MINUTES
MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 18, 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 closed session meeting of the Merced County Board of Education to order at 3:00 PM.

B. Members present were Fred Honoré, Dennis Hanks, and Tim Razzari. Frank Fagundes and Geneva Brett were absent.

C. Others present Alex Putzcys, Chistina Vara, Christie Hendricks, Curt Royer, Dan Murphy, Don Bragonier, Lenna Bragonier, Erika Davalos-Lemus, Gaye Riggs, Laura Andrews, Laura Fong, Lee Andersen, Maria Barajas-Duran, Martin Macias, Nathan Quevedo, Pam Royer, Rodrigo Espinoza, Rosa Barragan, Sharon Spinardi, Sharon Twitty, Susan Coston, Yolanda Campos, and Maria Cuevas-Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Steve M. Tietjen-County Superintendent.

II. Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

III. Presentation:

A. Steve M. Tietjen presented and read the resolution 2024-08 presented to Dr. Lee Andersen created for renaming the Atwater Valley Community High School to Dr. Lee Andersen Education Center-Atwater. Steve also read the resolution 2024-09 in recognition of Outgoing Board Member, Fred Honoré. A plaque was presented to Fred Honoré for his 21 years of service on the Merced Board of Education.

IV. Recess: A brief recess was taken and everyone walked over to the Newbold conference room for a small reception in honor of Dr. Lee Andersen.

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 October 21, 2024

Dennis Hanks moved and **Tim Razzari** seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted along with the October 21, 2024 minutes. 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.

No comments were made.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

A. Annual Reorganizational Meeting – December 16, 2024

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

A. Board Member's Report *(if any)*: Board Member, Dennis Hanks mentioned attending a meeting where Nathan Monroe, a Political Science Professor at UC Merced talked about a program he runs where students intern in the legislature in Sacramento. Adam Gray is an instructor in the same program and while there, Dennis reminded him to encourage students who graduated from any Merced High School to apply for the VST scholarships.

B. Superintendent's Report:
1. Thanked the Superintendent's office staff for the reception.
2. Provided an update on the elections. The next update will be done on the 19th by the end of the day.
3. Changes will take place in the MCOE Complex as a very much-needed fence goes up. There will be an automated door to the fence on the M street section of the complex. The project will be conducted in phases and completed in early January. Beginning in December the M Street parking lot entrance will be closed and a temporary entrance on N Street will be available to enter the parking lot.

X. Business Items for Action

A. Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report

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

Erika Davalos-Lemus provided the report on Willimas Site Visits – 2024 Annual Report on the Status of Schools in Merced County and the 2024 Annual Report on the Status of Schools in Merced County.

Dennis Hanks moved, and Tim Razzari seconded a motion to approve the Uniform Complaint Report Summary for the Quarterly Period July 2024 through September 2024 as submitted. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0 *(Fagundes and Brett were absent)*.

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

The Board proceeded into a Closed Session.

XI. Closed Session

The Merced County Board of Education met in closed session to conference regarding real property transactions, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.

The Board proceeded into an 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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