

MINUTE RECORD OF: Madera Unified School District Board of Education

BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP HELD ON THE 22nd DAY OF January, 2009

The Board of Education of the Madera Unified School District convened in a **Board Budget Workshop** in the Madera Unified School District Boardroom, 1902 Howard Road, Madera, California on **Thursday, January 22, 2009**, at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Robert E. Garibay, Trustee
Loraine Goodwin, Trustee - arrived at 5:19 p.m.
Michael Salvador, Trustee
Ray G. Seibert, Trustee

Absent:
J. Gary Adams, Trustee

John R. Stafford, Superintendent
Teri Bradshaw, Director, Fiscal Services
Jake Bragonier, Public Information Officer
Robert Chavez, Chief Academic Officer K12, 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
Robert Amaro, Attendance Officer, Student Services
Sam Armentrout, Director, Transportation
Andy Beakes, Principal, Madera South High School
Kimberly Bitter, Vice-Principal, Monroe School
Kimberly Bondietti, Principal, Lincoln School
Jesse Carrasco, Principal, Thomas Jefferson Middle School
Tom Chagoya, Principal, Monroe School
Arora Chavez, Vice-Principal, Madera High School
Carsten Christiansen, Principal, Alpha School

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Rachel Church, Principal, Millview School
Rosalind Cox, Director, Facilities Planning and New Construction
Sherri DeFina, Principal, Sierra Vista School
John Denno, Principal, Mt. Vista High School
Jacqueline Diamond, Program Specialist, Special Education
Michael Diaz, Vice-Principal, Nishimoto
Marisa DiMauro, Director, Categorical Programs
Rachel Donatelli, Program Manager, Student Services
Dana Eckman, Director, Preschool
Lisa Fernandez, Principal, Berenda School
Arelis Garcia, Accounting Technician, Business Office
Jennifer Gaviola, Director, Special Services
Barbara Gonzalez, Director, Purchasing
Janet Grossnicklaus, Director, Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction
Jim Hubbard, Program Specialist, Special Education
Steve Imrie, Director, Data Processing
Alma Jauregui, Principal, La Vina School
Kendall Jones, Principal, Adams School
Kliff Justesen, Principal, Dixieland School
Reggie King, Custodial Supervisor, Maintenance and Operations
Michael Lennemann, Principal, Desmond Middle School
Dan Lindstrom, Principal, Adult Education
Raul Lozano, Principal, Nishimoto School
Timoteo Mendoza, Outreach Consultant
Daren Miller, Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
Jesus Navarro, Vice-Principal, Parkwood School
Sandra Perez, Director, Child Nutrition
Lupe Rodriguez, Director, Maintenance and Operations
Sabrina Rodriguez, Vice-Principal, Berenda School
Sheryl Sisil, Vice-Principal, Madera South High School
Paul VanLoon, Principal, Parkwood School
Rachel Villareal, Administrative Assistant, Preschool
Darrell Yates, Vice-Principal, Desmond Middle School
Amanda Wade, Teacher, Alpha School
Shannon Whitten-Capshew, Vice-Principal, Adams School
Sandie Woods, Vice-Principal, Madera High School
Shirley Woods, Vice-Principal, Adult Education
J. Galen Wright, Director, Student Services

Alice Rios, CSEA President
Sue Thornton, MUTA President
Carolyn Zaragosa, CSEA Vice-President
Josie Zaragosa, CSEA Chief Job Steward

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Jim Monreal, Chief Business Official, Golden Valley Unified School District

There were approximately 70 visitors/District employees in attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC MEETING –

President Westley called the Public Session of the Board of Education to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS AND MEDIA

President Westley asked Trustee Seibert to lead the flag salute.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – MOTION NO. 82–2008/09

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.

It was moved by Trustee Salvador, seconded by Clerk/Trustee Janzen, and unanimously carried to adopt the Agenda.

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

4. COMMUNICATIONS

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.

5. WORKSHOP

A. DISCUSSION OF GOVERNOR'S BUDGET PROPOSAL AND POTENTIAL IMPACT TO MADERA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Kelly Porterfield, Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations provided a power point presentation giving an overview of several things that would be discussed at tonight's workshop. He went through the following items:

- Review the Governor's Proposed Budget
- Governor's Proposal Effect on MUSD
- Draft List of Reductions
- Provide a Sample Three Year Budget Plan

