

MINUTES
MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 17, 2024

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Merced County Office of Education Board Room
632 W. 13th Street, Merced, CA 95341

I. Opening

- A. Board Chairperson, **Fred H Honoré**, called the regular meeting of the Merced County Board of Education to order at 3:00 PM.
- B. Members present were Fred Honoré, Dennis Hanks, Frank Fagundes, Tim Razzari, and Geneva Brett.
- C. Others present: Pat Atkins, Ryan Ballard, Rosa Barragan, Barbara Brown, Cheryl Brown, Joseph Brown, Kimberly Chastain, John Chavez, Melissa Coleman, Taylor Coleman, Maria Duran-Barajas, Natalie Flores, Jesse Flores, Laura Fong, Cindy Gentry, Siobhan Hanna, Courtney Harris, Cristi Johnson, Diego Martinez, Carmelita Martinez, Lissa Mitchell, May T. Moua, April Reitz, Janet Riley, Stephanie Roe, Valeria Roman, Francisco Romo, Monica Sanchez, Kandace Thompson-Silva, Barbara Troutman, Dan Troutman, Graciaisela Vega, Lupe Winton, Eugene Wunder, Summer Wunder, Maria Cuevas and Yolanda Campos-Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent.

II. Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

III. Presentation:

- A. Presentation of Plaques to MCOE Outstanding Classified, Certificated, and Management Employees for the Quarter ending June 2024
 - 1. Classified Employee: Lupe Winton, Early Education
 - 2. Classified Employee: Pedro Carrillo, Special Education
 - 3. Certificated Employee: Melissa Coleman, Special Education
 - 4. Management Employee: Natalie Flores, Special Education

Assistant Superintendent, Pat Atkins presented the Outstanding Employee Awards to Melissa Coleman, Special Education; Outstanding Certificated Employee, Pedro Carrillo, Special Education; Outstanding Classified Employee, Natalie Flores, Special Education; Management Employee and Lupe Winton with Early Education; Outstanding Classified Employee.

IV. 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 May 20, 2024
- B. Minutes of Special Meeting on June 10, 2024
- C. Approve **Resolution No. 2024-15** Authorizing End-of-Year Transfers
 - 1. Retirement Resolution: **Resolution No. 2024-17** Honoring Eugene Wunder
 - 2. **Resolution No. 2024-18** Honoring Joseph Wunder

3. **Resolution No. 2024-19** Honoring Barbara Troutman
4. **Resolution No. 2024-20** Honoring Leticia Limon
5. **Resolution No. 2024-21** Honoring Jeannie Flores

Assistant Superintendent, Laura Fong read Barbara Troutman, Joseph Brown, and Eugene resolutions.

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

V. Written Communications

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

VI. 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.

VII. Future Agenda Items

- A. Public Hearing – Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Textbooks. More information will be provided in August.

VIII. Superintendent’s and Board Members’ Report (Information/Discussion Only)

- A. 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.
- B. Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Local Indicators for Merced Scholars Charter School – Cindy Gentry provided the LCAP Local Performance Indicator Report for Merced Scholars Charter School. No public comments were made.
- C. Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Local Indicators for Come Back Charter School – Cindy Gentry provided the LCAP Local Indicators for Come Back Charter School. No public comments were made.
- D. Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Disclosure California School Employees Association (CSEA) #856, Unit A and B Fiscal years 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2026-2027. Assistant Superintendent, Janet Riley provided an update on CSEA #856, Units A and B.
- E. Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Disclosure Merced County Office of Education Teachers Association (MCOTA) Fiscal years 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027. Assistant Superintendent, Janet Riley provided an update on MCOTA.
- F. Board Member’s Report *(if any)*: None
- G. Superintendent’s Report – In the absence of Superintendent, Steve Tietjen, Assistant Superintendent, Pat Atkins provided the following information.
 1. Merced County Board of Education Meeting Schedule 2024-2025
 2. MCOE Kickoff Celebration – August 8, 2024
 3. Merced County School Dates for 2024-2025

IX. 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

Cindy Gentry presented all LCAPs with Budget Overview.

It was 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)

Geneva Brett 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 5-0

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

It was 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 **Frank Fagundes** 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 5-0

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

It was 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)

Geneva Brett 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 5-0.

D. Federal Addendum Annual Update – Presented by Cindy Gentry.

It was recommended that the Board of Education review and approve the Federal Addendum.

Tim Razarri moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to review and approve the Federal Addendum. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

E. School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA 2024-2025) – Presented by Cindy Gentry.

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2024-2025 School Plans for Student Achievement for Valley Community School **Atwater**, Valley Community School **Los Banos**, Valley Community School **Merced**, and Merced County **Juvenile Hall Court School**. The SPSA reports can be found on our website at:

<https://www.mcoe.org/departments-programs/educational-services/student-programs/mcoe-public-postings>

Fred Honoré moved and **Geneva Brett** seconded a motion to review and approve the 2024-2025 School Plans for Student Achievement for Valley Community School **Atwater**, Valley Community School **Los Banos**, Valley Community School **Merced**, and Merced County **Juvenile Hall** Court School. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0

- F. Annual Report on Differentiated Assistance 2024-2025. In the absence of Emily Tietjen, Assistant Superintendent, Martin Macias presented the report.

