AGENDA MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION January 16, 2024

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Merced County Office of Education - 632 West 13th Street, Merced CA 95341 – Board Room The meeting begins at 3:00 p.m.

[These proceedings may be recorded.]						
Оре	en					
A.	Call to Order a	t PM by Chairperson				
B.	Roll Call:	Fred Honoré, Chairperson Dennis Hanks, Vice Chairperson Frank Fagundes, Member Tim Razzari, Member Geneva Brett, Member				
C.	Others Presen	t:				

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 December 18, 2023
- B. Resolution No. 2024-01 Recognizing February 2024 as Black American History Month

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

IV. Written Communications

- A. Correspondence Received By Chairperson
- B. Correspondence Received By Board Members
- C. Correspondence Received By Superintendent

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

During this portion of the agenda, the public is invited to address the Board on any item of interest that is within the Board's jurisdiction (*Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54954.3*). The Board shall conduct no discussion, deliberation, or action on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except as authorized by law raised (*Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54954.2*). Members of the public are limited to five minutes on each topic or agenda item and public participation cannot exceed 20 minutes total for each topic or agenda item (*Government Code 54954.3; Board Bylaw 9322 & 9323*).

VI. Future Agenda Items

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VII.	Superintendent's and Board Member's Report (Information/Discussion Only)						
	Α.	Report of Independence Audi June 30, 2023, by EideBailly	tor's Report for Fise	cal Year Ended	Mark Dieu CPA Manager		
	В.	Board Member's Report (if any	Board Members				
	C.	Superintendent's Report 1. MCOE's Annual Report	on Our Schools – F	February 8, 2024	Steve M. Tietjen		
VIII.	Bus	siness Items for Action					
	Α.	Outstanding Employee Select	tion Committee		Steve M. Tietjen County Superintendent		
		It is recommended that the Boar to serve on the <i>Outstanding Emp</i>			County Supermendent		
		Nominee:					
		Motioned by Sec	conded by	Vote			
	В.	MCSBA Executive Committee	2		Steve M. Tietjen		
		t a Board Representative <i>Association (MCSBA)</i> ^{15 2025]}	County Superintendent				
		Nominee:					
		Motioned by Sec	conded by	Vote			
	C.	Head Start Policy Council			Steve M. Tietjen County Superintendent		
		It is recommended that the Boar to serve on the <i>Head Start Polic</i>			County Supermendent		
		Nominee:					
		Motioned by Sec	conded by	Vote			
	D.	Merced County Committee or	n School District Or	ganization	Steve M. Tietjen County Superintendent		
		It is recommended that the Boar to serve on the <i>Merced County</i> (current rep: Geneva) [4-year term, expires 2	County Superinterioent				
		Nominee:					
		Motioned by Sec	conded by	Vote			
	E.	Merced County Board of Edu	cation Regular Mee	eting Schedule	Steve M. Tietjen		
		It is recommended that the Boa Board of Education Regular June 2025			County Superintendent		
		Motioned by Sec	conded by	Vote			
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F.	<u>180-Day Wait P</u>	Janet Riley Asst. SuptBusiness Srvs.		
	No. 2024-02 Dec of Interim Retire	ded that the Board of E laration of 180-Day Wait Pe d Annuitant Position to the es under Government C	riod Exception and Appoin vacant position of Direc	ution tment tor of
	Motioned by	Seconded by	Vote	
G.	School Account	ability Report Cards (SAR	<u>Cs) 2023-2024</u>	Cindy Gentry Coordinator-Ed. Srvs.
	Accountability Re Community Scho Community Scho	d that the Board of Education eport Cards for the follow ool Atwater, Valley Commu ool Merced, Merced Count Charter School, and Come E	ing programs/schools: N nity School Los Banos, N y Juvenile Hall Court So	chool /alley /alley
	Motioned by	Seconded by	Vote	
Н.	School Account	ability Report Cards (SAR	<u>Cs) 2023-2024</u>	Maria Duran-Barajas
	Accountability Re	d that the Board of Education eport Cards for the followin Education Special Education	ng programs/schools: M	
	Motioned by	Seconded by	Vote	
Adjo	ournment:	PM		
Moti	ioned by	Seconded by	Vote	

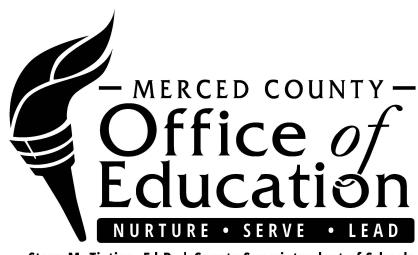
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IX.

