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Minutes of
Madera County Board of Education
May 11, 2021

Present: Cathie Bustos, Shelley Deniz, Tammy Loveland, Zimri Padilla, Brian Ramirez, Alfred Soares, Jr., Joe Vived, Dr. Cecilia A. Massetti, Executive Secretary

Absent: None

Also Present: Kristen Anderson, Fred Cogan, Julie DeWall, Jessica Drake, Jennifer Pascale, Tricia Protzman, Kellie Stiles, Dianna Young

1.0 Call to Order
1.1 Flag Salute
President Alfred Soares, Jr., called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

2.0 Consideration of Minutes
2.1 Regular Meeting April 13, 2021
Mrs. Pascale stated no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Tammy Loveland moved to approve the minutes of April 13, 2021, seconded by Shelley Deniz and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Deniz, Loveland, Padilla, Ramirez, Soares, Jr., Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: Bustos
Absent: None

3.0 Adoption of Board Agenda
Mrs. Pascale stated no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Shelley Deniz moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Cathie Bustos and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Deniz, Loveland, Padilla, Ramirez, Soares, Jr., Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

4.0 Information
4.1 Public Comment
President Soares, Jr., stated this time is offered to members of the public wishing to address the Board on matters under the jurisdiction of the Board, but not listed on the agenda. Board members may listen to, but not discuss matters not on the agenda.

(G.C. 54954.2) The Board will not take action on any items presented under public comment. Speakers are limited to three minutes.

Mrs. Pascale stated no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item. No one came forward to address the Board.

4.2 Letters and Communications
Executive Secretary Massetti reported:

- Jaime Brock of Sherman Thomas Charter School sent an e-mail detailing her gratitude for the work and professionalism of Kristi Winter and Dianna Marsh on the Math Competition. She commented, "They run it with excellence and there is definitely a competitiveness and a seriousness in the integrity of the tests and process."
- Pioneer Technical Center (PTC) Principal Scott Ellingson received a letter from Western Association of Schools and Colleges explaining that PTC meets the Accrediting Commission for Schools criteria for accreditation. PTC will no longer be on probation. Accreditation status will continue through June 30, 2025, with a mid-cycle visit in 2021-2022.
- The Madera Community College "Academic Village 2" ground breaking ceremony was held May 7, 2021.

4.3 Non-School Sources
None

4.4 Madera County School Boards Association (MCSBA) Executive Committee Meeting Report
Mrs. Deniz reported that the Executive Committee and Budget and Finance Committee met on April 30, 2021. The Committee discussed ramping up the scholarship fund. They talked about collecting $20 from each member from all of the boards. The next meeting is scheduled for August 25th in the Bass Lake Joint Union Elementary School District. Dr. Massetti added the program would center around COVID: what we learned and how schools opened. A panel of superintendents will talk about the opening process and then questions will be distributed to the group for a table talk session. Mrs. Protzman will help facilitate the table talk. Kirk Delmas, Jim Sargent, and Dianna Marsh will also present.

A professional development opportunity will be available on a Saturday in September. A survey will be sent to MCSBA members to see which Saturday works best. Dr. Linda Jordan of The International Center for Leadership in Education will present on Hope in Learning and Social Emotional Learning (SEL): Philosophy to Action.

4.5 Madera County Foundation Board Report
None

4.6 Member Report(s)
Mr. Vived recommended an article from California Schools, which talked about school

choices: in-person, online, or hybrid opportunities. COVID taught us that some students actually do better with online courses. The article offers ideas on how schools can be competitive and offer more options.

5.0 Information from the Superintendent and Staff

5.1 Revision for the Governor's Budget

Mrs. DeWall stated the governor revises the January State budget proposals in May. Usually, the information comes out all at once. This year, the governor has been releasing "sneak peaks" of the revision at press conferences held this week. On Monday, he talked about direct tax rebates as well as rent~~ers~~ and utilities support. Tuesday, he talked about putting supports in place for the homeless. The full budget revision should be out by Friday. ~~Right now, i~~It looks as though the budget will have a surplus of about $76 billion.

Two workshops will be offered:

- May 20: Presented by School Services of California, "May Revision Workshop." The cost to attend is $230.
- May 27: Capitol Advisors May Revise Webinar is free to attend.