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➤ Timeline

Mr. Porterfield gave the detail for the Governor's Budget 2009/10, Governor's January proposal effect on Madera Unified, Governor's budget flexibility proposals, change since First Interim, 2008/09 Multi Year Assumption per Governor's January budget proposal, 2008/09 Multi Year Projection per Governor's January budget proposal, 2008/09 Multi Year ending balance per Governor's January budget proposal, District Certification of Interim Report based on State-Adopted standards and criteria, Reserve for economic uncertainties, General Fund budget reductions and reserve levels at 5%, Reductions required to maintain 5% reserve, Multi-Year projection at 5% reserve, General Fund budget reductions and reserve levels at 3%, reductions required to maintain 3% reserve, Multi-Year projection at 3% reserve, General fund budget reductions and reserve levels at 1.5%, reductions required to maintain 1.5% reserve, Multi-year projection at 1.5% reserve. He also reviewed time sensitive issues such as teacher staffing, certificated positions requiring notification, and items requiring negotiations. Some of the items that must be negotiated are any Collective Bargaining issue, 5 day work furlough for all employees, and free District health and welfare contribution at \$11,360 for 2009-10. Mr. Porterfield then went on to explain the 5 day work furlough and the impact to the general fund: Certificated teachers = \$1,810,805; Certificated management = \$219,732; Classified staff = \$456,438; and Classified management = \$28,434 with a total saving of \$2,515,408. He also explained the effect of a temporary lift of class size reduction penalties and routine maintenance and how it would affect the budget. He then showed the Board and audience the breakdown in dollars with elimination of some certificated administration, some certificated Pupil Services, Certificated teachers, Classified instructional and other support, other Classified support, Classified management, other miscellaneous reductions, and District Administrative departments. He also showed examples of reductions needed to maintain a 5% reserve.

President Westley then asked for comments from the Board and the audience. Some of the suggestions from the Board were: contract out security, combine Mt. Vista and Ripperdan and put them at Eastin-Arcola, give Golden Handshakes to both Classified and Certificated, Class Size Reduction, furlough and maybe give up training.

Sam Armentrout, Director of Transportation came to the podium and said that he lost 6 full time employees last year, and they have made the adjustments. He said that he is willing to go with the furlough.

Sue Thornton, MUTA President stated that teachers are paid 183 days but work many days unpaid. The teachers are expected to implement training which means more work. She said that she is not supportive of a 175 furlough. She asked that the Board should look at other options first. She said that it appears that the cuts are with teachers only, not other staff.

Steve Imrie, Director of Data Processing said that he had a simple, easy fix. Everyone takes a 10% pay cut and the problem of the budget would be solved. No

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one would lose their jobs, and we could continue to function as a District.

Connie Luczo, Teacher at Alpha School asked "please do not increase class size". She said that it will not help. She said that we need to teach the children to read, and it is very difficult with more students. She said that she has taught many different grades, and at this time she teaches first grade. She said it would be almost impossible to teach the students to read with 25 children. She asked that the Board please think of the children before making decisions.

Kimberly Bondietti, Principal at Berenda School said that she is very thankful for a job. The first thing she asked is if their temps will be cut this year. Mr. Porterfield responded no. She said that support teachers are needed at the sites, especially if Class Size Reduction goes to 25:1. She asked the Board to please look at all options, not just at teachers.

Sherri DeFina, Principal at Sierra Vista said that we should focus on big items. She said that the teachers need support, but 25:1 is okay. She said that the silver lining with 25:1 is all day Kindergarten.

Lupe Rodriguez, Director, Maintenance and Operations said that we have 1.6 million square feet of space to maintain, 400 acres to landscape, and 250 portables in the District. There is a lot of work to do. He said that by cutting Deferred Maintenance we would see a change in how our sites look. He said because of Deferred Maintenance, our schools look awesome. He did state that we could probably go a couple of years without the Deferred Maintenance, but long-term affect would not be good.

Robert Amaro, Attendance Officer, Student Services said that we have 81.7% Hispanic population in Madera Unified. He asked "what does it take to teach children". It takes teachers. He asked that the Board consider the students when looking at the budget. He asked that we put children first.

Amanda Wade, Teacher at Alpha School stated that if CSR is the direction we need to go you must stop at 25:1. She asked that we keep the cuts as far from the classrooms as we can. She also said that MULES may have to go, and we could cut the Springboard Coaching Contract.

Andy Cline, Vice-Principal at Millview School asked if the Millview Project Manager position at Millview was still in the budget. Mr. Porterfield responded that it was, but that it would be taken into account in budgeting. Mr. Cline said that he wasn't so sure about the 10% cut that Mr. Imrie presented, but we need to pull together. He said he would be willing to take a small pay cut. He said that possibly we could cut the librarians, because he feels that a lot of time is lost in classroom time by sending children to the library.

Jeanette Ylarregui, Teacher at Alpha School feels that CSR is not good. She said

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that the teacher is not able to give the students as much attention. She said that she would rather take a pay cut than see students suffer because of CSR.

Alice Rios, CSEA President said that she would like to see us focus on big items as we look at budget reductions. She said that she would prefer to accept furlough rather than to lose more jobs.

Further discussion ensued between Board members and Mr. Porterfield. Directive given to Mr. Porterfield by general consensus of the Board was:

- Reserve - 5%
- Class Size Reduction - 25:1
- 5 day Furlough - discuss with the Collective Bargaining Units

6. ADJOURNMENT MOTION NO. 83-2008/09

President Seibert adjourned the Public Session at 7:20 p.m.

Dated: January 22, 2009

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