It is recommended that the Board of Education review and adopt the Merced County Office of Education Annual Report on Differentiated Assistance 2024-2025 as presented in compliance with Education Code 52066(i)(1)

Geneva Brett moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to adopt the Merced County Office of Education Annual Report on Differentiated Assistance 2024-2025 as presented in compliance with Education Code 52066(i)(1). The motion carried with a vote of 5-0

- G. Resolution Ordering Governing Board Member Election Assistant Superintendent, Pat Atkins presented Resolution No. 2024-23

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve **Resolution No. 2024-23** ordering Governing Board Member Elections as submitted.

Geneva Brett moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2024-16** ordering Governing Board Member Elections as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0

- H. Resolution for Exception to the 180-Day Wait Period Assistant Superintendent, Janet Riley presented Resolution No. 2024-16.

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve **Resolution No. 2024-16** Declaration of 180-Day Wait Period Exception and Appointment of Raymond Birch as extra Help Retired Annuitant to train new Custodial Supervisor(s), perform scheduled Williams Inspections, complete the FIT (Facilities Inspection Tool) required by the California Department of Education under Government Code Section 21224 effective August 5, 2024.

Fred Honoré moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2024-16** Declaration of 180-Day Wait Period Exception and Appointment of Raymond Birch. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0

- I. Public Hearing – Education Protection Account (2023-2024) Assistant Superintendent, Janet Riley presented Resolution No. 2024-22.

It was recommended that the Board of Education adopt **Resolution No. 2024-22** Determining How the Moneys Received from the Education Protection Account (2024-2025) 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. 2024-22 Determining How the Moneys Received from the Education Protection Account (2024-2025) are spent at the Merced County Office of Education

Geneva Brett moved and **Tim Razzari** seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-22 Determining How the Moneys Received from the Education Protection Account (2024-2025) are spent at the Merced County Office of Education. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0

J. **2024-2025 MCOE Budget** - Presented by Assistant Superintendent, Janet Riley

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2024-2025 Merced County Office of Education Budget in compliance with Education Code 1622(a)

1. Adoption of Merced County Office of Education Budget of 2024-2025 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)

Geneva Brett moved and **Frank Fagundes** seconded a motion to adopt the Merced County Office of Education Budget of 2024-2025 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 5-0

2. Adoption of the Annual 2024-2025 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)

Geneva Brett 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 5-0

3. Annual Certification to 2024-2025 Budget Pursuant to Education Code Section 42141(a) Regarding Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Claims

Frank Fagundes moved and **Geneva Brett** seconded a motion to adopt the Annual Certification to 2024-2025 Budget Pursuant to Education Code Section 42141(a) Regarding Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Claims. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0

K. **Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Annual Report** – Presented by Director of Special Education, Maria Barajas-Duran

It was recommended that the Board of Education review and approve Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding 2024 Annual Report as submitted.

Dennis Hanks moved and **Geneva Brett** seconded a motion to review and approve Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding 2024 Annual Report as submitted.

X. **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 before adjournment into a Closed Session.

The Board proceeded into a Closed Session.

XI. **Closed Session** Pursuant to Education Code 35146 to Hear Appeal of Denial of Interdistrict Attendance Request – **Appeal # 2024-02**

XII. **Closed Session to Deliberate Interdistrict Attendance Appeal**

XIII. **Closed Session** Pursuant to Education Code 35146 to Hear Appeal of Denial of Interdistrict Attendance Request – **Appeal # 2024-04**

XIV. **Closed Session to Deliberate Interdistrict Attendance Appeal**

Board Member, Tim Razzari excused himself early from the meeting at approximately

The Board will proceed into an Open Session.

XV. **Open Session for the Disposition of Interdistrict Attendance Appeal #2024-02**

On the request for an appeal of denial of the Interdistrict Attendance Requests submitted on behalf of Student #2024-02 it was moved by Geneva Brett and seconded by Dennis Hanks to **overturn the appeal**, for the 2024-2025 school year, Merced Union High School District decision of denying the request for an interdistrict transfer to attend school at Atwater High School in the Merced Union High School District. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

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

XVI. **Open Session for the Disposition of Interdistrict Attendance Appeal #2024-04**

On the request for an appeal of denial of the Interdistrict Attendance Requests submitted on behalf of Student #2024-04 it was moved by Geneva Brett and seconded by Frank Fagundes to **overturn the appeal**, for the 2024-2025 school year, Merced Union High School District decision of denying the request for an interdistrict transfer to attend school at Buhach Colony High in the Merced Union High School District. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0

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

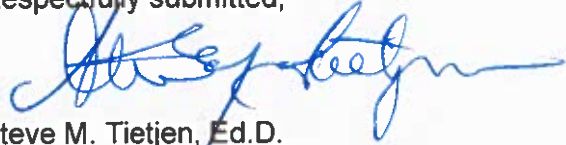
XVII. **Closed Session**

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

XIII. **Adjournment**

Dennis Hanks moved and Frank Fagundes seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Merced County Board of Education at 5:24 PM. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Razzari was absent*).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve M. Tietjen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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

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