

MINUTE RECORD OF: Madera Unified School District Board of Education

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON THE 13th DAY OF January, 2009

The Board of Education of the Madera Unified School District convened in a **Regular Board Meeting** in the Madera Unified School District Boardroom, 1902 Howard Road, Madera, California on **Tuesday, January 13, 2009**, at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Michael H. Westley, President
Philip D. Janzen, Clerk

J. Gary Adams, Trustee
Robert E. Garibay, Trustee
Loraine Goodwin, Trustee
Michael Salvador, Trustee
Ray G. Seibert, Trustee

Kirsten Hadjis, Madera High School Student Board Representative
Michael Bravo, Madera South High School Student Board Representative

John R. Stafford, Superintendent
Teri Bradshaw, Director, Fiscal Services
Jake Bragonier, Public Information Officer
Robert Chavez, Chief Academic Officer, K-12, Educational Services
Kathleen Lopes, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Kelly Porterfield, Associate Superintendent, Business and Operations
Jerry Stehman, Director, Human Resources/Certificated
Darren Sylvia, Chief Academic Officer K-12, Educational Services
Fritz Ediger, Senior Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
and the Board of Trustees

Kent Albertson, Principal, Madera High School
Carsten Christiansen, Principal, Alpha School
Rosalind Cox, Directors, Facilities Planning and New Construction
Marisa DiMauro, Director, Categorical Programs
Jennifer Gaviola, Director, Special Services
Barbara Gonzalez, Director, Purchasing
Janet Grossnicklaus, Director, Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction
Norma Martinez, Administrative Assistant, Associate Superintendent of Business and
Operations
Lupe Rodriguez, Director, Maintenance and Operations

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Sheryl Sisil, Vice-Principal, Madera South High School
Steve Wisener, Maintenance
Dr. J. Galen Wright, Director, Student Services

Alice Rios, CSEA President
Sue Thornton, MUTA President

Douglas Johnson, President, National Demographics Corporation
Roger Leach, Pastor, Valley West Christian Center
Jack Porter, Madera Online

There were approximately 40 visitors/District employees in attendance.

**1. CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC MEETING –
CLOSED SESSION IMMEDIATELY CONVENED**

President Westley called the Public Session of the Board of Education to order at 5:34 p.m. and immediately adjourned to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(a), 54957, 54957.1 and 54957.6 and Education Code Sections 35146, 44951, 48900, and 48918. Motion No. 72-2008/09, Resolution No. 41-2008/09.

2. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION/CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING –
**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, OPENING, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
VISITORS AND MEDIA**

President Westley adjourned the Closed Session at 7:01 p.m., and he reconvened the Regular Meeting by calling the Public Session to order at 7:06 p.m. President Westley welcomed the visitors and he asked Clerk/Trustee Janzen to lead the flag salute. President Westley asked Pastor Roger Leach of Valley West Christian Center to lead the invocation. President Westley explained the rules governing the Board meeting. The meeting was recorded on Tape No. 14–2008/09.

**4. CLOSED SESSION REPORTABLE ACTIONS
(GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.1)**

Superintendent Stafford announced there were not any reportable Closed Session actions.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – MOTION NO. 73–2008/09

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President Westley stated that if the Board and/or Administration determined they wished to add to the Agenda under Miscellaneous Items, this would be the appropriate time. President Westley asked that we pull Agenda Item 8B1 for separate discussion.

It was moved by Trustee Seibert, seconded by Trustee Adams, and unanimously carried to adopt the revised Agenda.

Ayes:	Trustees Adams, Garibay, Goodwin, Salvador, Seibert, Clerk Janzen, and President Westley
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstained:	None

6. STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Kirsten Hadjis, Madera High School Student Board Representative, gave an update of academic, athletic, and extracurricular activities occurring at Madera High School.

Michael Bravo, Madera South High School Student Board Representative, gave an update of academic, athletic, and extracurricular activities occurring at Madera South High School.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

7A. PUBLIC HEARING

President Westley opened the meeting for visitors to speak on a subject not on the Board Agenda. No one came forward to address the Board.

