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Minutes of
Madera County Committee on School District Organization
February 9, 2021

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Flag Salute

Chair Joe Vived called the meeting to order at 4:19 p.m. The flag salute was dispensed with as it was observed earlier at the Board of Education meeting.

1.2 Roll Call:

Executive Secretary Massetti called the roll and determined a quorum was present.

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: Julie DeWall, Jessica Drake, Kelly Kline, Dennis Lingo, Dianna Marsh, Tricia Protzman

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

No written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

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

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

3.0 Consideration of Minutes

3.1 Regular Meeting January 12, 2021

No written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Alfred Soares, Jr., moved to approve the minutes of January 12, 2021, 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 Public Input

Chair Vived announced this time is offered to members of the public wishing to address the Committee on matters under the jurisdiction of the Committee, but not listed on the agenda. Members of the Committee may listen to but not discuss matters not on the agenda. (G.C. 54954.2) The Committee will not take action on any items presented under public comment. Speakers are limited to 3 minutes.

No written or verbal comments were submitted for Public Input and no one came forward to address the Committee.

5.0 Letters and Communications

Executive Secretary Massetti reported work is continuing with groups interested in bringing the petition forward.

6.0 Old Business

None

7.0 Informational Items

Dr. Massetti presented on the "Procedures for County Committee Hearing." She reported that MCSOS is currently working with a petitioner. The petitioner has been asked to speak with the districts involved to see if they can come to an agreement before the hearings.

Dr. Massetti noted one or two public hearings may be needed for a district organization petition. If the hearing is held virtually, it will be held in the conference center. If two hearings are needed, one will be held in district A and the other in district B. A rough draft of the agenda was provided and reviewed with the Committee members.

Mrs. Deniz asked for clarification on whether the County Committee would need to hold the hearings if the districts came to an agreement.

Dr. Massetti explained that each district would bring the Committee a resolution for the Committee to review. The Committee would then consider the resolutions as they make the decision to approve or deny the petition.

Mr. Vived asked why only 35 out of the 58 counties use this process.

Dr. Massetti clarified that 38 counties use the County Board of Education as the County Committee on School District Organization. Fresno County, for example, uses representatives from different school districts and community members to sit on their committee. Their membership is outlined in their committee bylaws. However, the process is the same.

Dr. Massetti talked about the process for public comments. To provide that the public and interested parties are able to speak to the issues, forms have been created and people interested in addressing the Committee will complete the form, give it to Mrs. Pascale or Dr. Massetti so that they can be called upon to give testimony. They will have 3-5 minutes to speak. A timer will be used. When the timer bell goes off, the individual will be able to finish up his/her thoughts.

A script was provided to the Committee for review. As Chair, Mr. Vived would read the script at the hearing. The script will list the petitioner and districts involved as well as the Education Code that allows the Committee to perform this duty.

A document outlining the elements that will be considered for reorganization was distributed. Additional elements may be added. Some are appropriate for property transfer, others are appropriate for unification. Dr. Massetti reminded the Committee that they get to decide the outcome.

The Committee will hear from the petitioners, the districts, the public and then the county staff will analyze the information and put it in a report following the guidelines outlined in the document template. When the report is ready, then the Committee will meet and have a discussion around those facts and they will decide what happens.

Draft bylaws were provided at the last County Committee meeting for committee members to review. The bylaws will be put on the March agenda for approval.

Once the petition has been submitted and verified by Dr. Massetti and staff. They will bring that the petition forward to the County Committee and a hearing will be set.

8.0 Action Items

None

9.0 Future Meeting Dates

- March 9, 2021
- April 13, 2021
- May 11, 2021
- June 8, 2021

10.0 Adjournment

No written or verbal comments were submitted for this agenda item.

Alfred Soares, Jr. moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tammy Loveland and carried by unanimous vote.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia A. Massetti, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary

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