

**MINUTES  
MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
October 21, 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 closed session meeting of the Merced County Board of Education to order at 2:45 PM.
- B. Members present were Fred Honoré, Dennis Hanks, and Tim Razzari. Frank Fagundes and Geneva Brett were absent.
- C. Others present: Barbara Brown, Chistina Vara, Hanna Siobhan, Janet Riely, Keishandra Smith, Kimberly Chastain, Laura Andrews, Laura Fong, Louis Smith, Maria Barajas-Duran, Martin Macias, Michael Lomeli, Michael Moore, Mike Weber, Noelia Mendoza, Richard Lopez, Tara Hill, Yolanda Campos, and Maria Cuevas-Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Steve M. Tietjen-County Superintendent.

*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 a Closed Session*

**II. Closed Session**

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

*The Board proceeded into a Open Session*

**III. Open Session** – The Board discussed and provided direction to staff.

**IV. Flag Salute** – Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

**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 September 16, 2024

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

**VI. Written Communications**

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

**VIII. Future Agenda Items**

**IX. 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. Merced County Education Foundation Fundraiser – MCOE Downtown PDC – October 26<sup>th</sup>
  - 3. MCSBA Conference – October 18-20, 2024 - Monterey, CA

**X. Business Items for Action**

A. "Gann" Limit [Resolution No. 2024-32]

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve **Resolution No. 2024-32** Adopting the "Gann" Limit as submitted.

Dennis Hanks moved, and Tim Razzari seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-32 adopting the "Gann" Limit as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Fagundes and Brett were absent*).

B. School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) 2024-2025

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2024-2025 School Plans for Student Achievement for Merced County Office of Education Special Education and Schelby School.

Tim Razzari moved, and Dennis Hanks seconded the motion to approve the 2024-2025 School Plans for Student Achievement for Merced County Office of Education Special Education and Shelby School. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Fagundes and Brett were absent*).

C. Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding 2023-2024

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2023-2024 Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding. There were no Prop 28 funds expended in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Pursuant to Education Code 8820(g)(4)

Dennis Hanks moved, and Tim Razzari seconded a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Fagundes and Brett were absent*).

D. Resolution for Exception to the 180-Day Wait Period

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve **Resolution No. 2024-33** Declaration of 180-Day Wait Period Exception and Appointment of Jeanie Flores as extra Help Retired Annuitant to perform training and support for the Merced County Office of Education, effective November 1, 2024.

Tim Razzari moved, and Dennis Hanks seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-33 Declaration of 180-Day Wait Period Exception and Appointment of Jeannie Flores. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 (*Fagundes and Brett were absent*).

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**XI. Closed Session for Appeal of Pupil Expulsion #2024-02**

The Merced County Board of Education met in closed session for the appeal of Pupil Expulsion #2024-02.

**XII. Executive Session for Board Deliberation of Pupil Expulsion # 2024-02**

The Merced County Board met in an Executive session to deliberate on appeal of Pupil Expulsion #2024-02.

*The Board proceeded into a Open Session.*

**XV. Adjournment**

**Tim Razzari** moved, and **Dennis Hanks** 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 3-0 (*Fagundes and Brett were absent*).

Respectfully submitted,



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

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