AGENDA
MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 16, 2025

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Merced County Office of Education - 632 West 13th Street, Merced, CA 95341 – Board Room
The meeting begins at 3:00 p.m.

[These proceedings may be recorded.]

I. Open

A. Call to Order at _____ PM by Chairperson _____

B. Roll Call:

Dennis Hanks, Chairperson	_____
Geneva Brett, Vice Chairperson	_____
Frank Fagundes, Member	_____
Rodrigo Espinosa, Member	_____
VACANT, Member	_____

C. Others Present: _____

II. Board Vacancy

At the Board of Education's June 9, 2025, special meeting, it was approved to interview applicants to fill the Trustee Area #2 Board Vacancy as a Provisional Appointment Member. However, there were no candidate applications received by the deadline. The County Superintendent offered a nomination.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the nominee as a Provisional Appointment Member of the Merced County Board of Education, Trustee Area #2.

Nominee: _____

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

Administer Oath of Office – Steve M. Tietjen, County Superintendent of Schools

III. Flag Salute - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

IV. Presentation

A. Presentation of Plaques to MCOE Outstanding Classified, Certificated, and Management Employees for the Quarter ending June 2025

1. Classified Employee: Lena Lee, Educational Services Department
2. Classified Employee: Jesus Cisneros, Educational Services Department
3. Certificated Employee: Jaquilyn Lourence, Special Education Department
4. Management Employee: Sherre Vernon, Educational Services Department

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 the 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 19, 2025

B. Minutes of Special Meeting on June 9, 2025

C. Retirement Resolution (s):
   1. Resolution No. 2025-17 Honoring Amanda Press
   2. Resolution No. 2025-18 Honoring Carolyn McCrary
   3. Resolution No. 2025-19 Honoring Karen Martin
   4. Resolution No. 2025-20 Honoring Kathya Souza
   5. Resolution No. 2025-21 Honoring Linda Zamora
   6. Resolution No. 2025-22 Honoring Lynn Larrew
   7. Resolution No. 2025-23 Honoring Marcela V. Garcia
   8. Resolution No. 2025-24 Honoring Socorro Rivas

D. Approve **Resolution No. 2025-14** Authorizing End-of-Year Transfers

E. Funding of Consolidated Application for Categorical Programs 2025-2026

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

VI. Written Communications

A. Correspondence Received By Chairperson

B. Correspondence Received By Board Members:

C. Correspondence Received By Superintendent

VII. Call for Public Comments on Agenda & Non-Agenda Items

During this portion of the agenda, the public is invited to address the Board on any item of interest that is within the Board's jurisdiction *(Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54954.3)*. The Board shall conduct no discussion, deliberation, or action on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except as authorized by law (*Education Code 35145.5, Government Code 54954.2)*. Members of the public are limited to five minutes on each topic or agenda item and, public participation cannot exceed 20 minutes total for each topic or agenda item *(Government Code 54954.3; Board Bylaw 9322 & 9323)*.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

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

A. Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) — Joseph Oh, *Coordinator-Ed. Services*
   1. Local Indicators for Schools Operated by
      - Come Back Charter
      - Merced Scholars School
      - Merced County Office of Education

B. California Community Schools Partnership Program Grant (CCSPP) Update
   1. Student Programs - Sherre Vernon, *Coordinator-Educational Services*
      - Come Back Charter
      - Merced County Juvenile Court
      - Merced Scholars Charter
      - Valley Merced Community
      - Valley Los Banos Community
   2. Special Education - Maria Duran-Barajas, *Director-Special Education*
      - Merced County Special Education
      - Floyd A. Schelby

C. Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Disclosure — Janet Riley, *Deputy Superintendent-Bus. Services*
   Merced County Office Teachers Association (MCOTA)
   Fiscal year 2025-2026

D. Board Member's Report *(if any)* Board Members

E. Superintendent's Report Steve M. Tietjen, *County Superintendent*

1. Merced County Board of Education Meeting Schedule 2025-2026
2. MCOE Kickoff Celebration – Thursday, August 7, 2025
3. Merced County Schools Academic Calendar for 2025-2026

X. 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

Joseph Oh, *Coordinator-Ed. Services.*

It is 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)

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

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

Joseph Oh, *Coordinator-Ed. Services.*

It is 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)

