

MINUTES
MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 19, 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 3:02 PM.
- B. Members present were Fred Honoré, Dennis Hanks, Tim Razzari, Geneva Brett, and Frank Fagundes was absent.
- C. Others present: Laura Andrews, Cynthia Chavez, Maria Cuevas, Lisa Filippini, Laura Fong, Erika Davalos-Lemus, Martin Macias, Felipe Meraz, Joseph Oh, Nathan Quevedo, Janet Riley, Andrea Valtierra-Gongora, Cristina Vara, and Yolanda Campos-Senior Executive Assistant to the 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 the Regular Meeting on June 17, 2024, were approved.
 - B. Approve **Resolution No. 2024-24** recognizing September as School Attendance Awareness Month.
 - C. Authorize Payment to the California School Boards Association for Membership Dues, July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025, for \$13,070.00
 - California School Boards Association (CSBA) = \$8,819.00
 - California School Board of Education (CCBE) = \$ 2,046.00
 - Education Legal Alliance (ELA) = # 2,205.00
- Fred H. Honoré** moved and **Geneva Brett** seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (Fagundes absent).

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 about issues related to the function and operation of the County Board of Education.

VI. Future Agenda Items

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

VII. 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 – Joseph Oh 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 – Joseph Oh 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 – Joseph Oh provided the LCAP Local Indicators for Come Back Charter School. No public comments were made.
- D. Board Member’s Report (*if any*): None
- E. Superintendent’s Report –
 - 1. Introduction of new Cabinet Staff – New Deputy Superintendent, Martin Macias (Human Resources department) and Deputy Superintendent, Janet Riley (Business Services department). Laura Andrews, new Assistant Superintendent for the Educational Services department.
 - 2. MCOE Kickoff – Great turnout of staff with great reviews of the keynote speaker, Mark Schumacher.

VIII. 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. Uniform Complaint Report Summary – Presented by Erika Davalos-Lemus.

It was recommended that the Board of Education review and approve the Uniform Complaint Report Summary for Quarterly Period April 2024 through June 2024.

Geneva Brett moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded a motion to review and approve the Federal Addendum. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (Fagundes absent).

IX. 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.

- X. **Closed Session Pursuant to Education Code 35146 to Hear Appeal of Denial of Interdistrict Attendance Request – Appeal # 2024-05 and #2024-06**

- XI. **Closed Session to Deliberate Interdistrict Attendance Appeal**

Closed Session Pursuant to Education Code 35146 to Hear Appeal of Denial of Interdistrict Attendance Request – **Appeal # 2024-07** – Anita Patina called to inform the office of her decision to withdraw the appeal. Her son, Mattheu Chavez will continue at Dos Palos High School.

XII. Closed Session to Deliberate Interdistrict Attendance Appeal

The Board will proceed into an Open Session.

XIII. Open Session for the Disposition of Interdistrict Attendance Appeals #2024-05 and #2024-06

On the request for an appeal of denial of the Interdistrict Attendance Requests submitted on behalf of Students #2024-05 and #2024-06 it was moved by **Geneva Brett** and seconded by **Dennis Hanks** to **overturn the appeal**, for the 2024-2025 school year, Gustine Unified School District decision of denying the request for an interdistrict transfer to attend school at Romero School in the Gustine Unified 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>Absent</u>
	Razzari	<u>Yes</u>
	Brett	<u>Yes</u>

XIV. Open Session for the Disposition of Interdistrict Attendance Appeal #2024-07

On the request for an appeal of denial of the Interdistrict Attendance Request submitted on behalf of Student #2024-07, for the 2024-2025 school year, Los Banos Unified School District decision to deny the request for an interdistrict transfer to attend school at Los Banos High School in the Los Banos Unified School District was withdrawn. The parent, Anita Patina called to inform the office of her decision to withdraw the appeal. Her son, Mattheu Chavez will continue attending Dos Palos High School.

XIII. Adjournment

Geneva Brett moved and **Dennis Hanks** seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Merced County Board of Education at 4:06 PM. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Fagundes was absent*).

Respectfully submitted,



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

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