



**MADERA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, August 24, 2011  
Oakhurst Elementary  
49495 Road 427  
Oakhurst, CA 93644**

*Alview-Dairyland  
School District*

*Bass Lake Joint  
School District*

*Chawanakee Unified  
School District*

*Chowchilla School  
District*

*Chowchilla Union  
High School District*

*Golden Valley Unified  
School District*

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## **MINUTES**

**Committee Members present:** President Isabel Barreras (State Center Community College), Diane Peterson (Bass Lake), Barbara Bigelow (Chawanakee Unified), Conrad Gaunt (Chowchilla Elementary), Charlene Espinola (Chowchilla Union High), Treasurer Grant Sturm (Madera County), Heather Abrahams (Raymond-Knowles Union), John Reynolds (Yosemite Unified)

**Absent Members:** Trudie Nieuwkoop (Alview-Dairyland), Kathleen Crumpton (Golden Valley Unified), Sara Wilkins (Madera County), Michael Salvador (Madera Unified)

**Others Present:** Cheryl Lara for Dr. Cecilia Massetti (Madera County Office of Education), Kelly Kline (Madera County Office of Education)

### **1.0 Opening Remarks**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Isabel Barreras. Self-introductions were made.

President Barreras reminded the Executive Committee she will be attending each of the district board meetings to speak during the public comment section. She will encourage all board members, not just the Executive Committee representatives, to attend the MCSBA meetings. She advised that Karen Roget and she will be developing a tri-fold brochure regarding general information on Madera County School Boards Association. These brochures will be distributed during her district board meeting visits. She hopes to have attended most of the district board meetings before the next MCSBA dinner meeting. Tom Fry volunteered to go to the district board meetings with her.

President Barreras will also be working with Karen Roget on updating the MCSBA web page.

John Reynolds advised a tri-fold brochure was created years ago as a marketing tool for the "It's All Here" campaign. Perhaps some information on this brochure can be incorporated with the new brochure for the board members.

## **2.0 Consideration of Minutes**

### **2.1 May 19, 2011 – Budget & Finance Committee Meeting and Executive Committee Meeting**

John Reynolds moved that the minutes be approved as submitted, seconded by Charlene Espinola. Motion carried unanimously.

## **3.0 Treasurer's Report**

### **3.1 2010-2011 Year-End Report**

Treasurer Grant Sturm reported on the Year-End report showing a balance of \$4,495.14.

### **3.2 Report on Financial Activity 2011-2012**

Treasurer Grant Sturm reviewed the financial activity as of July 19, 2011 indicating a balance of \$4,795.14. Upon motion by Barbara Bigelow, and second by John Reynolds, the financial report was unanimously approved.

### **3.3 Outstanding Invoices for Annual Dues**

President Barreras reported that the annual dues did not increase this year. Although the financial report indicates that Raymond-Knowles Union Elementary School District was the only district who paid its annual dues as of July 19, Treasurer Grant Sturm announced, to date, only Chowchilla Union High School District has not processed payment of its annual dues.

## **4.0 Action/Discussion Items**

### **4.1 Scholarship Application for Board Member Development**

#### **4.1.1 Consider Application**

President Barreras reported that Chawanakee Unified was awarded the scholarship application for board member development last year. Diane Peterson announced that September 30 is the deadline for submitting scholarship applications. Alview-Dairyland Union Elementary School District is up for its turn in the automatic scholarship rotation and has submitted its scholarship application.

Deadline for submission of application is September 30, 2011.

#### **4.1.2 Review Criteria**

President Barreras advised she received an e-mail from Mona Diaz requesting the criteria be changed to allow other MCSBA members to have the opportunity to attend CSBA and SSSA conferences. Times have changed and perhaps the Executive Committee may want to revisit how it can support other members during the budget crunch times.

Vice Chair Bigelow indicated that the school districts with low ADA were the ones who originally requested years ago to have a scholarship for board member development. These school districts had a smaller budget and could not afford to send members to conferences. Vice Chair Bigelow recommended that priority still be given to direct service school districts with

low ADA. If the scholarship will be open to all districts, it will reduce the chances of having the small school districts attend these conferences. Diane Peterson advised that Bass Lake Joint Union Elementary School District is eligible as it has an ADA of about 800 students. The Committee agreed adding Bass Lake Joint Union Elementary School District to the list of Direct Service School Districts this school year after ADA verification.

