

**MINUTES**  
**MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**January 16, 2024**

**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, Fred Honoré, called the regular meeting of the Merced County Board of Education to order at 3:00 PM.
- B. Members present were Fred Honore, Dennis Hanks, and Geneva Brett. Frank Fagundes and Tim Razzari were absent.
- C. Others present: Barbara Brown, Cindy Gentry, Cristina Vara, Nathan Quevedo, Martin Macias, Laura Fong, Janet Riley, Rosa Barragan, Kimberly Chastain, Stephanie Richardson, May Moua, Maria Cuevas, Yolanda Campos-Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Steve M. Tietjen-County Superintendent

**II. Flag Salute – Pledge of 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 before 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

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

**IV. Written Communications**

- A. Correspondence Received By Chairperson: None.
- B. Correspondence Received By Board Member: 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 were made.

**VI. Future Agenda Items**

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

- A. Report of Independence Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023, by EideBailly: Representatives were not present to provide the Report of Independence Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023. The report was included in the packet. This item was tabled for the next meeting. Janet Riley, Assistant Superintendent for the Business Services department shared briefly about the Governor's budget.

- B. Board Member's Report *(if any)*: None.
- C. Superintendent's Report:
  - 1. MCOE's Annual Report on Our Schools – February 8, 2024

### VIII. Business Items for Action

A. Outstanding Employee Selection Committee

It is recommended that the Board of Education select a Board Representative to serve on the *Outstanding Employee Selection Committee* (current rep: Frank)

**Geneva Brett** moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to select **Frank Fagundes** to serve as Board Representative of the Outstanding Employee Selection Committee. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Fagundes & Razzari were absent*).

B. MCSBA Executive Committee

It is recommended that the Board of Education select a Board Representative to serve on the *Merced County School Boards Association (MCSBA) Executive Committee*. (current rep: Geneva) [2-year term, expires 2025]

**Dennis Hanks** moved and **Geneva Brett** seconded a motion to select **Geneva Brett** to serve as the Board Representative of the Merced County School Boards Association (MCSBA) Executive Committee. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Fagundes & Razzari were absent*).

C. Head Start Policy Council

It is recommended that the Board of Education select a Board Representative to serve on the *Head Start Policy Council*. (current rep: Frank) [2-year term, expires 2025]

**Geneva Brett** moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to select **Frank Fagundes** to serve as the Board Representative of the Head Start Policy Council. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Fagundes & Razzari were absent*).

D. Merced County Committee on School District Organization

It is recommended that the Board of Education select a Board Representative to serve on the *Merced County Committee on School District Organization*. (current rep: Geneva) [4-yr term, expires 2025]

**Dennis Hanks** moved and **Geneva Brett** seconded a motion to select **Geneva Brett** to serve as the Board Representative of the Merced County Committee on School District Organization. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Fagundes & Razzari were absent*).

E. Merced County Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Merced County Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule for July 2024 through June 2025

**Dennis Hanks** moved and **Geneva Brett** seconded a motion to approve the Merced County Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule for July 2024 through June 2025 as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Fagundes & Razzari were absent*).

F. 180-Day Wait Period Exception Resolution [Resolution No. 2024-02]

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **Resolution No. 2024-02** Declaration of 180-Day Wait Period Exception and Appointment of Interim Retired Annuitant Position to the vacant position of Director of Business Services under Government Code Section 21224 effective January 17, 2024.

**Dennis Hanks** moved and **Geneva Brett** seconded a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2024-02** Declaration of 180-Day Wait Period Exception and Appointment of Interim Retired Annuitant Position to the vacant position of Director of Business Services under Government Code Section 21224 effective January 17, 2024. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Fagundes & Razzari were absent*).

G. School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) 2023-2024

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2023-2024 School Accountability Report Cards for the following programs/schools: Valley Community School Atwater, Valley Community School Los Banos, Valley Community School Merced, Merced County Juvenile Hall Court School, Merced Scholars Charter School, and Come Back Charter School

Cindy Gentry provided the reports.

**Dennis Hanks** moved and **Geneva Brett** seconded a motion to approve the 2023-2024 School Accountability Report Cards for the following programs/schools: Valley Community School Atwater, Valley Community School Los Banos, Valley Community School Merced, Merced County Juvenile Hall Court School, Merced Scholars Charter School, and Come Back Charter School. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Fagundes & Razzari were absent*).

H. School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) 2023-2024

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2023-2024 School Accountability Report Cards for the following programs/schools: Merced County Office of Education Special Education and Schelby School

Barbara Brown provided the reports.

**Geneva Brett** moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to approve the 2023-2024 School Accountability Report Cards for the following programs/schools: Merced County Office of Education Special Education and Schelby School. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Fagundes & Razzari were absent*).

**IX. Adjournment**

**Geneva Brett** moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Merced County Board of Education at 3:31 PM. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Fagundes & Razzari were absent*).

Respectfully submitted,

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

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