

MINUTE RECORD OF: Madera Unified School District Board of Education

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON THE 10th DAY OF February, 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, February 10, 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
Andy Beakes, Principal, Madera South High School
Carsten Christiansen, Principal, Alpha School
Rosalind Cox, Director, Facilities Planning and Construction Management
John Denno, Principal, Mt. Vista High School
Marisa DiMauro, Director, Categorical Programs
Terri Dompeling, Vice-Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
Rosie Galvez, Coordinator, English Language Development
Jennifer Gaviola, Director, Special Services
Barbara Gonzalez, Director, Purchasing

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Roger Harabedian, Music Teacher, Madera South High School
Bob Madsen, Vice-Principal, Madera South High School
Brett Moglia, Safety Officer Supervisor
Lupe Rodriguez, Director, Maintenance and Operations
Jeff Smith, Operations Supervisor, Transportation
Sharon Stockdale, Librarian, Thomas Jefferson and Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle Schools
Laura Toney, Teacher, Alpha School
Omar Vaca, Classroom Aide, Parkwood School
Paul Van Loon, Principal, Parkwood School
Ron Zaragosa, Maintenance and Operations

Alice Rios, CSEA President
Gregoria Rodriguez, CSEA Secretary
Sue Thornton, MUTA President
Carolyn Zaragosa, CSEA Vice-President

Dr. Sally Frazier, Superintendent, Madera County Office of Education

There were approximately 45 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 5:32 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.

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 6:56 p.m., and he reconvened the Regular Meeting by calling the Public Session to order at 7:01 p.m. President Westley welcomed the visitors and he asked Trustee Seibert to lead the flag salute. President Westley asked Pastor Randy Brannon of Grace Community Church to lead the invocation. President Westley explained the rules governing the Board meeting. The meeting was recorded on Tape No. 16–2008/09.

**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. 89–2008/09

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 Agenda Item 8A7 be pulled for separate discussion.

It was moved by Trustee Garibay, seconded by Clerk/Trustee Janzen, 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.

Sharon Stockdale, 500 West Yosemite, Madera, California and Librarian at Thomas Jefferson and Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle Schools came to the podium to address the Board. She said that at the last Board meeting she came to tell the Board about "No Name Calling" Month. This month she is here to let them know about "Black History" Month. She presented Superintendent Stafford with a poster drawn by a student to honor Black History Month. The student's name is Naomi Sanchez, and her poster is about Jackie Robinson, a great baseball player.

Sharon Davis, 27408 San Bruno, Madera, California came to the podium to ask the Board why a parent is not allowed to be present when their child is being seen in the principals or vice-principals office at a school sight for discipline issues. She asked that this question be answered by the Board. Superintendent Stafford asked her to leave her name, address and phone number and someone from MUSD would be getting in contact with her.

7B. STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION

➤ **Madera South High School Choir**

Allan Kristensen, Music Coordinator introduced Roger Harabedian, Music Teacher at Madera South High School. Mr. Harabedian gave a brief presentation about 3 students from Madera South High School that have been chosen to be part of the American Choral Directors Association 50th anniversary convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March 4-7, 2009. The three students that were selected for this honor are Stephani Cantu, Angelica Evangelista and Brandon Guthier. These students were selected by audition to be in the National Honor Choirs. Angelica is a senior, Stephani is also a senior and Brandon is a freshman, and this is his first year in choir. The students recorded their auditions in September, and recently received their acceptance letters. They had to perform scales, the patriotic song "America", and an Italian opera aria. These 3 students were the only ones in the area to earn this honor - no students from Fresno, or Clovis were selected in the audition process. The students then handed the Board a letter explaining where and when this event will be happening. They are soliciting funds for their trip and said that any donation will be greatly appreciated.

➤ **Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School Community Outreach**

Jake Bragonier, Public Information Officer, introduced Terri Dompeling, Vice-Principal of Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School. Ms. Dompeling came to the podium and addressed the Board and said it is an honor to be here representing MLK. She said that we've done some interesting things this year and the students were studying and looking at Ruby Payne (aha Process, Inc.) as a school and were talking with our staff and our teachers and we've learned through Ruby Payne how important relationships are. So we've been using a variety of means and ways of reaching out to our community and trying to establish that relationship, not only with our students but with our community and getting that buy-in. We've done quite a few different things. There was a time in December when we actually went out to our community as teachers and staff. We also followed up with a community project, so I would like to take some time right now and introduce our Activities Director, Pilar Bell. This is her second year with us and she has taken on the role of being Activities Director and she has done an absolutely wonderful job of getting everyone involved. Ms. Bell came to the podium and introduced the students that she brought with her. She said that these are three of the 100 students, teachers, families and community members that came out and supported our "day on", not a "day off" on January 19th, our National Day of Community Service. The first student is Dominique Galvan, she is our school

