AGENDA
MERCED COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 17, 2026

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Merced County Office of Education - 632 West 13th Street, Merced, CA 95341 – Board Room
The meeting begins at 2:00 p.m. – Closed Session
3:00 p.m. – Open Session

[These proceedings may be recorded.]

I. Open

A. Call to Order at _____ PM by Chairperson _____

B. Roll Call:

Geneva Brett, Chairperson	_____
Ryan Heller, Vice Chairperson	_____
Dennis Hanks, Member	_____
Frank Fagundes, Member	_____
Joseph Oliveira, Member	_____

C. Others Present: _____

The Board will proceed into a Closed Session.

II. Closed Session Pursuant to Education Code 35146 to Hear Appeal of Denial of Interdistrict Attendance Requests

2:00 p.m. – **Appeal # 2026-07 and 2026-08**

2:15 p.m. – **Appeal # 2026-10**

2:30 p.m. – **Appeal # 2026-11 and 2026-12**

The Board will proceed into an Open Session.

III. Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

IV. 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 15, 2026

B. Approve **Resolution No. 2026-21,** Recognizing September 2026 as School Attendance Awareness Month

C. Authorize Payment to the California School Boards Association for Membership Dues July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, in the total amount of **$12,350.00**

- California School Boards Association (CSBA) = $9,964.00
- Education Legal Alliance (ELA) = $2,386.00

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

V. Written Communications

A. Correspondence Received By Chairperson

B. Correspondence Received By Board Members

C. Correspondence Received By Superintendent

VI. 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)*.

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

A. Surplus Sale (Policy 3270 - Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment & Supplies) — Martin Fregoso

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

C. Superintendent's Report — Steve M. Tietjen
   1. Report on MCOE Kickoff

VIII. Business Items for Action

A. Uniform Complaint Report Summary — *Manuel Cavazos, Coordinator-Ed. Srvs.*

It is recommended that the Board of Education review and approve the Uniform Complaint Report Summary for the Quarterly Period April 2025 through June 2026

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

B. Resolution Ordering Governing Board Member Election — *Steve M. Tietjen*

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **Resolution No. 2026-22** Ordering Governing Board Member Elections as submitted

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

C. LCAP Federal Addendum

Tara Hill, Director-Ed. Services

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Federal Addendum for **Merced County Office of Education** and **Merced Scholars Charter** School.

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

D. School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA 2026-2027)

Tara Hill, Director-Ed. Services

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 School Plans for Student Achievement for Valley Community School **Atwater**, Valley Community School **Los Banos**, Valley Community School **Merced**, Merced County **Juvenile Hall** Court School, **Come Back Charter** School, and **Merced Scholars Charter** School.

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

E. Salary Increases

Martin Macias, Deputy Superintendent

Policy 4151/4251/4351 and Education Code section 1302 require:
"The county superintendent of schools shall not increase by ten thousand dollars ($10,000) or more the salary or bonus of any employee of the MCOE unless the matter is brought to the attention of the County Board of Education for its discussion at a regularly scheduled public meeting of the County Board of Education."
The increase reflects the Board's and the Superintendent's commitment to attracting and retaining staff through competitive salaries and opportunities to advance in the County.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the reclassification of the following positions: Maintenance Staff, Clerical Staff, and Management Staff.

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 a Closed Session.

X. Closed Session - Deliberate on Interdistrict Attendance **Appeals**

The Board will proceed into an Open Session.

XI. Open Session Report on Action of Interdistrict Attendance **Appeal #2026-07**

Moved by_____ Seconded by_____ Roll Call Vote:

Brett	_____
Heller	_____
Hanks	_____
Fagundes	_____
Oliveira	_____

XII. Open Session Report Action of Interdistrict Attendance **Appeal #2026-08**

Moved by_____ Seconded by_____ Roll Call Vote:

Brett	_____
Heller	_____
Hanks	_____
Fagundes	_____
Oliveira	_____

XIII. Open Session Report Action of Interdistrict Attendance **Appeal #2026-10**

Moved by_____ Seconded by_____ Roll Call Vote:

Brett	_____
Heller	_____
Hanks	_____
Fagundes	_____
Oliveira	_____

XIV. Open Session Report Action of Interdistrict Attendance **Appeal #2026-11**

Moved by_____ Seconded by_____ Roll Call Vote:

Brett	_____
Heller	_____
Hanks	_____
Fagundes	_____
Oliveira	_____

XV. Open Session Report Action of Interdistrict Attendance **Appeal #2026-12**

Moved by_____ Seconded by_____ Roll Call Vote:

Brett	_____
Heller	_____
Hanks	_____
Fagundes	_____
Oliveira	_____

XVI. Adjournment: _____ PM

Motioned by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

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