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Minutes of
Madera County Board of Education February
13, 2018

Present: Cathie Bustos, Nancy Prosperi, Alfred Soares, Jr., Grant Sturm, Bobby Thatcher, Joe Vived,

Also Present: Steve Carney, Aurora Clark, Dennis Lingo, Dianna Marsh, Dr. Cecilia Massetti, Cheryl Mohr, Jennifer Pascale, Tricia Protzman, Jim Sargent,

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Flag Salute

Vice President Alfred Soares, Jr. called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

2.0 Consideration of Minutes **(Action)** [Board]

2.1 Regular Meeting January 9, 2018

Nancy Prosperi noted a change for the minutes. The Communications Committee was held January 10th, not January 11th. She requested the minutes be amended to reflect the correct date.

Cathie Bustos moved to approve the minutes of January 9, 2018, as amended, seconded by Nancy Prosperi and carried by unanimous vote.

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

3.0 Adoption of Board Agenda

Nancy Prosperi moved to adopt the agenda as submitted, seconded by Joe Vived and carried by unanimous vote.

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

4.0 Information

4.1 Public Comment

Vice President 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 Letters and Communications

Dr. Massetti reported and provided copies on the following:

- Academic Decathlon was held February 3rd at Madera South High School. YUSD took first place and is on to the state level. Dianna Marsh commented that Kristi Winter is going to chair the scoring session at the State competition.
- Sherman Thomas Charter School held a ribbon cutting ceremony for its new Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) Academy.
- The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., event was held January 14, 2018, at MLK Middle School. Bill Coate was one of the humanitarian awardees. (Mrs. Fryer was also a recipient.)
- The Chowchilla District Chamber of Commerce honored Conrad Gaunt as Educator of The Year at the Annual Community Awards Dinner on January 20, 2018.
- Dr. Massetti attended the California School Library Association conference at Tenaya Lodge on February 2nd and provided the welcome speech.
- Chawanakee Unified School District broke ground on a new elementary school.
- The Madera Tribune ran a front page story regarding YUSD struggles. Dr. Massetti commented that during the interview with Mr. Coate she explained he should not use the phrase, “take-over”. The headline read, “County may seize Yosemite Unified.” Dr. Massetti provided the Board with the letters sent to YUSD.

  MCSOS is applying the rules of AB 1200. Mr. Carney will give a presentation on AB 1200 to the Board in March.

  Fred Cogan, Administrator, Human Resources at MCSOS has been assisting YUSD. A fiscal advisor has been hired to assist the district and recommend “stay and rescind” actions on the budget.

  Dr. Massetti and Mr. Carney held an informational meeting on January 8th regarding AB 1200 at Oakhurst Elementary. The meeting was open to the public and over 70 people attended.

  Ms. Prosperi asked if the district will be responsible for paying for the fiscal advisor. Mr. Carney explained the district is responsible for 75% of the cost. MCSOS will pay 25%, but will be reimbursed by FCMAT.

  Dr. Massetti detailed MCSOS expenses relating to the YUSD issues this year. They are service costs. Mr. Cogan is currently stationed there, so there is expense relating to his salary. Tracey McCully was contracted to assist YUSD, with their Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) review, which was an expense of approximately $30,000.

  Overall YUSD is looking at having to cut approximately 2.5 million dollars over the next three years.

4.3 Non-School Sources

Reported under item 4.2 Letters and Communications

4.4 Madera County School Boards Association Executive Committee Meeting Report Grant Sturm reported MCSBA met on February 7th. The meeting was well attended. The guest speakers discussed the effects of STRS/PERS on district finances. Mr. Sturm announced that the next meeting has not been scheduled yet. The committee is planning to meet in August in the Chowchilla Elementary School District.

Mr. Thatcher asked if other districts are in financial trouble like YUSD. Mr. Carney stated small districts must always monitor their budgets. Small districts in Madera county do a good job monitoring. However, there are going to be more districts and even county offices that will fall into the "qualified" certification because of STRS/PERS increases.

The CVEC annual dinner will be held on April 19th at TorNino's. Jim Vidak is retiring. After his retirement, CVEC management will be transferred to MCSOS.

