful of not diluting their voting power.

Timeline:

- November 22: Map drafts will be posted on the MCSOS website for review and comment.
- December 14: Deadline for comments on draft maps

- December 29: Prepare revised maps if necessary
- January or February: Hold another meeting (a public hearing) to consider map alternatives and adopt a preferred map.

Mr. Vived asked if we are seeking the 10% deviation. Mr. Odell said that is the goal and he will devise maps adjusting the boundaries to meet a deviation of less than 10%.

Mr. Soares, Jr. asked if Mr. Odell would duplicate what was done 10 years ago and try to keep the difference between areas to around 125 people. Mr. Odell said the goal is to keep areas within a 10% deviation.

Dr. Massetti added that Mr. Odell would also be looking at property lines. One case came up this year where a property was divided in half and there was an issue with families being in two different school districts on the same property.

Mr. Padilla asked how many maps would be proposed. Mr. Odell responded that two maps will be drawn up.

Mrs. Bustos asked if those maps would be available on November 20th for review. Mr. Odell said they will be available on the website by November 22nd.

Dr. Massetti added the proposed maps will be posted on the website after the 22nd and copies will be available by the December meeting. The action to approve the maps will take place in January.

4.3 Letters and Communications

Dr. Massetti received correspondence from Marcy Matsumoto regarding CSBA. Copies were provided to the Board at the meeting and via e-mail.

Dr. Massetti received a letter from the California Department of Education thanking Mrs. DeWall for MCSOS's timely submittal of the 2020-2021 Standardized Account Code Structure and/or Charter Schools Alternative Form unaudited actual financial reports.

4.4 Non-School Sources

- The Cardiac Symposium was held at the Conference Center in early October.
- The Madera County Farm Bureau held the Ag United Harvest Celebration and Annual Meeting to raise funds. A $10,000 scholarship was raised in memory of Rick Cosyns.
- The Madera Community Hospital celebrated its 50th anniversary on October 15th.
- Teacher Heather Frandsen, who had been battling health issues passed away a few weeks ago. She had resigned from MCSOS, but had worked with us for many years.

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

Mrs. Deniz stated there was nothing to report.

4.6 Madera County Foundation Board Report

Mrs. Bustos reported the Foundation Board met on October 19. Mrs. Bustos noted the following:

- The Foundation has a new board member: Nancy Prosperi.
- Mrs. Bustos was elected as the Board President. The Board has not filled the Vice President position yet.
- Financial accounts have been moved to EECU.
- PG&E and EECU both donated $5,000 and Camarena Health donated $2,500 to the Foundation.
- The Foundation is working to clean-up its marketing plan. Brochures are being reviewed.
- The ArtsFest will be held on May 7th. It is an outdoor event. So far, 20 schools have signed up to participate.
- The Foundation Board is working on a reception for donors.
- Pitman scholarships will be read soon.
- A new student event for elementary level students is being coordinated. It is titled, "Battle of the Books."
- Academic Decathlon is celebrating its 40th anniversary. As always, Kristi Winter is looking for volunteers. Mrs. Bustos will email a link to the volunteer form.
- The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2022.

4.7 Member Report(s)

None

5.0 Information from the Superintendent and Staff

5.1 Countywide Revenue and Expenses by District and Total

Mrs. DeWall explained MCSOS has completed the first quarter of the Fiscal Year. The charts and graphs presented reflect a snapshot of each district's revenues through September 30, 2021 and expenditures through October 31, 2021, compared to their overall budget.

Apportionments are received at the same time for all districts, so the charts look very similar for all of the districts and County Office. Federal revenues are higher than usual for this time of year and Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) is lower. LCFF is the base funding for districts and county offices.

Mrs. Deniz asked what effects the local revenue. Mrs. DeWall explained local revenues are based on property taxes.

Mrs. DeWall explained that the Federal revenue for MCSOS is lower than the districts because we do not have as many students.

Regarding expenses, districts and MCSOS are on track for this time of year. Approximately 91% of the budget goes toward salary/benefits, supplies, and services.

Dr. Massetti asked if this is the time of the year that districts use TRAN funds. Mrs. DeWall stated the TRAN comes out in July with repayment in January and April.

5.2 Quarterly Reports on Williams Uniform Complaint
Dr. Massetti informed the Board that no complaints have been filed with MCSOS or the districts. Chowchilla Elementary School District has yet to report. If there are complaints, those will be brought to the Board.