President Barreras will request Karen Roget to check on the ADA of each school district in order to verify its eligibility for the scholarship application for board member development. She also advised that the criteria will remain the same for next year.

#### **4.2. Student Recognition Awards**

##### **4.2.1 Achievement Award (8<sup>th</sup> graders)**

Charlene Espinola announced that 41 students received certificates of achievement.

##### **4.2.2 Scholarship Award (12<sup>h</sup> graders)**

Charlene Espinola announced that the Student Recognition Sub-Committee received 10 scholarship applications last school year. Seven students were awarded scholarships at \$225 each. She thanked everyone for buying tickets and donating auction items for the fundraiser.

President Barreras read a thank you card from Alma Santiago of Liberty High School.

#### **5.0 Reports of Committees**

##### **5.1 Sara Wilkins, CSBA Director-at-Large, County**

No report

##### **5.2 Barbara Bigelow, CSBA Madera County Delegate**

Vice Chair Bigelow advised that the agenda packet included information she received at the Delegate Assembly in May 2011. She reported that the biggest concern at the state level is the decrease in projected revenues and the possibility that we will all experience mid-year cuts.

#### **6.0 New Business**

##### **6.1 Date and Location for Next MCSBA Meeting**

The Executive Committee decided to have Madera Unified School District host the Winter meeting. President Barreras will inform Michael Salvador, Executive Committee representative of Madera Unified. Location to be determined. The meeting is tentatively set for January 18, 2012. President Barreras will confirm the date with Dr. Massetti to make sure that no district will have their board meeting on this date.

## **6.2 Program**

The Executive Committee would like to have a speaker on autism and statistics and what they mean to our schools. Anthem/Blue Cross agreed to pay for therapy for autistic children. School districts need to be aware that a lot of these children are now being tested and school districts did not have as many in the previous years. It was suggested that the speaker talk about the following:

- What does he/she see as a trend on the increase in diagnosis?
- What are school districts facing with regards to increased costs in educating these children?
- Teaching techniques and types of programs that schools are using

President Barreras will discuss this recommendation with Dr. Massetti.

## **7.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned to the general meeting and dinner at 6:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Lara

Alternate for Dr. Cecilia Massetti, Executive Secretary



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President Isabel Barreras welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2.0 Introductions and Greetings**

President Barreras introduced and thanked Glenn Reid for hosting the meeting at Oakhurst Elementary.

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**4.1.2 Review Criteria**

President Barreras reported that Mona Diaz of Golden Valley Unified School District requested that the scholarship program for board member development be open for other districts with higher ADA. The Executive Committee concurred that these scholarships will remain for school districts with low ADA.

Bass Lake Joint Union Elementary School District has had a decline in ADA and will therefore be included to the list of

Direct Service School Districts this school year after ADA verification.

President Barreras will have Karen Roget of MCOE review other school districts who also have been impacted with declining ADA to see if they can be considered for the scholarship program.

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##### **4.2.2 Achievement Awards (8<sup>th</sup> graders)**

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President Barreras read a thank you card from Alma Santiago of Liberty High School.

#### **5.0 Reports**

##### **5.1 Susan Markarian, Region 10 Director**

No report

#### **6.0 Guest Speakers**

##### **Yuri Calderon, Esq. and Bonny Garcia, Esq.**

*Topic:* Collective Bargaining in Tough Economic Times

Gourmet dinner prepared by the Culinary Arts class of Dena Boortz at Yosemite High was served. President Barreras introduced the guest speakers who provided a PowerPoint presentation on Collective Bargaining. They provided tools to use in tough economic times in negotiations especially when making implementations and changes. President Barreras gave a special "Thank You" to GCR Law Firm for conducting this presentation free of charge and for the generous donation of \$250 towards the Student Scholarship Fund.

Winners of the silent auction were announced after the featured presentation. Charlene Espinola informed the Association that \$223 was raised towards the scholarship fund.

#### **7.0 Next Meeting Date/Program**

Madera Unified School District will be hosting the Winter meeting which is tentatively set for January 18, 2011. Location to be determined.

Autism and statistics in schools will be the topic at the General Meeting. President Barreras will coordinate with Dr. Massetti regarding this recommendation.

**8.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately after the presentation at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Lara  
Alternate for Dr. Cecilia Massetti, Executive Secretary