7B. STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION

➤ MSHS School of Agriculture FFA Fall Report 2008

Sheryl Sisil, Vice-Principal, Madera South High School/School of Agriculture addressed the Board of Trustees and presented her FFA Fall 2008 Report. Ms. Sisil introduced her Advisors: Brent George, Rebecca Bigelow (not in attendance), Tim Deniz, Kristin Sheehan, Darlene Gilles, Jim Bomprezzi (not in attendance), and Dave Mattrocce. She reported on Supervised Agriculture Experience Projects for the California State Fair and the Madera Fair. At the State Fair Ms. Bigelow, Advisor had a Reserve Champion FFA Market Hog, Champion Boar, Lindsay Tasos and Reserve Champion Angus Heifer, Amy Dierberger. She also had at the Madera Fair in the Poultry Division Champion FFA Meat Pen, Lindsay Tasos. Mr. Mattrocce, Advisor, Madera Fair Horse, FFA Gymkhana - Speed Events, Jasmine Jackson 1st, and Caleb Hatfield, 2nd; Western Pleasure, Jasmine Jackson, 1st; and Trail, Jasmine Jackson, 1st. Madera Fair Beef, Advisor, Mr. Deniz, FFA Champion Market Steer, Jessica Sidney; Advanced Showmanship winner, Sierra Meyers; Intermediate Showmanship

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winner, Amy Dierberger. Madera Fair Swine, Advisor, Mr. George, Reserve Champion York, Mathew Cavalletto; Champion and Reserve X-Bred, Lindsay Tasos, and Amy Dierberger; Champion and Reserve Hampshire, Aaron Sykes and Jonathan Costa; Champion and Reserve Market Hog, Supreme and Reserve FFA Market Hogs; Advanced, Intermediate, and Novice Showmanship winners, Lindsay Tasos, Amy Dierberger and Cody Ward; Champion Chapter Group. Madera Fair Goats, Advisor, Mrs. Sheehan, FFA Champion Market Goat, Supreme Champion Market Goat, Intermediate Showmanship winner all went to Amy Dierberger. She also had Champion Chapter Market and Breeding Groups. Madera Fair Sheep, Advisor Ms. Bigelow, Champion Hampshire, FFA Champion Market Lamb, and Supreme Champion Market Lamb all went to Shannon Sumpter. Advanced Showmanship winner, Sierra Meyers. Madera Fair Dairy, Advisor, Mr. Bomprezzi, Champion and Reserve FFA Replacement Heifer, Brittany Cavelleto and Scott Thornton; Reserve Supreme Replacement Heifer, Brittany Cavelleto. Champion Chapter Group. Advanced, Intermediate, Novice Showmanship winners were Alonzo Hernandez, Mathew Borges, and Mathew Cavelleto. Madera Fair Round Robin, Intermediate went to Amy Dierberger, 2nd; Amy Evans, 3rd; Jonathan Costa, 5th; and Mathew Borges, 6th. Madera Fair Round Robin Advanced Sierra Meyers, 1st; Lindsay Tasos, 3rd; and Alonzo Hernandez, 5th. Madera Fair Ag Mechanics, Outstanding Mechanics Project, Matthew Chavira; Best of Show, Matthew Chavira; and Chapter group. Iron Stone Small Engine Contest, Coach, Mr. Bomprezzi, Small Engines Team, 1st; James Thach, High individual and Jose Castenada, 2nd High individual Best Informed Greenhand, Coach, Mrs. Sheehan, National Champions -- Team Members - Lucca Petrucci, 1st High individual, Mathew Borges, 3rd High individual, and Amy Evans, 6th High individual. Ms. Sisil introduced each of these students to the Board. Meats Evaluation and Technology, Coach, Mr. George, 3rd High Team, 40 states and over 150 participants. Team members were Heidi Richardson, 3rd, Glen Gil, 11th, and Zac Pruitt, 22nd. Heidi Richardson received a \$600 scholarship and Glen Gil received a \$500 scholarship. Ms. Sisil introduced each of these students to the Board. Jessica Sidney was chosen as one of the 50 voting delegates that represent California at the National FFA Convention. American Farmer Degree Recipients were Chris Rippee, Kendra Willet, Thomas Lovelady, Cinda Mattrocce, and Alexandria Wara. Sectional Opening and Closing Contest, Madera FFA hosted the event. 3 Novice teams, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. 3 Open teams, 1st, 1st, and 4th. Office team, 1st. The Coaches were Ms. Sheehan, Mr. Bigelow, Mr. Romero, Mr. Deniz and Mr. George. Fall CATA Regional Meeting held in Lemoore, Outstanding Young Teachers West Fresno Madera Section, Tim Deniz. Outstanding Teacher, Darlene Gilles, and Teacher of Excellence Nominee, Dave Mattrocce.