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Consent Agenda



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MINUTES MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION December 18, 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, Dennis Hanks, and Frank Fagundes. Fred Honoré and Tim Razzari were absent.
- C. Others present: Doug Huggins, Janice Smid, Mary Childrey, Candance Giles, Stanford Hoffman, Lorena Burrola, Cristina Vara, Charlotte Parga, Mike Friedberg, Maria Duran-Barajas, Rosa La Reyna, Rosio Franco, Holly Newlon, Janice Rogge, Mary Whited, Nannette Waggoner, Dylan McMullen, Kathleen Ochoa, Nathan Quevedo, Craig Nelson, Rosa Barragan, Martin Macias, 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. Annual Reorganization

- A. Nomination and Selection of Chairperson for 2024: Frank Fagundes moved and Dennis Hanks seconded the nomination of <u>Fred Honoré</u> for the position of Chairperson for 2024. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Honoré & Razzari absent*).
- B. Nomination and Selection of Vice Chairperson for 2024: **Frank Fagundes** moved and **Geneva Brett** seconded the nomination of <u>Dennis Hanks</u> for the position of Vice Chairperson for 2024. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Honoré & Razzari absent*).

IV. Presentation

- A. Presentation of Plaques to MCOE Outstanding Classified, Certificated, and Management Employees for the Quarter ending December 2023
 - 1. Classified Employee: Charlotte Parga, Educational Services
 - 2. Classified Employees: Andrea Flores, Educational Services
 - 3. Certificated Employee: Tisha McParland, Educational Services
 - 4. Management Employees: Mary Childrey, Early Education

Outstanding Employee Awards were presented to Charlotte Parga and Andrea Flores, Outstanding Classified Employee, Educational Services; Outstanding Certificated Employee Tisha McParland with Educational Services; and Outstanding Management Employee Mary Childrey, with Early Education.

- V. 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 November 13, 2023
 - B. Minutes of Special Meeting on December 11, 2023
 - C. Retirement Resolutions:
 - 1. Resolution No. 2023-33 Honoring Nannette Waggoner
 - 2. Resolution No. 2023-34 Honoring Jacqueline Brunger
 - 3. **Resolution No. 2023-35** Honoring Isabel Mendez
 - 4. **Resolution No. 2023-36** Honoring Frances Llanes

<u>Geneva Brett</u> moved and <u>Frank Fagundes</u> seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Honoré & Razzari absent*).

VI. Written Communications

- A. Correspondence Received By Chairperson: None.
- B. Correspondence Received By Board Member:
 - 1. Kids Discovery Station thank you letter dated October 15, 2023
- C. Correspondence Received By Superintendent: None.

VII. 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.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

- A. Selection of new Board Representatives to serve on:
 - Outstanding Employee Selection Committee [Frank]
 - Merced County School Boards Association Executive Committee (MCSBA) (2-year term, expires 2023) [Geneva]
 - Head Start Policy Council (2-year term) [Tim]
 - Merced County Committee on School District Organization (4-year term, expires 2025) [Geneva]

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

- A. Report on Attendance of 2023 CSBA Annual Education Conference held November 30th December 2nd, San Francisco: Geneva Brett reported the conference was informative, she learned about Title XV changes regarding expulsion appeal hearings and was glad to see the diversity of Board members who attended. Steve Tietjen presented at the conference on how well Merced County high schools graduation rates are the highest in our region at 94%. He attended a chief technology session on safety of cyberattacks; kudos to Nannette Waggoner and the team for keeping MCOE secure.
- B. Board Member's Report *(if any)*: Geneva Brett mentioned the "One Pill Will Kill" (fentanyl murders our children everyday) campaign and congratulated the Valley Community Day School Los Banos students who won the school video competition and were awarded the \$5,000 grant for their school.
- C. Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

