

**MINUTES  
MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
June 20, 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 2:03 PM.
- B. Members present were Geneva Brett, Fred Honoré, Dennis Hanks, and Frank Fagundes (*departed at 2:30pm*), and Tim Razzari (*arrived at 3:00pm*).
- C. Others present: Maria Escobar, Miguel Correa-Perez, Marissa Cruz, Vanessa Sequeira, Mikee-D Love Asenjo, Mary Childrey, Vanessa Mininger, Carolina Sutherland, Patrick Beiswanger, Ryan Ballard, Siobhan Hanna, Sharon Singh, Monica Sevilla, Liberty Swiger, Tapanga Fuentes, Sarah Toews, Candy Mucci, Harvinder Kandola, Stephanie White, Leath Hall-Woodard, Carmella Singh, Rebecca Hollon, Daisy Ramirez, Rosio A. Franco, Jesse Flores, Derrek Dean, Roxana Pendergrass, Laura Andrews, Cindy Gentry, Cristina Vara, Rosa Barragan, Nathan Quevedo, Shannon Espinoza, Mark Pintor, Maria Duran-Barajas, May T. Moua, La Rhonda Batson, Craig Nelson, Laura Fong, John Magneson, Eva L. Chavez, Janet Riley, Yolanda Campos-Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Steve M. Tietjen-County Superintendent

*The Board proceeded into Closed Session.*

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

**2:00 PM – Appeals # 2023-13 & # 2023-14**

The Merced County Board of Education met in closed session for the Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Hearing of students #2023-13 and #2023-14.

**III. Closed Session to Deliberate Interdistrict Attendance Appeals**

The Merced County Board of Education deliberated the Interdistrict Attendance appeals in closed session.

*The Board proceeded into Open Session.*

**IV. Open Session for the Disposition of Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Appeals: # 2023-13 & # 2023-14**

On the requests for appeal of denial of the Interdistrict Attendance Requests submitted on behalf of Students #2023-13 and #2023-14 it was moved by **Dennis Hanks** and seconded by **Fred Honoré** to uphold the Delhi Unified School District decision to deny the parents' appeal for an Interdistrict Attendance Agreement for attendance at Harmony Elementary School in the Delhi Unified School District. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Razzari was absent*).

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

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

**VI. Presentation:**

- A. Presentation of Plaques to MCOE Outstanding Classified, Certificated, and Management Employees for the Quarter ending June 2023
1. Classified Employee: Daisy Ramirez, Early Education
  2. Classified Employee: Rosio A. Franco, Early Education
  3. Certificated Employee: Jesse Flores, Special Education
  4. Management Employee: Derrek Dean, Special Education

Outstanding Employee Awards were presented to Daisy Ramirez, Early Education, Outstanding Classified Employee; Outstanding Classified Employee, Rosio A. Franco, Early Education; Certificated Employee Jesse Flores with Special Education; and Outstanding Management Employee Derrek Dean, Special Education.

**VII. 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 May 15, 2023
- B. Minutes of Special Meeting on June 12, 2023
- C. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-13** Authorizing End of Year Transfers
- D. Retirement Resolution:
1. **Resolution No. 2023-14** Honoring Rosa M. Lopez
  2. **Resolution No. 2023-15** Honoring John Magneson
  3. **Resolution No. 2023-16** Honoring Roxana Pendergrass

Fred Honoré moved and Dennis Hanks seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Razzari was absent*).

**VIII. Written Communications**

- A. Correspondence Received By Chairperson: None.
- B. Correspondence Received By Board Members: None.
- C. Correspondence Received By Superintendent: None.

**IX. 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.

Public comments were made expressing concern with Special Education staffing, class size, caseload, and lack of resources by the following MCOE staff:

Maria Escobar, Miguel Correa-Perez, Marissa Cruz, and Vanessa Sequeira

**X. Future Agenda Items**

- A. Public Hearing – Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Textbooks

**XI. Superintendent's and Board Members' Report (Information/Discussion Only)**

- A. Merced County Local Child Development, Universal PreKindergarten (UPK) Mixed Delivery Planning Grant Overview: Rosa Barragan provided a brief summary.
- B. Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Local Indicators for Schools operated by Merced County Office of Education – Cindy Gentry provided the LCAP Local Performance Indicator Report for MCOE. No public comments were made.
- C. Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Local Indicators for Merced Scholars Charter School – Mark Pintor provided the LCAP Local Performance Indicator Report for Merced Scholars Charter School. No public comments were made.
- D. Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Local Indicators for Come Back Charter School – Mark Pintor provided the LCAP Local Indicators for Come Back Charter School. No public comments were made.
- E. Board Member's Report (*if any*): None
- F. Superintendent's Report
  - 1. Merced County Board of Education Meeting Schedule 2023-2024
  - 2. MCOE Kickoff Celebration – August 10, 2023
  - 3. Merced County School Dates for 2023-2024
  - 4. Merced County Student Events 2023-2024
  - 5. Excellence in Education – October 5, 2023
  - 6. Annual Report on Our Schools – February 8, 2024
  - 7. Special Education Department Concerns

**XII. Business Items for Action**

Please Note: The Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Budget Overview for Parents reports for Merced Scholars Charter School, Come Back Charter School, Merced County Office of Education Community and Court Schools can be found on our website at: <https://www.mcoe.org/departments-programs/educational-services/student-programs/mcoe-public-postings>

**A. Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) with Budget Overview for Parents Review**

It is recommended that the Board of Education review and adopt the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) with Budget Overview for Parents Review for **Merced Scholars Charter School** in compliance with Education Code 52068(b)(2)

**Fred Honoré** moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to adopt the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) with Budget Overview for Parents Review for Merced Scholars Charter School in compliance with Education Code 52068(b)(2) as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Fagundes was absent*).