5.2 MCSOS' Report on Williams Complaints

Dr. Massetti reported no complaints have been received.

5.3 Assignment Monitoring

Mrs. Protzman introduced Coordinator, Human Resources and Credentials Kristen Anderson. Ms. Anderson reviewed the Assignment Monitoring process. Until 2019-2020 assignment monitoring consisted of monitoring ¼ of the certificated assignments in the county and the Williams Schools (deciles 1-3). Reports were submitted to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) by June 30 each year. The process was not technologically based. In the future, it will be much more streamlined and will utilize several database systems.

The California Statewide Assignment Accountability System (CalSAAS) is the new system of Assignment Monitoring, which will allow annual monitoring of all certificated educator assignments. The system automates the identification of questionable assignments, or "exceptions," doing away with the cumbersome paper monitoring process of manually reviewing. CalSAAS works through the comparison of the California Department of Education's California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CalPADS) assignment data and the Commission's Credential authorization data by educator's California Statewide Educator Identifier (SEID). Through this comparison, the system identifies exceptions, and provides Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) and County Offices of Education with an opportunity to address anomalies, and correct verified misassignments.

Once the report is released, school districts have 60 days to review their data. The County Office of Education has another 30 days for a total of 90. This year's data will

be received at the end of May. The snapshot will be taken on the first Wednesday in October.

Consequences of misassignments have not been detailed. However, districts will receive a letter listing the misassignments. The misassignments are also reported in the audit. It is public information and it is reported in the School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs).

6.0 Old Business
None

7.0 Closed Session
None

8.0 New Business
8.1 Consideration Issuance of Temporary County Certificates
Mrs. Pascale stated no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Mrs. Protzman asked the Board to ratify the issuance of Temporary County Certificates (TCCs) from April 1-30, 2021. 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.

Brian Ramirez moved to ratify the TCCs, seconded by Cathie Bustos and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Deniz, Loveland, Padilla, Ramirez, Soares, Jr., Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

8.2 Consideration Disposition of Surplus/Obsolete Equipment
Mrs. Pascale stated no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Mrs. DeWall provided the Board with a list of equipment declared obsolete. Items included: Chromebooks, laptops, Apple IPDs, and a Dell projector.

Tammy Loveland moved to approve the list of equipment declared obsolete, seconded by Zimri Padilla and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Deniz, Loveland, Padilla, Ramirez, Soares, Jr., Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

8.3 Consideration of Investment Performance Statement
Mrs. Pascale stated no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Mrs. DeWall reported the County Treasurer-Tax Collector's investments continue to provide as favorable a rate of return as can be expected in the current financial market. The rate is 0.57%. Compared to last year (2.16%) there has been a decrease of 1.59%.

Cathie Bustos moved to adopt the Investment Performance Statement as presented, seconded by Zimri Padilla and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Deniz, Loveland, Padilla, Ramirez, Soares, Jr., Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

8.4 Consideration Resolution No. 5, Education Protection Act
Mrs. Pascale stated no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Mrs. DeWall stated Article XIII, Section 36 of the California Constitution requires that school districts, county office of education, and community college districts determine how the moneys received from the Education Protection Account (EPA) are spent within their schools, provided that the governing board makes the spending determinations in an open session of a public meeting.

The EPA revenue for 2021-2022 for Madera County Superintendent of Schools is estimated to be $15,974, for Pioneer Technical Center $619,329, and Madera County Independent Academy the estimate is $136,963. In all three settings, funds will be used to fund direct instructional services such as instructional salaries and benefits.

Tammy Loveland moved to adopt Resolution No. 5, 2021-2022 Education Protection Account, seconded by Brian Ramirez and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Deniz, Loveland, Padilla, Ramirez, Soares, Jr., Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

8.5 Consideration Expenditure Plan for SB/AB 86 Funds for Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant
8.5.1 Pioneer Technical Center
8.5.2 Madera County Independent Academy
8.5.3 Madera County Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Pascale stated no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Mr. Cogan reviewed the Expenditure Plan for SB/AB 86 funds. Supplemental instruction and supports will be provided to low-income students, English learners, foster youth,

homeless students, students with disabilities, students at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, disengaged students, and students who are below grade level.
Mr. Vived asked about the social emotional training provided to staff. Julia Garcia of Madera County Behavioral Health provided the training. No one is certain what to expect coming out of the pandemic. What is certain is that students and families have dealt with loss of loved ones, food scarcity, poverty, etc. Those issues will impact student learning and having educators informed on behaviors~~things~~ to look for and how to address coping skills will be beneficial to students.