4.5 Communications Committee Report

Nancy Prosperi reported the committee met on January 10th. Minutes from the meeting were forwarded to Board members. Ms. Prosperi highlighted items from the minutes including:

- Spring Fling will be held on May 3rd. The theme is superheroes.
- Instructional Technology Committee explained where the money was allocated.
- Facilities is nearly done with the PTC 2 building.
- The CTE building will be going to bid.
- The solar panel contract had to be amended.
- The governor's proposed budget was reviewed.
- CAES, Special Education, and Ed Services reported on student events.
- Mary Mensch was selected as a KSEE 24's Educator of the Week.

Mr. Soares, Jr., commented he liked getting the minutes from the Communications Committee meeting for review.

4.6 Madera County Foundation Board Report

Cathie Bustos stated she was unable to attend the last meeting. She had the opportunity to participate as a speech judge. She, her family, and two CSUF students participated as judges at Decathlon. The Fresno State students would like to participate again and have contacts at the university for more volunteers.

Ms. Marsh provided information from the meeting. They debriefed on the Decathlon and discussed finances. Pitman scholarships will go to students at Madera High and Madera South High. Upcoming student events include Academic Pentathlon on March 9th at Madera Center and March 17th at Ranchos Middle School. The ArtsFest will be held May 12th.

4.7 Member Report(s)

Joe Vived reviewed the Unique curriculum. Ms. Mohr and Dr. Massetti will arrange for him to visit a school site where the curriculum is being implemented.

Bobby Thatcher attended the CSBA conference in San Diego. He stated it was not put together well. There was no free transportation from hotels to the conference site. The Golden Bell dinner was

held in a small room with cocktail tables only. No seating was offered. Mr. Thatcher did enjoy the trade fair and the candidates for governor speeches. Candidates included: Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom (D), State Treasurer John Chiang (D), Former State Superintendent Delaine Eastin (D), Former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa (D), Rancho Santa Fe businessman John Cox (R), and Assemblyman Travis Allen (R).

5.0 Information from the Superintendent and Staff

5.1 Financial Report

Steve Carney reported there are three certifications: positive, qualified, negative. MCSOS is currently certified as positive. At the end of January, MCSOS' reserve balance was 2.5 million. MCSOS is in a strong position. While reports show deficit spending under restricted funds, MCSOS' unrestricted fund has a positive ending balance.

Dr. Massetti commented MCSOS has a good team that understands the programmatic costs and is conscious of the budget. Funds required for the retiree benefits issued in the 1970's are included in the reserve balance. Although the policy was closed in 1990 there are still people who are accessing the benefit and staff who are eligible in the future. MCSOS needs $22 million to fund the retirees eligible from 1970s.

Mr. Thatcher asked if districts could affect MCSOS' "positive" certification. Mr. Carney said if districts become insolvent, MCSOS' financial obligation grows. With YUSD, MCSOS has already spent approximately $100,000. Smaller county offices, including MCSOS, need to be concerned with having to borrow from the state to help the districts.

Note: Nancy Prosperi left the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

5.2 MCSOS Williams Quarterly Report

Dr. Massetti reported there have been no Williams complaints filed thus far. MCSOS is still waiting on reports from Madera Unified and Raymond-Knowles.

5.3 Suicide Prevention Curriculum

Aurora Clark presented on AB 2246. The bills primary role is suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention. The CAES division deals primarily with high-risk youth. The goal for these students is to build their resiliency. Legislatures enacted AB 2246 because suicide is the second leading cause of death for adolescents and young adults between the ages of 10-24. Educators are in a prime position to recognize the warning signs and make referrals. The bill requires employees to act within the authorization and scope of their credential or license. It does not encourage them to diagnose or treat students.

Suicide rates have increased and LGBTQ youth are 3-4 times more likely to make an attempt. Ms. Clark believes social media plays a large role in the increased statistics.

The prevention component is completed with teachers. They are asked to monitor:

- Withdrawal
- Changes in sleep
- Reckless behavior
- Personality change
- Neglect of personal appearance
- Sudden mood changes
- Increased alcohol and drug use
- Talking about wanting to die or suicide
- Feeling hopeless, desperate, trapped
- Putting affairs in order/giving away possessions
- Anxiety
- Anger
- Loss of interest in friends

Protective factors include:

- Effective clinical care for mental, physical, and substance abuse disorders
- Easy access to a variety of clinical interventions and support for help
- Family and community support (connectedness)
- Good self-esteem
- Sense of purpose
- Positive school experiences
- A sense of connectedness to the school

Intervention programs that Ms. Clark uses with students include:

- The Trevor Project, which is specific to LGBTQ youth
- The Yellow Ribbon Campaign: Developed in 1994 by a mother and father whose son committed suicide in their driveway 6 minutes before they arrived home in his yellow car.