**B. Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) with Budget Overview for Parents Review**

It is recommended that the Board of Education review and adopt the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) with Budget Overview for Parents Review for **Come Back Charter School** in compliance with Education Code 52068(b)(2)

**Dennis Hanks** moved and **Tim Razzari** seconded a motion to adopt the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) with Budget Overview for Parents Review for Come Back Charter School in compliance with Education Code 52068(b)(2) as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Fagundes was absent*).

C. Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) with Budget Overview for Parents Review

It is recommended that the Board of Education review and adopt the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) with Budget Overview for Parents Review for **Merced County Office of Education Community and Court Schools** in compliance with Education Code 52068(b)(2)

**Tim Razzari** moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to adopt the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) with Budget Overview for Parents Review for Merced County Office of Education Community and Court Schools in compliance with Education Code 52068(b)(2) as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Fagundes was absent*).

D. Federal Addendum Annual Update

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Federal Addendum Annual Update as submitted

**Dennis Hanks** moved and **Fred Honoré** seconded a motion to approve the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Federal Addendum Annual Update as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Fagundes was absent*).

E. Annual Report on Differentiated Assistance 2022-2023

It is recommended that the Board of Education review and adopt the Merced County Office of Education Annual Report on Differentiated Assistance 2022-2023 as presented in compliance with Education Code 52066(i)(1)

**Tim Razzari** moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to adopt the Merced County Office of Education Annual Report on Differentiated Assistance 2022-2023 as presented in compliance with Education Code 52066(i)(1). The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Fagundes was absent*).

F. California Environment Quality Act (CEQA) - Hopeton Project [Resolution No. 2023-17]

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **Resolution No. 2023-17** Approving the Project consisting of reconstruction of the Hopeton School which includes, the modernization of the main school structure and demolition and possible replacement of one building, and Finding the remodel Exempt from the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA), and Approving the Filing and Recordation of a Notice of Exemption as submitted

**Fred Honoré** moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-17 Approving the Project consisting of reconstruction of the Hopeton School which includes, the modernization of the main school structure and demolition and possible replacement of one building, and Finding the remodel Exempt from the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA), and Approving the Filing and Recordation of a Notice of Exemption as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Fagundes was absent*).

G. State Building Funds Application – Hopeton Project [Resolution No. 2023-18]

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **Resolution No. 2023-18** Approving a State Building Funds Application with the State Allocation Board for the Modernization of the Hopeton Project as submitted

**Tim Razzari** moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-18 Approving a State Building Funds Application with the State Allocation Board for the Modernization of the Hopeton Project as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Fagundes was absent*).

H. Use of General Fund for Financial Hardship Facility Project – Hopeton Project [Resolution No. 2023-19]

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **Resolution No. 2023-19** Approving the Interfund borrowing to cover the planning and construction costs of the Hopeton Project Modernization as submitted

**Dennis Hanks** moved and **Fred Honoré** seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-19 Approving the Interfund borrowing to cover the planning and construction costs of the Hopeton Project Modernization as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Fagundes was absent*).

I. Public Hearing – Education Protection Account (2023-2024) [Resolution No. 2023-20]

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt **Resolution No. 2023-20** Determining How the Moneys Received from the Education Protection Account (2023-2024) are spent at the Merced County Office of Education

1. Open Public Hearing: Geneva Brett opened the public hearing.
2. Close Public Hearing: No public comments were made. The public hearing was closed.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-20 Determining How the Moneys Received from the Education Protection Account (2023-2024) are spent at the Merced County Office of Education

**Tim Razzari** moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-20 Determining How the Moneys Received from the Education Protection Account (2023-2024) are spent at the Merced County Office of Education. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Fagundes was absent*).

J. 2023-2024 MCOE Budget

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2023-2024 Merced County Office of Education Budget in compliance with Education Code 1622(a)

1. Adoption of Merced County Office of Education Budget of 2023-2024 Developed Using State-Adopted Criteria and Standards and Filed and Adopted Subsequent to Public Hearing by the County Board of Education in compliance with Education Code 1622(a)

**Dennis Hanks** moved and **Fred Honoré** seconded a motion to adopt the Merced County Office of Education Budget of 2023-2024 Developed Using State-Adopted Criteria and Standards and Filed and Adopted Subsequent to Public Hearing by the County Board of Education in compliance with Education Code 1622(a). The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Fagundes was absent*).

2. Adoption of Annual 2023-2024 Budget Report Reviewed by the County Board of Education and Certification that the Budget Includes Health and Welfare Benefits as Defined in Education Code Section 42140(a)

**Fred Honoré** moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to adopt the Annual 2023-2024 Budget Report Reviewed by the County Board of Education and Certification that the Budget Includes Health and Welfare Benefits as Defined in Education Code Section 42140(a). The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Fagundes was absent*).

3. Annual Certification to 2023-2024 Budget Pursuant to Education Code Section 42141(a) Regarding Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Claims

**Tim Razzari** moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to adopt the Annual Certification to 2023-2024 Budget Pursuant to Education Code Section 42141(a) Regarding Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Claims. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Fagundes was absent*).

### XIII. Adjournment

**Dennis Hanks** moved and **Fred Honore** seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Merced County Board of Education at 4:19 PM. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Fagundes was absent*).

Respectfully submitted,



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

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