MINUTES
MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 9, 2025

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Merced County Office of Education Board Room
632 W. 13th Street, Merced, CA 95341

I. Opening

A. Board Vice Chairperson, Geneva Brett, called the special meeting of the Merced County Board of Education to order at 3:10 PM. Geneva announced for the record that the meeting was being conducted pursuant to California Government Code section 54953(b) concerning teleconferencing. Chairperson Dennis Hanks is participating in this meeting via Zoom at 3726 Jardin Way, Merced, CA.

B. Members present were Frank Fagundes, Rodrigo Espinosa, and Dennis Hanks (via Zoom).

C. Others present: Martin Macias, Cristina Vara, Nathan Quevedo, Laura Fong, Rosa Casillas, Janet Riley, Maria Cuevas, Yolanda Campos-Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Steve M. Tietjen-County Superintendent

II. Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

III. Written Communications

A. Correspondence Received By Chairperson: None.

B. Correspondence Received By Board Members: None.

C. Correspondence Received By Superintendent: The office received a thank you card from Joseph Oliveira, the winner of the Thruman Agricultural Scholarship for Merced County.

IV. 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 public comments were made.

V. Future Agenda Items: Board Member interviews will be held at the next meeting for the Area #2 vacancy, and a person will be appointed.

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

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. Public Hearing – Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) with Budget Overview for Parents Review – Come Back Charter School in compliance with Education Code 52068(b)(1)

Joseph Oh presented the Come Back Charter School LCAP with a Budget Overview for Parents Review, for Board review, and public input.

1. Open Public Hearing: Geneva Brett opened the public hearing.
2. Close Public Hearing: No public comments were made, and the public hearing was closed.

B. Public Hearing – Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) with Budget Overview for Parents Review – Merced Scholars School in compliance with Education Code 52068(b)(1)

Joseph Oh presented the Merced Scholars School LCAP with a Budget Overview for Parents Review, for Board review, and public input.

1. Open Public Hearing: Geneva Brett opened the public hearing.
2. Close Public Hearing: No public comments were made, and the public hearing was closed.

C. Public Hearing – Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) with Budget Overview for Parents Review - Merced County Office of Education in compliance with Education Code 52068(b)(1)

Joseph Oh presented the MCOE LCAP with a Budget Overview for Parents Review for Board review and public input.

1. Open Public Hearing: Geneva Brett opened the public hearing.

2. Close Public Hearing: No public comments were made, and the public hearing was closed.

D. Public Hearing – 2025-2026 MCOE Budget Review in compliance with Education Code 1620

Rosa Casillas presented the 2025-2026 Budget for Board review and public input.

1. Open Public Hearing: Geneva Brett opened the public hearing.
2. Close Public Hearing: No public comments were made, and the public hearing was closed.

E. Board Member's Report: Geneva Brett reported that she attended a couple of graduations that were held in gyms. The temperature was tolerable. Geneva was pleased to see how Martin Macias assisted the student who panicked when she approached the podium. The student was able to collect herself and return to do the speech. Frank Fagundes also attended two graduations and was appreciative of the staff and their hard work in helping the students achieve their goals.

F. Superintendent's Report: None.

VII. Business Items for Action

A. Merced County Board Bylaws

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Board Bylaws:

1. 9124 – Attorney
2. 9220 – County Board Elections – Bylaw and Exhibit 1
3. 9320 – Meetings and Notices
4. 9321 – Closed Session Purposes and Agenda – Bylaw, Exhibit 1 and 2
5. 9322 – Agenda/Meeting Materials
6. 9323 – Meeting Conduct
7. 9323.2 – Actions By The Board – Bylaw and Exhibit 1

Frank Fagundes moved, and **Rodrigo Espinosa** seconded a motion to approve the Board Bylaws listed above. The motion was carried with a vote of 3-0

B. Special Education Extended Year Calendars

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the Special Education Extended Year Calendars for June 2025 and July 2025.

Rodrigo Espinosa moved, and **Frank Fagundes** seconded a motion to approve the Special Education Extended Year Calendars for June 2025 and July 2025. The motion was carried with a vote of 3-0.

The Closed Session didn't take place. It was rescheduled for Monday, June 16, 2025.

XXIII. Adjournment

Rodrigo Espinosa moved and **Frank Fagundes** seconded the motion to adjourn the special meeting of the Merced County Board of Education at 3:58 PM. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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