X. Business Items for Action

A. Schelby Agriculture Scholarship for 2024-2025

It is recommended that the Board of Education review the Schelby Agriculture Scholarship for 2024-2025, and approve payment of \$200 to Merced College Foundation and authorize Merced College Foundation to Select Recipient

Frank Fagundes moved and **Geneva Brett** seconded a motion to approve payment of \$200 to Merced College Foundation and authorize Merced College Foundation to Select Recipient. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Honoré & Razzari absent*).

B. 2023-2024 First Interim Report

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the First Interim Report and the Criteria and Standards Review and authorization of the Certification of Interim Report

- 1. Approval of First Interim Report
 - i. Form 01I-School Services General Fund Budget Revisions
 - ii. Form 09I-Charter School Fund Budget Revisions
 - iii. Form 11I-Adult Education Fund Budget Revisions
 - iv. Form 12I-Child Development Budget Revisions
- 2. Approval of Criteria and Standards Review, Form 01CSI
- 3. Authorize the County Superintendent to sign the Certification of Interim Report (CI)

Craig Nelson and Janet Riley presented the 2023-2024 First Interim Report for Board review and approval.

<u>Geneva Brett</u> moved and <u>Frank Fagundes</u> seconded a motion to approve the First Interim Report and the Criteria and Standards Review and authorization of the Certification of Interim Report. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Honoré & Razzari absent*).

C. <u>County Superintendent's Salary Schedule</u>

It is recommended that the Board of Education discuss and approve the County Superintendent of Schools' Salary, Other Financial Remuneration, Health, Retirement and Other Benefits (Education Code Section 1209)

Frank Fagundes moved and **Geneva Brett** seconded a motion to approve the County Superintendent of Schools' Salary, Other Financial Remuneration, Health, Retirement and Other Benefits (Education Code Section 1209). The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Honoré & Razzari absent*).

IX. Adjournment

<u>Geneva Brett</u> moved and <u>Frank Fagundes</u> seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Merced County Board of Education at 3:44 PM. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Honoré & Razzari absent*).

Respectfully submitted,

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



Resolution No. 2024-01

PROCLAMATION BLACK AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH February 2024

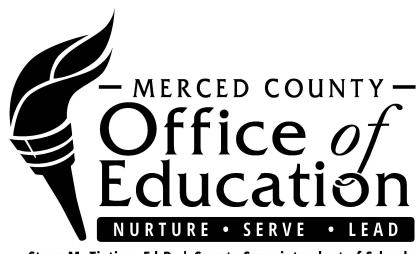
- Whereas, Americans of African descent helped develop our nation in countless ways, those recognized, unrecognized, and unrecorded;
- **Whereas,** Black American history reflects a determined spirit of perseverance and cultural pride in its struggle to equally share in the opportunities of a nation founded upon the principles of freedom and liberty for all people;
- Whereas, Black American citizens have participated in every American effort to secure, protect, and maintain the essence and substance of American democracy, as reflected by California Education Code Section 37221 (d) which establishes March 5 as *African American Day* to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Crispus Attucks, the first Black American martyr of the Boston Massacre;
- Whereas, Barack Hussein Obama achieved a barrier-breaking accomplishment when he was inaugurated as the first Black American President of the United States on January 20, 2009;
- **Whereas,** the Merced County Board of Education recognizes that each student needs an opportunity to understand the common humanity underlying all people; and
- Whereas, the history and contributions of Black American citizens have been consistently overlooked, misinterpreted, and undervalued in the curriculum of public education institutions prior to the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and
- Whereas, the *History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve* states that the history curriculum of community, state, region, nation, and world must reflect the experiences of people and of different racial, religious, and ethnic groups which is integrated at every level; and
- Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Merced County Board of Education proclaims the Month of February, 2024, as *Black American History Month* and encourages all educational communities to commemorate this occasion with appropriate instructional activities.