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president, next to her is Deisi Parra, and Amy Gutierrez. Ms. Bell said that first of all she wants to thank the Board for the recognition and she acknowledged Trustee Goodwin who presented her with the opportunity to take on this National Service Day. She said that they planted over 100 trees, shrubs and flowers along Clinton Avenue by their school. She said it was a wonderful opportunity for our kids to give back to their communities. We had about 100 students, teachers, community volunteers, and we even had students come from Fresno Unified, from the High Schools at Fresno Unified come and join in our efforts. We had a wonderful day. Students worked hard, and they had fun in the process, plus it was a way for them to give back and to support Dr. King's message to give back, and that's exactly what we did. Ms. Bell went on to say that she is very proud of the students and very proud to be a part of Madera Unified School District, very proud to be a staff member at MLK and she said that she looks forward to our plan for next year. Trustee Goodwin thanked Ms. Bell for taking on the project.

➤ **Club YES - Health Behaviors Learning Center Award - Parkwood**

Superintendent Stafford introduced Dr. Sally Frazier, Superintendent of Madera County Office of Education. Superintendent Frazier introduced Rose Walker, President of the Martin Luther King, Jr. local Host Committee to join her in the presentation. She said that you just heard Terri Dompeling talking about relationships and relationship building, and she said that she wanted to express how that circles all the way around in our community. She said that she feels very proud to be part of this community. Dr. Frazier said that last spring the Club YES After School Program was able to bring a performing artist to Madera. Cyndy Dolph who directs that program saw to it that we would be able to take this program beyond just the students in the After School program so our Alternative Ed program students were also able to participate. Some of you may be familiar with David Garibaldi, who is a performing artist, and he was doing, part of our contract was doing two pictures, two of the portraits that he did that afternoon, and I believe Mr. Stafford was one of two representatives from Madera Unified who said we really want one of those Martin Luther King, Jr. portraits to have at MLK middle school, and an artist with a big heart called his wife, who is his manager, and her response was, well, you'll have to sell the second one. Mr. Garibaldi told his wife, I've got it worked out, and he left us the extra painting at no extra cost. So, this last year, the Martin Luther King, Jr. middle school celebrated what we felt was a very significant event, and that is it would have been Dr. King's 80th birthday. It was also just a few days before the inauguration of our first African American President. Dr. Frazier said that the local host committee is most appreciative of Madera Unified School District and their support of their annual celebration, and because of that we are here this evening to dedicate to the District and for holding at Martin Luther King, Jr. middle school the portrait that David Garibaldi left for MUSD. Dr. Frazier also had a plaque that goes with the portrait which will be given to MLK as well. Superintendent Stafford asked Ms. Terri Dompeling if they have a place at MLK to hang this painting. Ms. Dompeling responded that it would have a place of honor at the school site. Superintendent

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Stafford thanked Dr. Frazier and Ms. Walker for the wonderful gift.

Dr. Frazier then presented a plaque to Paul Van Loon, Principal of Parkwood Elementary School in honor of their Club YES program, an after school program. Dr. Frazier said that Madera Unified has been very involved in nutrition and wellness policies. She said that last week they held the Madera County School Boards Association general membership meeting at Parkwood Elementary School and she thanked Mr. Van Loon for all of the arrangements he made for that meeting. Dr. Frazier said that at the meeting that evening it was announced that Parkwood School is one of ten programs throughout the State of California that has been certified as a Healthy Beginnings Center and that is because of the types of foods that they prepare and use, how they have their curriculum as well as physical activities that they provide at that After School Program. There are only two counties in the Central Valley, Fresno County being one and Madera the other who have received full certification from the Center for Collaborative Solutions. She said that we are very proud of that honor, and again, it is through partnership with Madera Unified that the children in this community really are benefiting and she said that she really appreciates all of MUSD's efforts and support for not only the After School program but it was exciting to hear the reports from your students earlier this evening and all the good things that are happening and fun things that are keeping them engaged in school as well. The plaque was presented to Mr. Van Loon.

