

AGENDA
MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 18, 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 _____
 - Ryan Heller, Member _____
- C. Others Present: _____
- D. Introduction of Trustee Area # 2 Board Member, Ryan Heller

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 Regular Meeting on June 16, 2025
- B. Approve **Resolution No. 2025-25**, Recognizing September 2025 as School Attendance Awareness Month
- C. Retirement Resolution No. 2025-26, Recognizing Janet Riley
- D. Authorize Payment to the California School Boards Association for Membership Dues, July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, in the total amount of **\$11,324.00**
 - California School Boards Association (CSBA) = \$9,244.00
 - Education Legal Alliance (ELA) = \$2,080.00

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

IV. Written Communications

- A. Correspondence Received By Chairperson
- B. Correspondence Received By Board Members
- C. Correspondence Received By Superintendent

V. 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 raised (*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*).

VI. Future Agenda Items

- A. Public Hearing – Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Textbooks

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

- A. Board Member's Report *(if any)* Board Members
- B. Superintendent's Report Steve M. Tietjen
1. Report on MCOE Kickoff
 2. Merced County Education Foundation Fundraiser- Saturday, October 18, 2025
 3. Merced Cal-SOAP 2024-25 – Shawn McCall, Program Manager - Ed. Services
 4. Association of California County Boards of Education – Presentation via Zoom

VIII. Business Items for Action

- A. Uniform Complaint Report Summary Erika Davalos-Lemus
Coordinator-Ed. Svcs.

It is recommended that the Board of Education review and approve the Uniform Complaint Report Summary for the Quarterly Period April 2025 through June 2025

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

- B. Nominations for CSBA Director-at-Large Steve M. Tietjen

It is recommended that the Board of Education review and approve the Call for Nominations for CSBA Directors-at-Large, for African American, American Indian, and County

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

- C. Filing of 90 Day Waiver for Five-Year Plan – Lee Andersen Ed. Center Steve M. Tietjen

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **Resolution No. 2025-27** approving the Filing of the 90 Day Waiver for the Five-Year Plan for the planning and construction costs of two (2) modular classrooms at the Lee Andersen Education Center.

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

- D. State Building Funds Application – Lee Andersen Ed. Center Steve M. Tietjen

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **Resolution No. 2025-28** approving the State Facility Program Application with the State Allocation Board (SAB) for the planning and construction costs of two (2) modular classrooms at the Lee Andersen Education Center.

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

- E. Use of General Fund and State Facility Program Savings for Financial Hardship Facility Project – Lee Andersen Ed. Center

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **Resolution No. 2025-29** approving the interfund borrowing to cover the planning and construction costs of the two (2) modular classrooms at the Lee Andersen Education Center.

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

- F. California Environmental Quality Act – Lee Andersen Ed. Center Steve M. Tietjen

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **Resolution No. 2025-30**, approving the exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and approving the Filing and Recordation of a Notice of Exemption as submitted for the construction of two (2) modular classrooms at the Lee Andersen Education Center

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

- 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 closed session items before adjournment into Closed Session.

*The Board will proceed into **Closed** Session.*

- X. Closed Session** Pursuant to Education Code 35146 to Hear Appeal of Denial of Interdistrict Attendance Request - **Appeal # 2025-07** – 3:45 PM

The Board will proceed into Open Session.

- XI. Open Session** Report Action of Interdistrict Attendance **Appeal # 2025-07**

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Roll Call Vote:

Hanks	_____
Brett	_____
Fagundes	_____
Espinosa	_____
Heller	_____

- XII. Adjournment:** _____ **PM**

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

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