UNADOPTED

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

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Flag Salute

Chair Joe Vived called the meeting to order at 5:02 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, Dianna Marsh, Tricia Protzman, Jennifer Pascale

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

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

Alfred Soares, Jr., moved to adopt the agenda 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

3.0 Consideration of Minutes

3.1 Regular Meeting February 9, 2021

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

Cathie Bustos moved to approve the minutes of February 9, 2021, as presented seconded by Alfred Soares, Jr., 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.

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

5.0 Letters and Communications

Executive Secretary Massetti reported no letters have been received. A petition is expected to come forward. The petitioner and the districts are in discussion at this time.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Consideration Approval of Madera County Committee on School District Organization Bylaws

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

Dr. Massetti stated the bylaws were provided to the Board for review in January. Two sections were added: “233 Legal Counsel” and “351 Amendment of Bylaws.”

Tammy Loveland moved to approve the Madera County Committee on School District Organization Bylaws seconded by Alfred Soares, Jr., and carried by unanimous vote.

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

7.0 Informational Items

7.1 Presentation on Conducting a Public Hearing

Dr. Massetti reviewed the process of a public hearing. She explained a public hearing may be a formal or informal meeting for receiving testimony from the public on a local issue or proposed government action. Public hearings may be held, to open discussions about an issue, to communicate and clarify needs, to communicate community concerns, to increase awareness about an issue, to offer opportunities for arguments from proponents, to offer opportunities for arguments for opponents, to generate solutions to a community problem, or to gather information. Public hearings must be publicized 10 days prior to the event. At the hearing, a brief introduction will be given outlining the issue of the hearing. Each side will offer testimony and minutes will be taken. After the public hearing, staff will organize information provided at the event. Testimony will be analyzed. Then a report is prepared for the Committee to review.

Mrs. Deniz asked if the Committee may discuss the issues in closed session. Dr. Massetti explained the Committee must deliberate in public.

Mr. Ramirez asked how many members have to approve the petition for it to pass. Dr. Massetti stated the petition must receive a majority vote: four out of seven.

8.0 Action Items

None

9.0 Future Meeting Dates

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

10.0 Adjournment

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

Tammy Loveland 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 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia A. Massetti, Ed.D.

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