Adopted this <u>16th</u> day of <u>January</u> year of <u>2024</u> by the following vote:

AYES: NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:

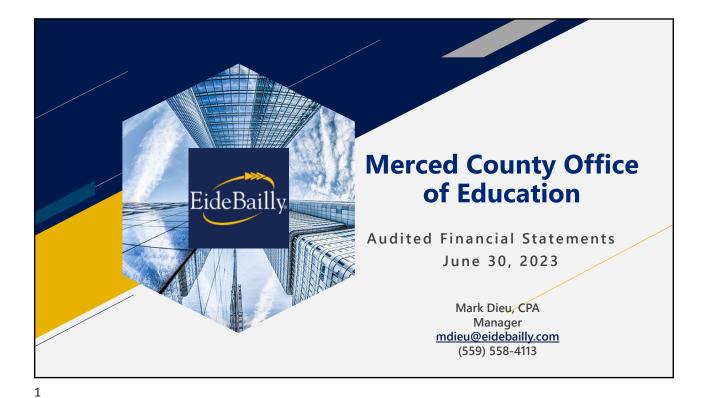
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Superintendent's and Board Members Report

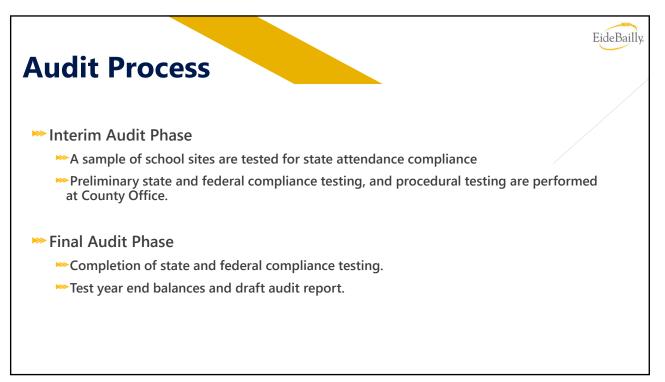


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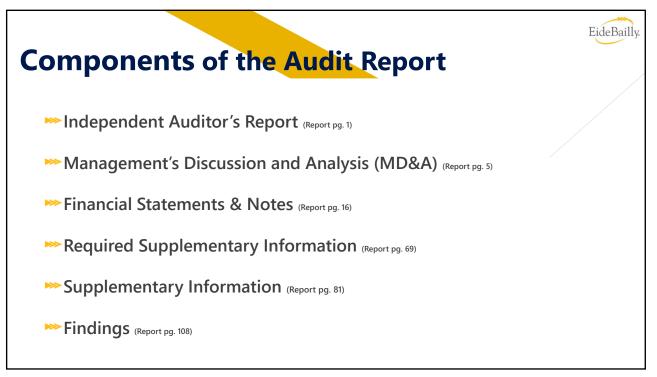
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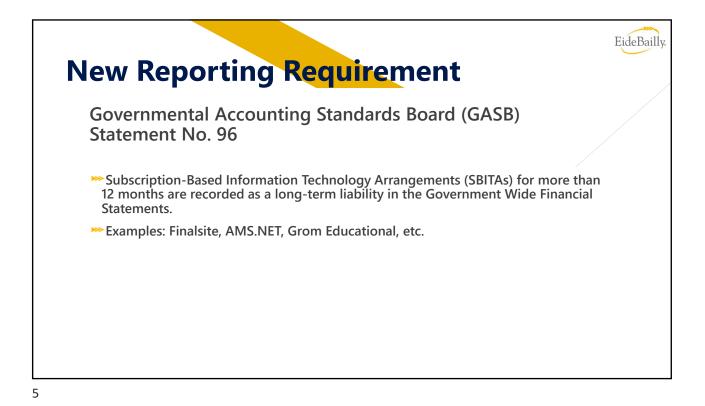