➤ **AVID Donation - Citi Foundation**

The Board recognized a \$10,000 donation from Citi to the Madera High School's AVID program. Representatives from Citi and Madera High were present to discuss the donation, which directly funds the school's AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program. AVID's mission is to ensure that all students, especially the least served students in the "academic middle" are given the opportunity to succeed in

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rigorous curriculum, enter mainstream activities at the school, increase their enrollment in four-year colleges and become educated and responsible participants and leaders in society. President Westley told the Citi representatives in attendance that we are just thrilled about what this will mean to our students and the door it may open for them.

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – MOTION NO. 74-2008/09, DOCUMENT NUMBERS 190-2008/09 THROUGH 202-2008/09, AND RESOLUTION NUMBER 40-2008/09 INCLUDING COMMERCIAL WARRANTS – EXHIBIT “A”; STAFFING CHANGES – EXHIBIT “B”;

It was moved by Trustee Salvador, seconded by Trustee Goodwin, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda.

Ayes: Trustees Adams, Garibay, Goodwin, Salvador, Seibert, Clerk Janzen, and President Westley
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstained: None

8A. ROUTINE BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS, ANNUAL RENEWAL OF PROGRAMS, BIDS, AGREEMENTS, NOTICES OF PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND PROCLAMATIONS:

8A1. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2008 AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2008

8A2. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 40-2008/09 -- APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER BUDGET AND EXPENSE TRANSFER REPORTS RESOLUTION NO. 40-2008/09

8A3. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 30, 2008 FINANCIAL REPORT DOCUMENT NO. 190-2008/09

8A4. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 30, 2008 STUDENT BODY STATEMENT OF CLUB TRUST ACCOUNTS DOCUMENT NO. 191-2008/09

8A5. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #3 FOR MOUNTAIN VISTA CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOL MODERNIZATION PROJECT DOCUMENT NO. 192-2008/09

8A6. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #4 FOR MOUNTAIN VISTA CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOL MODERNIZATION PROJECT DOCUMENT NO. 193-2008/09

8A7. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWOING DONATIONS:

- DONATION OF \$400.00 BY MADERA DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS MINI-GRANTS FOR TEACHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00 EACH TO JASON GAETH-PEARCE; ARMANDO MENDEZ; OLIVIA OLMOS; AND COLLEEN DOVER
- DONATION OF \$1,000.00 BY DOUG DAVIDIAN OF CONTRACT INTERIORS FOR THE ALL STAFF 2008 MUSD KICKOFF
- DONATION OF \$1,163.22 BY VALLEY GROWER SUPPLY IN PAYMENT OF

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- 45 "ALPHA GATOR" JERSEYS FOR ALPHA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- DONATION OF \$10,000.00 BY CITIGROUP FOR SPONSORSHIP OF THE MADERA HIGH SCHOOL AVID PROGRAM

DOCUMENT NO. 194-2008/09

8A8. APPROVAL TO AWARD BID FOR COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE FOR MADERA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR YEAR 12 E-RATE FUNDING DOCUMENT NO. 195-2008/09