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – MOTION NO. 90-2008/09, DOCUMENT NUMBERS 225-2008/09 THROUGH 241-2008/09, AND RESOLUTION NUMBERS 43-2008/09 THROUGH 44-2008/09 INCLUDING COMMERCIAL WARRANTS – EXHIBIT “A”; STAFFING CHANGES – EXHIBIT “B”;

It was moved by Trustee Garibay, seconded by Clerk/Trustee Janzen, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda.

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| 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 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2009 AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2009

8A2. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 43-2008/09 - APPROVING BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION PLANS (HUGHES BILL) MANDATED COST CLAIM SETTLEMENT AND WAIVING RIGHTS TO FILE ANY CLAIM REGARDING THE HUGHES BILL STATUTE AND REGULATIONS IN

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THE FUTURE RESOLUTION NO. 43-2008/09

- 8A3. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 44-2008/09 - APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 31, 2008 BUDGET AND EXPENSE TRANSFER REPORTS RESOLUTION NO. 44-2008/09**
- 8A4. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 31, 2008 STUDENT BODY STATEMENT OF CLUB TRUST ACCOUNTS DOCUMENT NO. 225-2008/09**
- 8A5. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 31, 2008 FINANCIAL REPORT DOCUMENT NO. 226-2008/09**
- 8A6. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS:**
- **DONATION OF \$7,286.93 BY THE ALICE O. LIECHTI EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION TO DIXIELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE PURCHASE OF MUSIC EQUIPMENT**
 - **DONATION OF \$2,500.00 BY KENNETH D. SCHMIDT TO DIXIELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR SIXTH GRADE SCIENCE CAMP**
 - **DONATION OF \$1,000.00 BY YOSEMITE CHRISTIAN CENTER TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MIDDLE SCHOOL TO SPONSOR THE DICTIONARY GIVE-AWAY FOR HOME USE**
 - **DONATION BY THE NEWARK SOLID PRODUCTS CORPORATION TO MADERA SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL/SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE OF MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS INCLUDING: 3 COMPUTER MONITORS WITH KEYBOARDS AND MICE; WELDING TABLE; FILE CABINET; DISPLAY CABINET; PRINTER; BENCH GRINDER; FILTRATION VACUUM; STORAGE SHELVING AND BINS; A VARIETY OF WIRE, CONDUIT AND PAINTS, OIL AND GREASE. ESTIMATED VALUE IS IN EXCESS OF \$5,000.00**
- DOCUMENT NO. 227-2008/09**
- 8A7. APPROVAL OF 2006-07 ONE-TIME DISCRETIONARY BLOCK GRANT SCHOOL SITE PLAN FOR MADERA ADULT EDUCATION
PULLED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 8C
MOTION NO. 91-2008/09, DOCUMENT NO. 228-2008/09**
- 8A8. APPROVAL OF A THREE-YEAR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MADERA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND VALLEY AIR CONDITIONING AND REPAIR, INC. FOR THE MADERA SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL POOL CO-GEN SYSTEM
DOCUMENT NO. 229-2008/09**
- 8A9. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR PORTABLE PROJECT (RELOCATE 2 PORTABLES FROM EASTIN-ARCOLA TO PERSHING) DOCUMENT 230-2008/09**
- 8A10. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR QEIA PORTABLE PROJECT (2 NEW PORTABLES AT LA VINA AND 3 NEW PORTABLES AT MILLVIEW)
DOCUMENT NO. 231-2008-09**
- 8A11. APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A SHORT-TERM CONTRACT WITH VALERIE GEMANIS, M.S., TRAINER/CONSULTANT FOR THE NURTURING PARENT PROGRAMS
DOCUMENT NO. 232-2008/09**
- 8A12. APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A SHORT TERM CONTRACT WITH SIERRA SPORT AND RACQUET CLUB TO PROVIDE TENNIS LESSONS AT LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DOCUMENT NO. 233-2008/09**