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Statement of Ne	et Position (Balance Sheet)	Total	
Assets & Deferred C	outflows	\$217.7	/
Liabilities & Deferre	d Inflows	\$161.9	
Net Position		\$55.8	
Capital assets \$93.1m	- Increased by \$3.3m from 2022		
Long-term debt \$124.6 • COPs \$6.8m • OPEB \$12.0m • Net Pension Liabilit	– Increased by \$39.9m ies \$104.4m		
• OPEB \$12.0m	ies \$104.4m		

vernment Fund Financial Statements atement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance						
Statement of Revenues, E	xpenditures,	and Changes in I	Fund Balances (R	eport pg. 21)		
	General Fund*	Special Education Pass-Through Fund	Child Development Fund	All Other Funds	Total	
Revenues & Other sources	\$118.5	\$32.2	\$55.4	\$8.8	\$214.9	
Expenditures & Other Uses	\$113.6	\$32.2	\$55.1	\$7.5	\$208.4	
Increase in Fund Balance	\$4.9	\$0	\$0.3	\$1.3	\$6.5	
	\$52.2	\$0	\$0.9	\$5.7	\$58.8	

Supplementary Information ~Schedule of Financial Trends and Analysis (Report pg. 90)

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Amounts are in millions					
	2023	2022	2021	Analysis	
Increase in Fund Balance	\$2.6	\$6.7	\$0.1	Operating surplus in each of the last three years	
Ending Fund Balance	\$35.4	\$32.8	\$26.1	Increased \$9.3m since 2021	
Reserve Percentage	14.14%	13.44%	16.70%	Met 3% minimum state requirement	
ADA	253	176	279	26 ADA decrease since 2021	

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Business Items for Action



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Merced County Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule July 2024 - June 2025

All meetings are held at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room unless otherwise noted.

Meeting Date	Description	Deadline for Submitting Agenda Items
July 2024	No Meeting Held *	
08/19/2024	3 rd Monday of August	8/12/24
09/16/2024	3 rd Monday of September	9/9/24
10/21/2024	3 rd Monday of October	10/14/24
11/18/2024	3 rd Monday of November	11/11/24
12/16/2024	3 rd Monday of December - Annual Organizational Meeting	12/9/24
01/21/2025	Moved to 3^{rd} <u>Tuesday</u> of January * (3 rd Monday is a holiday)	1/13/25
02/18/2025	Moved to 3 rd <u>Tuesday</u> of February * (3 rd Monday is a holiday)	2/10/25
03/17/2025	3 rd Monday of March	3/10/25
04/21/2025	3 rd Monday of April	4/14/25
05/19/2025	3 rd Monday of May	5/12/25
06/9/2025	2 nd Monday of June – Special Meeting for Public Hearing – LCAP Budget	
06/16/2025	3 rd Monday of June	6/9/25

Deadline for Submitting Agenda Items: <u>By Noon the Monday Prior</u>

* 3rd Monday of the month except for the month of January, February & June (due to holidays) [No meeting held in July]

Board Approved:

Merced County Board of Education Fred Honoré, Chairperson Dennis Hanks, Vice Chairperson Frank Fagundes, Member Tim Razzari, Member Geneva Brett, Member



RESOLUTION FOR 180-DAY WAIT PERIOD EXCEPTION

Government Code Sections 7552.56 & 21224

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02

JANUARY 16, 2024

WHEREAS, in compliance with Government (Gov.) Code section 7522.56 of the Public Employees' Retirement Law, the Merced County Office of Education must provide CalPERS this certification resolution when hiring a retiree before 180 days has passed since their retirement date; and

WHEREAS, Jon C. Nelson, CalPERS ID 5330519110, retired from the Merced County Office of Education in the position of Director Financial Services Internal, effective December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Gov. Code section 7522.56 requires that post-retirement employment commence no earlier than 180 days after the retirement date, which is (date of 181^{st} day after retirement) without this certification resolution; and

