

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Merced County Office of Education Board Room
632 W. 13th 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 Honoré, Dennis Hanks, Tim Razzari, and Frank Fagundes. Geneva Brett was absent.
- C. Others present: Laura Andrews, Laura Avila, Rosa Barragan, Andrea Cruthird-Mays, Kathy Davis, Vanessa Doss, Maria Duran-Barajas, Toulia Eccles, Tricia Ellis, Shannon Espinosa, Tara Hill, Cristi Johnson, Mike Lincoln, Martin Macias, Joseph Oh, Michael Ortiz, Maritza Prado, Jennely Rangel, Janet Riley, Ana Rios-Belt, Janice Rogge, Stacy Shasky, Tina Shultz, Luis Sobrevilla, Christi Tropp, Cristina Vara, Kristie Williams, Brenda Zaragoza, Maria Cuevas, , Yolanda Campos-Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Steve M. Tietjen-County Superintendent

II. Flag Salute – Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

III. Presentation:

- A. Presentation of Plaques to MCOE Outstanding Classified, Certificated, and Management Employees for the Quarter ending September 2024
 - 1. Classified Employee: Vanessa Doss, Educational Services
 - 2. Classified Employee: Luis Sobrevilla, Educational Services
 - 3. Certificated Employee: Laura Avila, Special Education
 - 4. Management Employee: Tina Schultz, Human Resources

Outstanding Employee Awards were presented to Vanessa Doss, Educational Services, Outstanding Classified Employee; Outstanding Classified Employee, Luis Sobrevilla, Educational Services; Certificated Employee Laura Avila with Special Education; and Outstanding Management Employee Tina Schultz, Human Resources.

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 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 August 19, 2024
- B. **Resolution No. 2024-25** Recognizing October 13-19, 2024 as Week of the School Administrator
- C. **Resolution No. 2024-26** Proclaiming October 2024 as Character Education Month
- D. Retirement Resolution:
 - 1. **Resolution No. 2024-30** Honoring Teresa Machado
 - 2. **Resolution No. 2024-31** Honoring Rebecca Rodriguez Lincoln

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

V. Written Communications

- A. Correspondence Received By Chairperson: None.
- B. Correspondence Received By Board Members: None.
- C. Correspondence Received By Superintendent: VST Annexation Meeting overview

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

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

- A. Board Member's Report (*if any*): None
- B. Superintendent's Report:
 - 1. Excellence in Education @ Merced Theatre – October 3, 2024
 - 2. Career Industry Day @ Merced Fairgrounds – October 17, 2024
 - 3. Merced County Education Foundation Fundraiser - MCOE Downtown PDC – October 26th
 - 4. MCSBA Conference – October 18-20, 2024 - Monterey, CA

IX. Business Items for Action

A. Public Hearing – Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Textbooks

- 1. Review Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Textbooks for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in Schools Operated by the Merced County Office of Education in compliance with Education Code 60119. Presented by Director of Educational Services, Tara Hill.
- 2. Open Public Hearing: Fred Honoré opened the public hearing. No comments were made.
- 3. Close Public Hearing: Fred Honoré closed the public hearing.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **Resolution No. 2024-27 Declaration of Sufficient Instructional Materials and Textbooks for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in Schools Operated by the Merced County Office of Education**

Dennis Hanks moved and **Frank Fagundes** seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-27 Declaration of Sufficient Instructional Materials and Textbooks for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in Schools Operated by the Merced County Office of Education as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Brett absent*).

B. Public Hearing – Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Textbooks

- 1. Review Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Textbooks for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 at Merced Scholars Charter Schools Operated by the Merced County Office of Education in compliance with Education Code 60119. Presented by Director of Educational Services, Tara Hill.
- 2. Open Public Hearing: Fred Honoré opened the public hearing. No comments were made.
- 3. Close Public Hearing: Fred Honoré closed the public hearing.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **Resolution No. 2024-28 Declaration of Sufficient Instructional Materials and Textbooks for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 at Merced Scholars Charter School Operated by the Merced County Office of Education**

Tim Razzari moved and **Frank Fagundes** seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-28 Declaration of Sufficient Instructional Materials and Textbooks for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 at Merced Scholars Charter School Operated by the Merced County Office of Education as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Brett absent*).

C. **Public Hearing – Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Textbooks**

1. Review Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Textbooks for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 at Come Back Charter School Operated by the Merced County Office of Education in compliance with Education Code 60119. Presented by Coordinator of Educational Services, Joseph Oh.
2. Open Public Hearing: Fred Honoré opened the public hearing. No comments were made.
3. Close Public Hearing: Fred Honoré closed the public hearing.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **Resolution No. 2024-29** Declaration of Sufficient Instructional Materials and Textbooks for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 at **Come Back Charter School** Operated by the Merced County Office of Education

Frank Fagundes moved and **Tim Razzari** seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-29 Declaration of Sufficient Instructional Materials and Textbooks for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 at Come Back Charter School Operated by the Merced County Office of Education as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Brett absent*).

The Board identified closed session agenda item(s) and proceeded into Closed Session. The public was invited to comment on identified items prior to adjournment into Closed Session.

The Board proceeded into Closed Session.

X. **Closed Session Pursuant to Education Code 35146 to Hear Appeal of Denial of Interdistrict Attendance Request. 3:30 PM – Appeals # 2024-08**

The Merced County Board of Education met in closed session for the Interdistrict Attendance Hearing of student #2024-08

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

The Merced County Board of Education deliberated the Interdistrict Attendance appeals in closed session.

The Board proceeded into Open Session.

XII. **Open Session for the Disposition of Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Appeal: # 2024-08**

On the request for appeal of denial of the Interdistrict Attendance Requests submitted on behalf of Student #2024-08 it was moved by **Tim Razzari** and seconded by **Dennis Hanks** to **uphold** the Merced Union High School District decision to deny the parents' appeal for an Interdistrict Attendance Agreement for attendance at Golden Valley High School in the Merced Union High School District. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Brett absent*).

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

XV. Adjournment

Dennis Hanks moved and **Tim Razzari** seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Merced County Board of Education at 3:49 PM. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 (*Brett absent*).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve M. Tietjen".

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

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