

**MINUTES
MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 16, 2023**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Merced County Office of Education Board Room
632 W. 13th 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, and Tim Razzari. Frank Fagundes was absent.
- C. Others present: Kimberly Chastain, Maria Duran-Barajas, Darin Dupont, Laura Fong, Martin Macias, Janet Riley, Yolanda Campos-Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Steve M. Tietjen-County Superintendent

II. Flag Salute – Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

III. Call for Public Comments Identified Closed Session Agenda Items

During this portion of the agenda, the public is invited to address the Board on identified items prior to adjournment into Closed Session.

IV. Closed Session

Conference with real property negotiator, property management, Darin Dupont, Negotiator of Real Property/Land Development issues, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.

The Board will proceed into Open Session.

V. Open Session – Report following Closed Session

Tim Razzari moved and Dennis Hanks seconded a motion to approve the Merced County Office of Education and Virginia Smith Trust Exchange of Property and Access Easement to Myers Gate Road. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Fagundes absent*).

VI. 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 September 18, 2023

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

VII. Written Communications

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

VIII. 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.

IX. Future Agenda Items

- A. Williams Site Visit – 2023 Annual Report on the Status of Schools in Merced County

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

- A. Report on Attendance of MCSBA Fall Conference: Board Members Geneva Brett, Dennis Hanks, Tim Razzari and Frank Fagundes attended. The topics on the Brown Act, Impact of AI, Transgender Issues, Budget and Legislative Update and Brandon Bennett's presentation on Improvement Science were all very informative sessions.
- B. Board Member's Report *(if any)*: None
- C. Superintendent's Report:
 - 1. Merced County Education Foundation (MCEF) Fundraiser – October 21, 2023
 - 2. Excellence in Education Award Winner – Director for Special Education, Maria Duran-Barajas from MCOE Special Education was selected as Administrator of the Year.

XI. Business Items for Action

- A. "Gann" Limit [Resolution No. 2023-31]

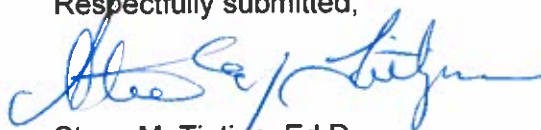
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **Resolution No. 2023-31** Adopting the "Gann" Limit

Fred Honoré moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-31 Adopting the "Gann" Limit. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Fagundes absent*).

XII. Adjournment

Tim Razzari moved and **Fred Honoré** seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Merced County Board of Education at 3:12 PM. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Fagundes absent*).

Respectfully submitted,



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