8A9. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL SITE PLAN FOR PARKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DOCUMENT NO. 196-2008/09

8A10. APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ROBERTA BAVIN TO PROVIDE A 3 HOUR REVIEW OF QNST (QUICK NEUROLOGICAL SCREENING TOOL FOR SCHOOL NURSES DOCUMENT NO. 197-2008/09

8A11. APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR THE FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS: ADAMS, ALPHA, BERENDA, CESAR CHAVEZ, DIXIELAND, HOWARD, LA VINA, MADISON, MILLVIEW, MONROE, NISHIMOTO, PARKWOOD, PERSHING, SIERRA VISTA AND WASHINGTON DOCUMENT NO. 198-2008/09

8A12. APPROVAL TO ADOPT THE FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO THE POSSIBLE EXPULSION OR READMISSION OF PUPILS AS THESE ARE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FORMS OF DOCUMENTATION:

- REPORT(S) OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING PANEL(S)
- EXPULSION STATUS REVIEW REPORT(S) BY THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE
- STIPULATED EXPULSION AGREEMENT(S)

THE GOVERNING BOARD IS ALSO REQUESTED TO ISSUE ORDERS CONSISTENT WITH THE ABOVE REFERENCED FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO THE POSSIBLE EXPULSION OR READMISSION OF PUPILS IN THE CASES OF THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS, HEREIN IDENTIFIED BY THEIR DISTRICT-ASSIGNED IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS: 201821, 967791, 976988, 15920, 996788, 5440, 7590, 985227, 502769, 967955, 303027, 987359, 977285, 996091, 16294, 2833, 976391, 17491, 985748, 995396, 967816, 976020, 986009, 995529, 15770, 995754, 501767, 977154, 967687, 997730, 967742, 985910, 995764, 6613, 987226, 302978, 303031, 977141, 976137, 985977, 3921, 976589, 15826, 977768, 15483, 4781, 967093, 6390, 603292, 11790, 997765, 602088, 996187, 977156, 967676, 977253, 5869, 975226, 977937, 995988, 995422, 603138, 402287, 985959, 976095, 987586, 997414, 6884, 503595, 966751, 402466, 16462, 16622, 5646, 16297, 200687, 15492, 501994, 7170, 995353, 996379, 17183, 987419, 301924, 985089, 987547, F-2008/09, 986816 and 301546
CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT NO. 199-2008/09

8A13. APPROVAL OF COMMERCIAL WARRANT LISTING DOCUMENT NO. 200-2008/09 EXHIBIT "A"

8B1. HUMAN RESOURCES ITEMS – STAFFING CHANGES AND COACHES – EXHIBIT “B” - MOTION NO. 75–2008/09, DOCUMENT NO. 201-2008/09 -- THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION -- IT WAS DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 8C

**8C. FIELD TRIP/EMPLOYEE CONFERENCE REQUESTS
DOCUMENT NO. 202-2008/09**

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION

**8B1 APPROVAL OF STAFFING CHANGES AND COACHES EXHIBIT "B"
MOTION NO. 75-2008/09, DOCUMENT NO. 201-2008/09**

It was moved by Trustee Seibert, seconded by Trustee Goodwin to approve the Staffing Changes and Coaches.

Ayes:	Trustees Adams, Goodwin, Salvador, Seibert, Clerk Janzen, and President Westley
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstained:	Trustee Garibay

9. OLD BUSINESS

9A. SECOND "FIRST READING" OF PROPOSED NEW BOARD POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION ON "ANTI-BULLYING" (BP/AR 5145.10)

Dr. J. Galen Wright, Director of Student Services held an additional "first" reading of new Board Policy and Administrative Regulations pertaining to more comprehensive anti-bullying measures. The Board, along with Superintendent Stafford, agreed that the information shared by Dr. Wright during his presentation should also be shared with the District's principals. Much of Dr. Wright's information included bullying statistics within Madera Unified. President Westley commented that it may be a good idea for principals to share the information and policies with their leadership teams. This item will return for a second reading at the next Board meeting. Dr. Wright indicated that much of his second presentation will focus upon feedback he receives from principals.

