

**MINUTES  
MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
May 15, 2023**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Merced County Office of Education Board Room  
632 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, CA 95341

**I. Opening**

- A. Board Chairperson, Geneva Brett, called the regular meeting of the Merced County Board of Education to order at 3:00 PM.
- B. Members present were Geneva Brett, Dennis Hanks, and Tim Razzari. Fred Honoré and Frank Fagundes were absent.
- C. Others present: Emily Tietjen, Tuckie Burgess, Tricia Aquino, Nathan Quevedo, Cristina Vara, Janet Riley, Yolanda Campos-Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Steve M. Tietjen-County Superintendent

**II. Flag Salute – Pledge Allegiance to the Flag**

**III. Consent Agenda:** Items listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine administrative functions and will be acted on by the Board in one motion and one vote. Any items under the Consent Agenda may be discussed; however, if the item needs further clarification and discussion, it may be removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of the Board or the Superintendent, and considered separately. Information concerning Consent Agenda items will be provided to each Board member for study prior to the meeting. It is understood that the Superintendent recommends approval of all consent items, unless otherwise noted. (*Board Bylaw 9322*)

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting on April 17, 2023
- B. **Retirement Resolution No. 2023-12** Honoring Teresa “Tuckie” Burgess

Tim Razzari moved and Dennis Hanks seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Honoré and Fagundes absent*).

**IV. Written Communications**

- A. Correspondence Received By Chairperson: None.
- B. Correspondence Received By Board Members: None.
- C. Correspondence Received By Superintendent:
  - 1. Accrediting Commission for Schools – Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) letter, dated April 27, 2023, regarding Come Back Charter School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

**V. Call for Public Comments on Agenda & Non-Agenda Items**

The public was invited to address agenda items, submit items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board for future consideration, or speak to issues related to the function and operation of the County Board of Education.

No comments were made.

**VI. Future Agenda Items**

- A. Special Board Meeting, June 12, 2023 – Public Hearing: Adoption of 2023-2024 Merced Office of Education Budget and Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Budget Review for Merced Scholars Charter School and Merced County Office of Education

## VII. Superintendent's and Board Members' Report (Information/Discussion Only)

- A. Board Member's Report *(if any)*: None.
- B. Superintendent's Report:
1. MCOE Schools Graduation Dates
    - Merced Scholars Charter School [Middle School] – May 30, 2023 @ 10:00am (Atwater Ed. Center)
    - Merced Scholars Charter School [High School] – May 30, 2023 @ 6:00pm (Atwater Educational Center)
    - Atwater Valley Community School – May 31, 2023 @ 10:00am (Atwater Educational Center)
    - Merced Valley Community School – May 31, 2023 @ 6:00pm (Merced VCS Gym)
    - Los Banos Valley Community School – May 31, 2023 @ 6:00pm (Los Banos VCS Gym)

## VIII. Business Items for Action

A. Uniform Complaint Report Summary

It is recommended that the Board of Education review and approve the Uniform Complaint Report Summary for Quarterly Period January 2023 through March 2023

**Dennis Hanks** moved and **Tim Razzari** seconded a motion to approve the Uniform Complaint Report Summary for Quarterly Period January 2023 through March 2023 as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Honoré and Fagundes absent*).

B. Special Education Extended Year Calendar

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Special Education Extended Year Calendar for June 2023 and July 2023

**Tim Razzari** moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to approve the Special Education Extended Year Calendar for June 2023 and July 2023 as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Honoré and Fagundes absent*).

C. California County Board of Education (CCBE) Annual Fall Conference

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize Board Members attendance at the CCBE Fall Conference, September 8-10, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency, Monterey

**Dennis Hanks** moved and **Tim Razzari** seconded a motion to authorize Board Members attendance at the CCBE Fall Conference, September 8-10, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency, Monterey. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Honoré and Fagundes absent*).

D. CSBA 2023 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize Board Members attendance at the California School Boards Association (CSBA) 2023 Annual Education Conference and Trade, November 30 – December 2, 2023 held at the San Francisco Moscone West Center

**Tim Razzari** moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to authorize Board Members attendance at the CSBA 2023 Annual Education Conference and Trade, November 30 0 December 2, 2023 held at the San Francisco Moscone West Center. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Honoré and Fagundes absent*).

*The Board proceeded into Closed Session.*

**IX. Closed Session Pursuant to Education Code 35146 for Board to Meet as Thurman Agricultural Scholarship Committee to Review Applications**

*The Board proceeded into Open Session.*

**A. Selection of 2023 Thurman Agricultural Scholarship Recipient**

**Dennis Hanks** moved and **Tim Razzari** seconded a motion to selected Christina Moitozo of Gustine High School as the recipient of the 2023 Thurman Agricultural Scholarship for Merced County. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Honoré and Fagundes absent*).

*The Board proceeded into Closed Session.*

**X. Closed Session Pursuant to Education Code 35146 to Hear Appeal of Denial of Interdistrict Attendance Request**

**4:00 PM – Appeals # 2023-02, # 2023-03, # 2023-04**

The Board of Education met in closed session for the Interdistrict Appeal Hearing of students #2023-02, #2023-03, and #2023-04

**XI. Closed Session to Deliberate Interdistrict Attendance Appeal**

The Board deliberated the Interdistrict Attendance appeal in closed session.

**XII. Closed Session Pursuant to Education Code 35146 to Hear Appeal of Denial of Interdistrict Attendance Request**

**4:30 PM – Appeals # 2023-05, # 2023-06**

El Nido Elementary School District approved the interdistrict agreements and the request for a hearing was rescinded for Appeal #2023-05 and #2023-06. No action was taken.

**XIII. Closed Session to Deliberate Interdistrict Attendance Appeal**

There was no deliberation.

*The Board proceeded into Open Session.*

**XIV. Open Session for the Disposition of Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Appeals: # 2023-02, # 2023-03, # 2023-04**

On the requests for appeal of denial of the Interdistrict Attendance Requests submitted on behalf of Students #2023-02, #2023-03, and #2023-05 it was moved by Tim Razzari and seconded by Dennis Hanks to overturn the 2023-2024 school year, El Nido Elementary School District decision of denying the request for an interdistrict transfer to attend school at Plainsburg Elementary School in the Plainsburg Union Elementary School District. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Honoré and Fagundes absent*).

Vote (by roll call)	Brett	<u>Yes</u>
	Fagundes	<u>Absent</u>
	Hanks	<u>Yes</u>
	Honoré	<u>Absent</u>
	Razzari	<u>Yes</u>

**XV. Open Session for the Disposition of Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Appeals: # 2023-05, # 2023-06**

No action taken.

**XVI. Adjournment**

Dennis Hanks moved and Tim Razzari seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Merced County Board of Education at 4:26 PM. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Honoré and Fagundes absent*).

Respectfully submitted,



Steve M. Tietjer, Ed.D.  
County Superintendent of Schools  
Secretary to the Board of Education

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