Ms. Clarke provided the Board with Yellow Ribbon Campaign packets.

5.4 Mary Mensch – Educator of the Week Video

The video was played for the Board. Ms. Mohr explained the difference between cochlear implants and hearing aids. Hearing aids allow the individual wearing them to amplify sounds they already hear. Cochlear implants allow the individual to hear sounds they could not previously hear. Mrs. Mensch was nominated for the KSEE 24 award by her husband. She received a gift certificate to GSW School Supply.

6.0 Old Business

None

7.0 Closed Session

None

8.0 New Business

8.1 Consideration Issuance of Temporary County Certificates

Tricia Protzman asked the Board to ratify the issuance of Temporary County Certificates (TCCs) from January 1-31, 2018. 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.

Cathie Bustos moved to ratify the TCCs, seconded by Joe Vived and carried by unanimous vote.

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

Discussion: Mr. Vived asked what type of investigation is done on candidates wanting a TCC. Dr. Massetti explained the temporary certificate means the individual has completed all of the requirements. MCSOS just certifies the paperwork has gone to the state. Each district has different criteria for hiring. MCSOS does not hire anyone with a felony record. Each district has their own criteria for hiring.

8.2 Consideration Disposition of Surplus/Obsolete Equipment
Mr. Carney provided the Board with a list of equipment declared obsolete. Items included: laptops, PCs, printers, monitors, a keyboard, a TV cart, VCRs, and a switch.

Bobby Thatcher moved to approve the list of surplus/obsolete equipment as submitted seconded by Cathie Bustos and approved by unanimous vote.

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

Item 8.3 Consider the Waiver to Change the Schedule for Extended School Year was time sensitive and skipped until 5:30 p.m.

8.4 Consideration Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions Mr. Carney explained that due to fires in September, Special Education programs located at Yosemite High School were closed for four days. MCSOS is asking CDE for an attendance allowance for September 5-8, 2018.

Bobby Thatcher moved to approve the Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions, seconded by Joe Vived and carried by unanimous vote.

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

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9.0 Other

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

Per Board Bylaw 9350, a member may be excluded from a meeting to attend conferences or due to special circumstances as long as they have met an attendance requirement of 75% of the preceding 12 months of board meetings including special meetings.

Cathie Bustos moved to excuse Sara Wilkins and Nancy Prosperi , seconded by Bobby Thatcher and carried by unanimous vote.

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

The meeting adjourned to the Madera County Committee on School District Organization at 5:08 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 5:30 p.m. when Vice President Soares, Jr., opened the public hearing.

8.3 Consider the Waiver to Change the Schedule for Extended School Year

Ms. Mohr explained California education code requires local educational agencies to provide extended school year (ESY) to all students with disabilities for 20 days. For the last several years, Ms. Mohr has requested a waiver from CDE allowing MCSOS to hold ESY for 15 days instead of 20 days. Instructional minutes remain the same by maintaining regular day schedules instead of shortening the school days. Regular days help students transition into ESY smoothly. There is a cost savings in transportation and nutrition. Also, it is easier to get staff and families to commit to 15 days instead of 20 days during the summer. Ms. Mohr explained valley and mountain programs will end on different dates because YUSD and MUSD school calendars are different.

Vice President Soares, Jr., closed the public hearing at 5:32 p.m.

Joe Vived moved to approve the waiver to change the schedule for Extended School Year for the 2017-2018 school year, seconded by Grant Sturm and carried by unanimous vote.

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

Discussion: Mr. Vived asked how support is requested from the association, advisory committee, and community advisory committee. Ms. Mohr stated that because waivers have been requested for a number of years e-mails are sent to CTA, CSEA, and parents.

Vice President Soares, Jr. commented it makes a lot of sense to continue the full day schedule. It helps to keep students in the same flow.

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10.0 Adjournment

Cathie Bustos moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Grant Sturm and carried by unanimous vote.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia A. Massetti, Ed.D. Executive
Secretary

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