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

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

Joseph Oh, *Coordinator-Ed. Services.*

It is 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** in compliance with Education Code 52068(b)(2)

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

D. Revised 2025 LCAP Federal Addendum

Joseph Oh, *Coordinator-Ed. Services*

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Revised Federal Addendum as submitted

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

E. School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA 2025-2026)

Joseph Oh, *Coordinator-Ed. Services*

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 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

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

F. Dashboard Alternative School Status (DASS) Application

Joseph Oh, *Coordinator-Ed. Services.*

It is recommended that the Board of Education consent to the Approval of Intent to apply for DASS from the Local Governing School Board/Charter Governing School Board

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

G. Proposition 28: Arts and Music for Special Education/Student Programs

Maria Duran-Barajas, *Director - Special Ed.*

It is recommended that the Board of Education review and approve Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding 2025 Annual Report for Merced County Office of Education, Special Education/Student Programs, and Floyd A. Schelby

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

H. Proposition 28: Arts and Music for Merced Scholars & Come Back Charter

Sherre Vernon, *Coordinator - Ed. Services*

It is recommended that the Board of Education review and approve Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding 2025 Annual Report for Merced Scholars Charter and Come Back Charter

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

I. Student Programs & SPED Reading Screener — Sherre Vernon, *Coordinator - Ed. Services*

It is recommended that the Board of Education review and approve the adoption of the Reading Difficulties Risk Screener for Merced Scholars Charter and Merced County Office of Education Student Programs and Special Education

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

J. Annual Report on Differentiated Assistance 2025-2026 — Emily Tietjen, *Director - Ed. Services*

It is recommended that the Board of Education review and adopt the Merced County Office of Education Annual Report on Differentiated Assistance 2025-2026 as presented in compliance with Education Code 52066(i)(1)

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

K. 2025-2026 Merced County Office of Education Budget — Rosa Casillas, *Director - Bus. Services*

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 Merced County Office of Education Budget in compliance with Education Code 1622(a)

1. Adoption of Merced County Office of Education Budget of 2025-2026 Developed Using State-Adopted Criteria and Standards and Filed and Adopted After Public Hearing by the County Board of Education in compliance with Education Code 1622(a)

   Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

2. Adoption of the Annual 2025-2026 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)

   Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

3. Annual Certification to 2025-2026 Budget Pursuant to Education Code Section 42141(a) Regarding Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Claims

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

L. Resolution for Exemption to the 180-Day Wait Period

Janet Riley, *Deputy Superintendent- Bus. Services*

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **Resolution No. 2025-16**, Declaration of 180-Day Wait Period Exception and Appointment of Katherine Weimer as extra help Retired Annuitant to train new Business Services personnel and support the establishment of CYBHI accounting effective July 1, 2025.

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

M. Public Hearing – Education Protection Account

Janet Riley, *Deputy Superintendent-Bus. Services*

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt **Resolution No. 2025-15** Determining How the Moneys Received from the Education Protection Account (2025-2026) are spent at the Merced County Office of Education

1. Open Public Hearing
2. Close Public Hearing
3. Adopt **Resolution No. 2025-15** Determining How the Moneys Received from the Education Protection Account (2025-2026) are Spent at the Merced County Office of Education

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

N. Merced County Ethnic Studies Curriculum Guide

Laura Andrews, *Asst. Superintendent- Ed. Services*

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the Merced County Ethnic Studies Curriculum Guide.

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

O. County Superintendent's Salary Schedule

Steve M. Tietjen, *County Superintendent*

It is recommended that the Board of Education discuss and approve the County Superintendent of Schools' Salary, other Financial Remuneration, Health, Retirement, and other Benefits (Education Code Section 1209)

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

The Board will proceed into a Closed Session.

XI. **Closed Session –** Pursuant to Education Code 35146 to Hear Appeal of Denial of Interdistrict Attendance Request **– Appeal # 2025-05 – 4:00 PM**

XII. **Closed Session** to Deliberate Interdistrict Attendance **Appeal #2025-05**

The Board will proceed into an Open Session.

XIII. **Open Session** Report Action of Interdistrict Attendance **Appeal #2025-05**

Moved by_____ Seconded by_____ Roll Call Vote:

Hanks	_____
Fagundes	_____
Espinosa	_____
Brett	_____
VACANT	_____

XIV. **Adjournment: _____ PM**

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

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