WHEREAS, Gov. Code section 7522.56 provides that this exception to the 180-day wait period shall not apply if the retiree accepts any retirement related incentive; and

WHEREAS, the Merced County Board of Education, the Merced County Office of Education, and Jon C. Nelson certify that Jon C. Nelson has not and will not receive a Golden Handshake or any other retirement-related incentive; and

WHEREAS, an appointment under Gov. Code section 21221(h) requires the retiree is appointed into the interim appointment during recruitment for a permanent appointment; and

WHEREAS, the Merced County Superintendent of Schools has authorized the search for a permanent appointment on January 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Merced County Board of Education hereby appoints Jon C. Nelson as an interim appointment retired annuitant to the vacant position of Director of Business Services for the Merced County Office of Education under Gov. Code section 21224 effective January 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Merced County Board of Education hereby appoints Jon C. Nelson as an interim appointment retired annuitant to the vacant position of Director of Business Services duties for the Merced County Office of Education under Gov. Code section 21224 effective January 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, no matters, issues, terms, or conditions related to this employment and appointment have been or will be placed on a consent calendar; and

WHEREAS, the employment shall be limited to 960 hours per fiscal year for all CalPERS employers; and

WHEREAS, the compensation paid to retirees cannot be less than the minimum nor exceed the maximum monthly salary paid to other employees performing comparable duties, divided by 173.333 to equal the hourly rate; and

WHEREAS, the maximum base salary for this position is \$14,245 monthly and the hourly equivalent is \$81.87 hourly, and the minimum base salary for this position is \$12,657 monthly and the hourly equivalent is \$72.74 hourly; and

WHEREAS, the hourly rate paid to Jon C. Nelson will be \$72.74 hourly and;

WHEREAS, Jon C. Nelson has not and will not receive any other benefit, incentive, compensation in lieu of benefit or other form of compensation in addition to this hourly pay rate; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Merced County Board of Education hereby certifies the nature of the appointment of Jon C. Nelson as described herein and detailed in the attached employment "Employee Disposition" document and this appointment is necessary to fill the critically needed position of Director of Business Services by January 17, 2024 to perform these duties on an interim retired annuitant position because of retiree's specialized skills to perform the critical duties, including but not limited to all duties set forth in law, job description and policy.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this <u>16th</u> day of <u>January</u> year of <u>2024</u>.

Fred Honoré, Chairperson Merced County Board of Education

I, <u>Steve M. Tietjen</u>, Clerk of the Governing Board of the Merced County Board of Education, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Education of said County Office at the meeting of the Board of Education held on the 16th day of January 2024, and it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Steve M. Tietjen, Secretary to the Board Merced County Superintendent of Schools



2022/23 School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) Student Programs

<u>Schools</u>		SARC Sections			
Valley Community Schools: Atwater, Merced,	1)	About This School School Information & Enrollment			
& Los Banos	2)	Conditions of Learning Teacher Placement and Credentials, Textbooks, Facilities Check			
Merced County Juvenile Court School	3)	Pupil Outcomes CAASPP results (ELA/Math/Science), Career Technical Programs, Physical Fitness			
Merced Scholars Charter		Engagement			
Come Back Charter		Parental Involvement, Dropout Rate/Graduation Rate, Chronic Absenteeism Suspensions/Expulsion, School Safety Plan			
	5)	Other Information Class Sizes, Support Staff, Expenditures per pupil (FY 2020/21), Type of Services funded, and Professional Development			



2022/23 School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) Merced County Special Education and Floyd A. Schelby

5 Main Sections in the SARC with sample information:

- 1. About This School (Mission and Enrollment)
- 2. Conditions of Learning
- Teacher Placement and Credentials
- Instructional Materials
- School Facility Conditions
- 3. Pupil Outcomes
- CAASPP results
- Career Technical Education
- Physical Fitness Test Results
- 4. Engagement
- Opportunities for Parental Involvement
- School Safety Plan
- 5. Other SARC Information
- Class Sizes, Support Staff FTE, Staff Salaries
- Professional Development