**9B. SECOND READING AND REQUEST TO REPEAL CURRENT BOARD POLICY ON "HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION" (BP 6173) - SECOND READING AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REVISED BOARD POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION ON "HOMELESS" (BP/AR 6173) - SECOND READING AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REVISED BOARD POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION ON "FOSTER YOUTH" (BP/AR 6173.1) MOTION NO. 76-2008/09
DOCUMENT NO. 203-2008/09**

It was moved by Clerk/Trustee Janzen, seconded by Trustee Salvador, and unanimously carried to repeal current Board Policy on "Homebound Instruction" (BP 6173) - Second Reading and Request for Approval of proposed

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revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation on "Homeless" (BP/AR 6173) - Second Reading and Request for Approval of proposed revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation on "Foster Youth" (BP/AR 6173.1)

Ayes: Trustees Adams, Garibay, Goodwin, Salvador, Seibert, Clerk Janzen, and President Westley
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstained: None

9C. SECOND READING AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REVISED BOARD POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION ON "INDEPENDENT STUDY" (BP/AR 6158) MOTION 77-2008/09, DOCUMENT NO. 204-2008/09

It was moved by Trustee Salvador, seconded by Trustee Adams, and unanimously carried to approve the proposed revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation on "Independent Study" (BP/AR 6158).

Ayes: Trustees Adams, Garibay, Goodwin, Salvador, Seibert, Clerk Janzen, and President Westley
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstained: None

10. NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM 10D DISCUSSED HERE SO THAT MR. JOHNSON COULD CATCH THE TRAIN HOME

10A. APPROVAL OF INSTALLING 2 DUGOUTS FOR THE VARSITY BASEBALL FIELD AT MADERA SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL MOTION NO. 78-2008/09, DOCUMENT NO. 205-2008/09

It was moved by Trustee Adams, seconded by Clerk/Trustee Janzen, and unanimously carried to approve the installation of 2 dugouts for the Varsity Baseball Field at Madera South High School.

Ayes: Trustees Adams, Garibay, Goodwin, Salvador, Seibert, Clerk Janzen, and President Westley
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstained: None

10B. APPROVAL ON VALENZUELA/CAHSEE LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT QUARTERLY REPORT ON WILLIAMS UNIFORM COMPLAINTS FOR OCTOBER 1, 2008 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008

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MOTION NO. 79-2008/09, DOCUMENT NO. 206-2008/09

It was moved by Clerk/Trustee Janzen, seconded by Trustee Salvador, and unanimously carried to approve the Valenzuela/CAHSEE Lawsuit Settlement Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for October 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

Ayes: Trustees Adams, Garibay, Goodwin, Salvador, Seibert, Clerk Janzen, and President Westley
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstained: None

**10C. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE INITIAL PROPOSAL/TERM SHEET (MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING) FOR A SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT (PPA)
MOTION NO. 80-2008/09, DOCUMENT NO. 207-2008/09**

It was moved by Trustee Garibay, seconded by Clerk/Trustee Janzen, and carried to approve the initial Proposal/Term Sheet (Memo of Understanding) for a Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

Ayes: Trustees Adams, Garibay, Salvador, Clerk Janzen, and President Westley
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstained: Trustee Goodwin and Trustee Seibert

**10D. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN NATIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS CORPORATION (DOUGLAS JOHNSON) AND MADERA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CONDUCT AN OPINION SURVEY
MOTION NO. 81-2008/09, DOCUMENT NO. 208-2008/09**

It was moved by Trustee Adams, and seconded by Clerk/Trustee Janzen, and unanimously carried to approve the Agreement between National Demographics Corporation (Douglas Johnson) and Madera Unified School District to Conduct an Opinion Survey.