6.0 Old Business
None

7.0 Closed Session
N/A

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 October 1-29, 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.

Joe Vived moved to ratify the TCCs, seconded by Brian Ramirez 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, a laptop, a printer, a monitor, and a pop-up canopy.

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

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

Absent: None

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

Mrs. DeWall reported MCSOS funds are deposited in the Madera County Treasury. The current rate of return is 0.50% and compared to last year's rate of return for this time period is a decrease of 0.51%.

Cathie Bustos moved to approve the Investment Performance report 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

8.4 Educator Effectiveness Grants
8.4.1 Madera County Superintendent of Schools Program
8.4.2 Pioneer Technical Center
8.4.3 Madera County Independent Academy
Mr. Cogan explained Educator Effectiveness funds will be spent over a five-year period. They are for professional development, coaching, and support services. In light of COVID, MCSOS has allocated to use the funds on a program called Lifeguard. Dianna, Fred, and Jessica explained the program, phone app, incentives, information articles, and how the program ties into Aeries and PowerSchool. The app monitors the social/emotional well being of the voluntary participants. Anyone in crisis is connected to a counselor. MCSOS has partnered with Stanislaus County. Districts will be able to contract with MCSOS for the program. The program costs approximately $350,000 for three years. After those three years, the program is $10 per staff member and $4 per student per year. Grant funds may also cover the cost of additional staff days to help close the achievement gap.

Mr. Soares, Jr., asked if these funds have been received in the past. Mr. Cogan said they were received in 2016-2017.

8.5 Consideration Acceptance of Williams Annual Report
Mrs. Pascale stated no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Mrs. Marsh stated the Williams settlement took place in the early 2000's. The lawsuit claimed that poor and underprivileged students were not receiving the same education as students in high wealth areas. It claimed poor/underprivileged students attended schools with a lack of materials, poor facilities, and teachers who were unqualified to teach. In 2004, the lawsuit was settled and a system was put in place where county offices are required to monitor certain identified schools. Schools were identified by their decile ranking. The MCSOS Williams team visited the schools in the three lowest

deciles. The decile ranking eventually went away and a new method of identifying schools was not put into place. MCSOS has been visiting the same schools for the past 11 years.

Because of COVID, schools were allowed to do self-assessments last year. This year, the MCSOS Williams team was back out at school sites. In the past, 25% of visits were unannounced. This year, because of COVID, schools were notified. The team ensures there are enough materials for every student. The Uniform Complaint Procedure must be posted in any room where students/staff/parents have access. The team looks to make sure the grounds and common areas are clean, safe, and functional. Anything noted must be fixed by the end of the month. The team also reviews that the School Accountability Report Cards are filed and on the school's website. At the elementary level, 25% of each grade is reviewed. At the secondary level, 25% of each core class is reviewed. This year, only one school has a finding that has not been taken care of yet. The part to repair the issue has been ordered, but is not available.

AB 599 changed the way schools will be identified. In January 2022, a new list of schools will be provided by CDE. Schools will now be identified if they receive Comprehensive Support and Intervention (CSI) or Additional Targeted Support and Intervention (ATSI) funds. This is based on dashboard scores. These results are already available and only eight schools are on the list. Schools may also be identified if 15% or more of their teachers have less than a clear credential. Mrs. Marsh was not sure what that would look like. Schools will be identified every three years.

Mr. Vived asked what types of things are on the facilities inspection. Mrs. Marsh explained that the list is comprehensive. Staff check for stained ceiling tiles, which might reflect a leaking roof, hazardous materials (like hand sanitizer) must be locked away, gaps in fences, unsafe playground equipment, secure tables, etc. Schools got through the list prior to inspection. Sometimes they point things out to the team and explain how the issues are being rectified.

Tammy Loveland moved to accept the 2021 Williams Site Visitation Annual Report, seconded by Zimri Padilla and carried by unanimous vote.

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

9.0 Other

Dr. Massetti asked Dianna Marsh to share news from the Child Care & Development Division (CCDD). Mrs. Marsh explained the Early Education Center (EEC) completed the Contract Monitoring Review last year during COVID and received 95 out of 100. Anything over 85 is passing. For this reason, the CCDD informed MCSOS that it does not have to do the Contract Monitoring Review for another five years.

10.0 Adjournment

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia A. Massetti, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary