UNADOPTED

Minutes of
Madera County Board of Education
May 12, 2020

* Attended via teleconference.

Consistent with Government Code section 54953(b)(2), all action taken during this teleconferenced meeting was done so by roll call vote.

Present: Cathie Bustos, *Nancy Prosperi, Alfred Soares, Jr., *Grant Sturm, *Bobby Thatcher, Joe Vived, *Sara Wilkins, Dr. Cecilia A. Massetti, Executive Secretary

Absent: None

Also Present: Jessica Drake, Julie DeWall, Dennis Lingo, Dianna Marsh, Jennifer Pascale, Tricia Protzman, Rob Russell

1.0 Call to Order
1.1 Flag Salute
Vice President Alfred Soares, Jr., called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

2.0 Consideration of Minutes
2.1 Regular Meeting April 14, 2020
President Sara Wilkins moved to approve the minutes of April 14, 2020, seconded by Bobby Thatcher and carried by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Pascale announced no written comments were submitted for this agenda item and no requests for verbal comments were made.

Ayes: Bustos, Prosperi, Soares, Jr., Sturm, Thatcher, Vived, Wilkins
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

3.0 Adoption of Board Agenda
Bobby Thatcher moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Sara Wilkins and carried by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Pascale announced no written comments were submitted for this agenda item and no requests for verbal comments were made.

Ayes: Bustos, Prosperi, Soares, Jr., Sturm, Thatcher, Vived, Wilkins
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

4.0 Information

4.1 Public Comment

Vice President Alfred Soares, Jr., stated that this time is offered to members of the public wishing to address the Board on matters not listed on the agenda. Board members may listen to, but not discuss matters not on the agenda (G.C. 54954.2). No one came forward to address the Board.

4.2 Letter and Communications

Dr. Massetti reported and provided copies of the following:

- The Spring Fling Edition of the Educational News and Views was mailed to the Board of Education with the Board packet. Dr. Massetti announced that due to COVID-19 and the shelter-in-place order, Spring Fling has been canceled. A celebration will be held at a later date, possibly in August.
- Board members received a copy of the Endeavor/Voyager News Brief, which highlighted the changes in the Hall to meet the needs of COVID-19. Students are receiving instructional packets to continue their education.
- A letter from the WASC Accrediting Commission for Schools Western Association of Schools and Colleges was received explaining that due to COVID-19, the upcoming accreditation visit to MCIA will be moved to the 2020-2021 school year. MCIA's accreditation has been extended through June 30, 2022.
- A letter from the California State Controller was received. The budget for the 2018-2019 school year has been certified.
- An article in the Madera Tribune announced that Pentathlon was held online and an awards video was posted on the MCSOS Facebook page.
- PRIDE in Madera featured Tricia Protzman, Dianna Marsh, and Jacklyn Jones. President Wilkins requested copies of the articles be mailed to Board of Education members.

4.3 Non-School Sources

None

4.4 Madera County School Boards Association (MCSBA) Executive Committee Meeting Report

Mr. Sturm reported that the annual budget meeting will be held on May 19th at 9:00 a.m. via teleconference. The next regular meeting will be at Matilda Torres High School in August if the shelter-in-place order is lifted. The program will be on pandemic preparation and trauma informed practices.

4.5 Communications Committee Report

Mrs. Prosperi reported the Spring Fling was canceled due to COVID-19.

4.6 Madera County Foundation Board Report
Mrs. Bustos stated there was nothing to report.

4.7 Member Report(s)
None

5.0 Information from the Superintendent and Staff
5.1 Revision for the Governor's Budget
Mrs. DeWall reported that the Governor usually releases a revised budget in May. The revision is expected to be released this Thursday. The Department of Finance reports K-12 schools and colleges will receive approximately $57.1 billion. This is about a $30 billion reduction from the original budget. Mrs. DeWall reported the U.S. is currently in a recession. It is projected to be worse than the Great Recession. The U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is projected to decrease by 26.5% in the spring of 2020. California personal income is projected to decline by more than 15% by 2023. Originally, the budget reflected there would be a surplus. Now, things do not look so positive. In previous years, during the recession, schools got by on deferrals. With taxes delayed until July 15th, we are looking at another revision at the end of July.

5.2 MCSOS' Report on Williams Complaints
Dr. Massetti reported that the districts that have submitted their reports have had no complaints.

6.0 Old Business
None

7.0 Closed Session
None

8.0 New Business
8.1 Consideration Issuance of Temporary County Certificates
Mrs. Protzman asked the Board to ratify the issuance of Temporary County Certificates (TCCs) from April 1-30, 2020. TCCs are issued in order to authorize the individual to work while the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing reviews his/her waiver request, emergency permit, initial and/or renewal credential application packet.

Sara Wilkins moved to ratify the TCCs, seconded by Nancy Prosperi and carried by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Pascale announced no written comments were submitted for this agenda item and no requests for verbal comments were made.

Ayes: Bustos, Prosperi, Soares, Jr., Sturm, Thatcher, Vived, Wilkins
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

8.2 Consideration Disposition of Surplus/Obsolete Equipment
Mrs. DeWall provided the Board with a list of equipment declared obsolete. Items included a laptop, a desktop, a VCR, and wall mounted televisions.
Cathie Bustos moved to approve the list of surplus/obsolete equipment as submitted, seconded by Joe Vived and approved by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Pascale announced no written comments were submitted for this agenda item and no requests for verbal comments were made.

Ayes: Bustos, Prosperi, Soares, Jr., Sturm, Thatcher, Vived, Wilkins
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

8.3 Consideration of Investment Performance Statement
Mrs. DeWall reviewed the March 2020 investment portfolio with the Board. The report shows a favorable rate of return of 2.16%. The rate of return this time last year was 1.92%. This is an increase of 0.24%.

Grant Sturm moved to approve the Investment Performance Statement, seconded by Nancy Prosperi and carried by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Pascale announced no written comments were submitted for this agenda item and no requests for verbal comments were made.

Ayes: Bustos, Prosperi, Soares, Jr., Sturm, Thatcher, Vived, Wilkins
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

8.4 Consideration Resolution No. 8, Education Protection Act (EPA)
Mrs. DeWall stated that school districts, county offices of education, and community college districts must determine how moneys received from the EPA are spent within their schools in an open session of a public meeting. The EPA revenue for 2020-2021 for Madera County Superintendent of Schools is estimated to be $15,894, for Pioneer Technical Center $517,860, and for Madera County Independent Academy $110,640. The funds will be used to pay for direct instructional services such as instructional salaries and benefits.

Mr. Soares, Jr. asked why the funding for one school was higher than the others. Ms. DeWall explained the funding is based on ADA.

Mr. Vived asked how the funds would be split: instructional materials vs. salaries. Mrs. DeWall explained funds will be used solely for salaries and benefits.

Sara Wilkins moved to approve Resolution No. 8, Education Protection Act, seconded by Bobby Thatcher and carried by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Pascale announced no written comments were submitted for this agenda item and no requests for verbal comments were made.

Ayes: Bustos, Prosperi, Soares, Jr., Sturm, Thatcher, Vived, Wilkins
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

8.5 Consideration Resolution No. 9, 2019-2020 Closure of MCSOS Early Education Part Day Programs in Chowchilla and Madera

Mrs. Marsh stated COVID-19 forced the closure of all preschools. Emergency closures such as this require a board resolution to apply for full funding. This resolution is for the part day program only. A separate resolution for the full day program will be submitted to the Board once the return date is known.

Bobby Thatcher moved to approve Resolution No. 9, 2019-2020 Closure of MCSOS Early Education Part Day Programs in Chowchilla and Madera, seconded by Sara Wilkins and carried by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Pascale announced no written comments were submitted for this agenda item and no requests for verbal comments were made.

Ayes: Bustos, Prosperi, Soares, Jr., Sturm, Thatcher, Vived, Wilkins
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

9.0 Other

9.1 Consideration Excusing Member from Absence at a Meeting for Purposes of Member Participation in Conference(s)

N/A

10.0 Adjournment

Joe Vived moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sara Wilkins and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Prosperi, Soares, Jr., Sturm, Thatcher, Vived, Wilkins
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia A. Massetti, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary
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