Mr. Cogan reported only 30% of CAES students returned to in-person instruction. Ms. Drake said that 70% of special education students returned.

Ms. Drake explained that the social emotional element is built in to the Apollo mental health programs. Behaviors may have regressed for severely disabled students. Staff trainings look different depending on the students being served.

Mr. Cogan added the training for staff and families is needed~~ and so is training for families~~. Workshops regarding students with depression and suicide prevention are needed.

President Soares, Jr., asked if the funds must be used now. Dr. Massetti explained the funding may be spent between now and August 2022. There are different funding pots and each comes with stipulations on what they can be used for and when they must be spent~~used~~.

President Soares, Jr., asked when traditional school without an online option will begin. Dr. Massetti stated we are waiting for the State to pass legislation and for the Governor to announce his proposal.

Cathie Bustos moved to accept the Expenditure Plans as presented, seconded by Tammy Loveland and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Deniz, Loveland, Padilla, Ramirez, Soares, Jr., Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

8.6 Consideration of Apportionment of Forest Reserve
Mrs. Pascale stated no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Mrs. DeWall stated every year MCSOS is told the Forest Reserve will be going away. However, for the last six years we have received it, just later in the year than usual. The County Board of Education must approve the amounts apportioned to each school district before the distribution of funds can be made.

She explained that money is generated from the lumber that is cut. Districts lose money

on forestry land and the Forest Reserve helps to offset the loss.

Brian Ramirez moved to adopt the Forest Reserve Apportionment for 2020-2021, seconded by Shelley Deniz and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Deniz, Loveland, Padilla, Ramirez, Soares, Jr., Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

9.0 Other

9.1 Consideration Madera County Board of Education Bylaw 9350 Member Participation in Conferences

Mrs. Pascale stated no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Dr. Massetti reported that the "waiver of attendance" was asked about during the last Board meeting.~~, so s~~She located two policies that discuss attendance and brought them to the Board for review.

Board Bylaw 9350 outlines the meeting attendance requirements for Board members to attend conferences. Board members must attend 75% of meetings in order to have the opportunity to go to conferences. Dr. Massetti suggested removing item number two of the policy.

The Board discussed this suggestion and concluded that excusing the absence of a Board member was unnecessary because they should attend all meetings. ~~, but that k~~Keeping the requirement of attending meetings at least 75% in order to go to conferences should remain in the policy.

Tammy Loveland moved to remove item number two of the Madera County Board of Education Bylaw 9350, seconded by Cathie Bustos and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Deniz, Loveland, Padilla, Ramirez, Soares, Jr., Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

9.2 Review of MCBE BB 9221 Filling of Vacancies

Mrs. Pascale stated no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Dr. Massetti explained that the filling of vacancies is specified in the law. However, there is a line in item seven of Board Bylaw 9221 that reads, "or when otherwise excused by the Board." For clarity, Dr. Massetti suggested removing this line. President Soares, Jr., commented that removing the line would clean-up the policy. Mrs. Loveland noted that another Board she served on had similar guidelines and that a vacancy when a member "ceases to discharge the duties of his/her office for the period

of three (3) consecutive months," is typical.

Cathie Bustos moved to remove, "or when otherwise excused by the Board," from item seven of Madera County Board of Education Board Bylaw 9221, seconded by Tammy Loveland and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Deniz, Loveland, Padilla, Ramirez, Soares, Jr., Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

9.3 Consideration Excusing Member from Absence at a Meeting for Purposes of Member Participation in Conference(s)
No longer applicable.

10.0 Adjournment
Mrs. Pascale stated no written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Dr. Massetti reminded the Board that a special meeting will be held June 29, 2021.

Shelley Deniz moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cathie Bustos and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Bustos, Deniz, Loveland, Padilla, Ramirez, Soares, Jr., Vived
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia A. Massetti, Ed.D.
Madera County Superintendent of Schools