

**MINUTES  
MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
August 21, 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, Fred Honoré, Dennis Hanks, Frank Fagundes, and Tim Razzari.
- C. Others present: Nathan Quevedo, Hector Ramirez, Kat Ochoa, Dylan McMullen, Cindy Gentry, Emily Tietjen, Rosa Barragan, Martin Macias, Pat Atkins, Laura Fong, 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 June 20, 2023
- B. Minutes of Special Meeting on July 17, 2023
- C. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-22** Recognizing September 2023 as School Attendance Awareness Month
- D. Funding of Consolidated Application for Categorical Programs 2023-2024
- E. Authorize Payment to the California School Boards Association for Membership Dues, July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 in the total amount of **\$12,756.00**
  - California School Boards Association (CSBA) = \$8,022.00
  - California County Boards of Education (CCBE) = \$2,728.00
  - Education Legal Alliance (ELA) = \$2,006.00

**Frank Fagundes** moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

**IV. Written Communications**

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

**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 made.

**VI. Future Agenda Items**

- A. Public Hearing – Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Textbooks (September 18, 2023)

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

- A. Communications Report: Nathan Quevedo provided a report on projects the MCOE Communications staff are working on.
- B. Board Member's Report *(if any)*: None
- C. Superintendent's Report:
  - 1. Fish Camp Property Purchase
  - 2. Introduction of new Cabinet staff

**VIII. Business Items for Action**

A. Revised Uniform Complaint Report Summary 2021-2022

It is recommended that the Board of Education review and approve the **Revised** Uniform Complaint Report Summary for Quarterly Period January 2022 through March 2022 previously approved by the Board on May 16, 2022

**Frank Fagundes** moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to approve the Revised Uniform Complaint Report Summary for Quarterly Period January 2022 through March 2022 previously approved by the Board on May 16, 2022, as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

B. Uniform Complaint Report Summary

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

**Dennis Hanks** moved and **Fred Honoré** seconded a motion to approve the Uniform Complaint Report Summary for Quarterly Period April 2023 through June 2023 as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

C. Discrepancies of Parcels Trustee Boundary Lines

The Merced County Registrar of Voters Office conducted a comprehensive countywide review of all district boundary lines. The boundary line separating MCOE Trustee Areas 1 and 2 follows the BNSF railroad line through parcels 030170001000, 030160001000, and 03015301700. There are no residency or voters in these parcels. These three parcels are equally split between Trustee Areas 1 and 2, and an edit will need to be made in order to resolve this split and have the parcels all contained within only one education district.

It is recommended that the Board of Education review and approve the Trustee Area that will inherit Parcels 030170001000, 030160001000, and 03015301700. Trustee Area 1

**Tim Razzari** moved and **Frank Fagundes** seconded a motion to approve Trustee Area 1 to inherit Parcels 030170001000, 030160001000, and 03015301700 as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

D. MCOE Adjusted Trustee Area Boundaries [Resolution No. 2023-23]

It is recommended that the Board of Education review and adopt the Merced County Office of Education Adjusted Trustee Area 1 and 2 Boundary Lines for Parcels 030170001000, 030160001000, and 03015301700

- 1. Open Public Hearing: Geneva Brett opened the public hearing. No comments were made.
- 2. Close Public Hearing: Geneva Brett closed the public hearing.
- 3. Approve **Resolution No. 2023-23** Approving MCOE Adjusted Trustee Area 1 and 2 Boundary Lines for Parcels 030170001000, 030160001000, and 03015301700

**Tim Razzari** moved and **Frank Fagundes** seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-23 Approving MCOE Adjusted Trustee Area 1 and 2 Boundary Lines for Parcels 030170001000, 030160001000, and 03015301700 as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

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

*The Board identified closed session agenda item(s) and proceeded into Closed Session. The public was invited to comment on identified items prior to adjournment into Closed Session.*

*The Board proceeded into Closed Session.*

**IX. Closed Session for Appeal of Pupil Expulsion #2023-01**

**3:30 PM – Expulsion # 2023-01**

The Merced County Board of Education met in closed session for the appeal of Pupil Expulsion #2023-01.

**X. Executive Session for Board Deliberation of Pupil Expulsion # 2023-01**

The Merced County Board of Education met in Executive Session to deliberate Pupil Expulsion #2023-01.

**XI. Closed Session for Action of Pupil Expulsion #2023-01**

*The Board proceeded into Open Session.*

**XII. Open Session – Reported Action of Pupil Expulsion # 2023-01**

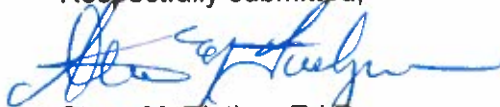
In the Appeal of Pupil Expulsion #2023-01, **Dennis Hanks** moved and **Fred Honoré** seconded a motion that the Merced County Board of Education adopt the Findings of Facts and the Order affirming the decision of the Gustine Unified School District Board of Trustees. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

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

**XXIII. Adjournment**

**Frank Fagundes** moved and **Tim Razzari** seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Merced County Board of Education at 3:59 PM. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



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