- 8A13. APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KAREN LASKY - GENERAL MUSIC LESSON SEMINAR FOR ELEMENTARY MUSIC TEACHERS DOCUMENT NO. 234-2008/09
- 8A14. 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: 301812, 402586, 996217, 7704, 965627, 15734, 16180 and 985399 CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT NO. 235-2008/09
- 8A15. APPROVAL OF COMMERCIAL WARRANT LISTING DOCUMENT NO. 236-2008/09 EXHIBIT "A"
- 8B1. HUMAN RESOURCES ITEMS – STAFFING – EXHIBIT “B” - MOTION NO. 90-2008/09—DOCUMENTS NUMBERED 237-2008/09 THROUGH 240-2008/09
- 8B2. APPROVAL OF CLASSIFIED JOB DESCRIPTION: PARAPROFESSIONAL AIDE-SPECIAL NEEDS DOCUMENT NO. 237-2008/09
- 8A3. APPROVAL OF REVISED CLASSIFIED JOB DESCRIPTION: PARAPROFESSIONAL AIDE-ASSISTANT TO PHYSICALLY IMPAIRED DOCUMENT NO. 238-2008/09
- 8A4. APPROVAL OF CLASSIFIED JOB DESCRIPTION: PARAPROFESSIONAL AIDE-PRESCHOOL DOCUMENT NO. 239-2008/09
- 8A5. APPROVAL OF CLASSIFIED JOB DESCRIPTION: CLASSROOM AIDE-PRESCHOOL DOCUMENT NO. 240-2008/09
- 8C. FIELD TRIP/EMPLOYEE CONFERENCE REQUESTS DOCUMENT NO. 241-2008/09 EXHIBIT "C"
- 8A7. APPROVAL OF 2006-07 ONE-TIME DISCRETIONARY BLOCK GRANT SCHOOL SITE PLAN FOR MADERA ADULT EDUCATION
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It was moved by Trustee Salvador, seconded by Clerk/Trustee Janzen, and unanimously carried to approve the 2006-07 One-Time Discretionary Block Grant School Site Plan for Madera Adult Education.

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

9. OLD BUSINESS

9A. NONE

10. NEW BUSINESS

10A. REVIEW OF POTENTIAL BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR THE 2008-09 AND 2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR

Kelly Porterfield, Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations updated the Board on the latest news regarding the District's and State's budget. Mr. Porterfield informed the Board that fresh news out of Sacramento has been difficult to come by. Because MUSD along with all school districts up and down the State are required by law to have second interim financial reports completed by March 10th, the fact that there is no concrete information presents quite a challenge. We are moving toward a target, despite the fact that we don't know what that target is, Mr. Porterfield said. He then walked the Board through the process being followed to reach a decision on a recommended reductions list that would be presented during the next Board meeting on February 24th. We have solicited information from all of our sites. The CAO's have met with site administration, and other administrators have met with their staffs. Through this collaboration we have gathered and tabulated a great deal of feedback and information. That information allowed has MUSD to put together a menu of possible reductions from which to choose. This unprioritized menu is not a final list or a recommended list. In the meantime to properly meet all budget deadlines, MUSD must now proceed along two planning fronts. The first front is to put together a District budget that assumes limited flexibility from the State level. Examples of State flexibility would include easing class size reduction penalties for staffing K-3 and ninth grades above a 20:1 ration (possibly 22:1). The second plan is to formulate a budget that assumes no flexibility from the State. This is the "worst-case scenario budget" he said. It is a very ugly budget, but it is something that we are obligated to prepare for. We do expect a certain level of flexibility from the state he said. However, since there have been no guarantees, we cannot take anything for granted and we must be prepared for any eventuality. The next step in the budgetary process is for the Superintendent's Cabinet to meet, utilize the feedback gathered across the board and compile a recommended list of reduction items. This list will be presented during the February 24th Board meeting.

11. INFORMATION/REPORTS

11A. STANDARDS REPORT

Kathleen Lopes, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services presented to the Board three things that will be coming to them at the next Board meeting in the form of either a report or agenda item. They are: plan for coaching next year - staff development; second reading on the Bullying Board Policy and a report on Swoops.

11B. BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS UPDATE

There was none.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

13. MISCELLANEOUS

Trustee Salvador gave a brief report on an exercise that he was invited to. He was invited to Ripperdan High School to observe their Disaster Drill. He said that Principal Aimee Schramm-Anderson did an excellent job in providing stability and leadership during the drill.

Trustee Garibay reported that he had attended the Madera County School Boards Association Meeting on February 4th at Parkwood Elementary School and Marguerite Leoni presented information on re-districting.

14. ADVANCED PLANNING

President Westley made the following announcement:

Next Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 24, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.

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15. SUGGESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Trustee Goodwin asked for information on asthma at our school sites such as number of diagnosis, number of students with asthma and plans for treatment of asthma.

16. ADJOURNMENT MOTION NO. 92-2008/09

President Westley adjourned the Public Session at 8:08 p.m.

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Fritz Ediger

Dated: February 10, 2009

Fritz Ediger, Senior Administrative Assistant
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