Ayes: Trustees Adams, Goodwin, Salvador, Seibert, Clerk Janzen, and President Westley
Noes: Trustee Garibay
Absent: None
Abstained: None

11. INFORMATION/REPORTS

11A. STANDARDS REPORT - DOCUMENT NO. 209-2008/09

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Kathleen Lopes, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services provided a report and timeline for reopening Eastin-Arcola School. Ms. Lopes said that there are many options for Eastin-Arcola, and nearly all involve the school opening up again in the 2010-11 school year. Some of the options include reopening the school as a magnet school, performing arts school, ninth grade freshman academy, middle school or by combining the continuation schools there. Ms. Lopes informed the Board that staff would explore all options and present them to the Board and then to the community. The overall cost of reopening Eastin-Arcola varies depending on what form the school takes. The goal is to have at least the skeleton of an idea in place by the end of the spring Ms. Lopes stated.

11B. BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS UPDATE - DOCUMENT NO. 210-2008/09

Kelly Porterfield, Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations updated the Board on the status of the governor's state budget proposal and the impact it would have on Madera Unified. As has been widely publicized, the condition of the state's budget is very poor. Additionally, Governor Schwarzenegger's recently released budget proposal is harsh on education. Mr. Porterfield stressed that while the 2009-10 state budget is far from finalized, the governor's proposal must be closely adhered to by Madera Unified as the District moves forward with creating its own 2009-10 budget. What Mr. Porterfield presented is the information as we currently have it, he stated. This is the jumping-off point for the budget and there will be plenty of discussion from this point forward. It is not the final state budget. It could get better, and it could get worse he said. According to the District's long-range forecast and current data available from the governor's state budget proposal, MUSD is looking at reductions of almost \$7 million, and possibly as much as nearly \$10 million in 2009-10. The state has offered school district's some methods to augment their general funds since they will be funded at such a lower level. One of these methods is to provide increased flexibility with categorical funds. Specifically, the governor has proposed allowing categorical funds to be swept into the general fund, if necessary. Some other methods include reducing the reserve level a district must keep from 3 to 1.5 percent, and lifting the requirement for K-3 class-size reduction. Mr. Porterfield stated that for the purposes of planning, the governor's budget proposal is all we have. What we need to do is to begin quantifying areas of reduction, which should not take too much time because we did that a year ago. Mr. Porterfield then added that we are experiencing unprecedented budgetary times right now. In the coming weeks we will be closely reviewing how we can maintain a balance between making reductions necessary to remain solvent without adversely impacting the education of our students.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Superintendent Stafford announced that he attended the San Joaquin Valley Exemplary Practices in Education Conference at California State University in Fresno today and schools were recognized that were doing outstanding things and presenters

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were solicited to present. Madera Unified had two of our administrators that presented at this conference. Sandie Woods, Vice-Principal at Madera High School presented on Career School Health Professions in the Career School and Sherri DeFina, Principal at Sierra Vista presented what they're doing at Sierra Vista to get out of PI status and to see the achievement gains that they have attained. He said that it was a wonderful presentation. Dr. Goodwin also attended. Mr. Stafford said that the Superintendent of Schools from Pomona prepared a DVD showing students talking about what the economy is doing to the students. Superintendent Stafford said it was heartfelt. People losing their homes, fathers leaving their families, families having to move to Mexico, very real terms about what it means for kids. He said that he couldn't help but feel that's our community too.

Sue Thornton, President of MUTA reminded the Board of the Fresno/Madera Service Center Council (CTA) School Board Dinner to be held on January 28, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at Pangea Restaurant in Fig Garden Village.

13. MISCELLANEOUS

There were no items.

14. ADVANCED PLANNING

President Westley made the following announcement:

Next Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.

Madera Unified School District Boardroom – 1902 Howard Road, Madera, CA. 93637

15. SUGGESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

16. ADJOURNMENT MOTION NO. 81-2008/09

President Westley adjourned the Public Session at 10:10 p.m.

Fritz Ediger

Fritz Ediger, Senior Administrative Assistant
to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees

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