

**MINUTE RECORD OF: Madera Unified School District Board of Education**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON THE 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF February, 2008**

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 12, 2008**, at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Ray G. Seibert, President  
Michael H. Westley, Clerk

J. Gary Adams, Trustee  
Carles Beckett, Trustee  
Robert E. Garibay, Trustee  
Loraine Goodwin, Trustee  
Philip D. Janzen, Trustee

Neddy Lopez, Madera High School, Student Board Representative  
Rosa Regalado, Madera South High School, Student Board Representative

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Kelly Porterfield, Associate Superintendent, Business and Operations  
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  
John Stafford, Chief Academic Officer K-12, Educational Services  
Jerry Stehman, Director, Human Resources/Certificated  
Fritz Ediger, Senior Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent  
and the Board of Trustees

Absent:

Larry Risinger, Superintendent  
David Pinnecker, Director, Human Resources/Classified

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Sara Arthurs, Facilities Planning Analyst  
Andy Beakes, Principal, John Adams School  
Tom Chagoya, Principal, Monroe School  
Arora Chavez, Principal, Eastin-Arcola School  
Carsten Christiansen, Principal, Alpha School  
Rosalind Cox, Director, Facilities Planning and New Construction  
Jim Deis, Vice Principal, Madera High School/School of Humanities  
Marisa DiMauro, Director, Categorical Programs  
Jennifer Gaviola, Director, Special Services  
Barbara Gonzalez, Director, Purchasing

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Janet Grossnicklaus, Director, Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment  
Bill Holden, Principal, Washington School  
Allan Kristensen, District Music Coordinator  
Karen Lang, Teacher, Madera South High School  
Michael Lennemann, Principal, Jack G. Desmond Middle School  
Bob Madsen, Principal, Dixieland School  
Ron Pisk, Principal, Madera High School  
Sharon Stockdale, Librarian, Thomas Jefferson and Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle Schools  
Amanda Wade, Teacher, Alpha School

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Sue Thornton, MUTA President  
Ron Zaragosa, CSEA Chapter 169 Vice President

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Bill Coate, Madera Tribune  
Baldwin Moy, CRLA  
Chris DaSilva, Citizen

There were approximately 40 visitors/District employees in attendance.

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

President Seibert 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 54957, 54957.1 and 54957.6 and Education Code Sections 35146, 48900, and 48918.

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

President Seibert adjourned the Closed Session at 6:50 p.m., and he reconvened the Regular Meeting by calling the Public Session to order at 7:00 p.m. President Seibert welcomed the visitors and he asked Trustee Beckett to lead the flag salute. President Seibert asked Father Larry Toschi of St. Joachims Catholic Church to lead the invocation. President Seibert explained the rules governing the Board meeting. The meeting was recorded on Tape No. 12–2007/08.

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

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President Seibert announced that the Madera Unified School District Board of Education selected John Stafford as the District's new Superintendent. Mr. Stafford thanked the Board for the opportunity. He stated that he would commit himself and everything that he has to the success of each and every child in Madera Unified School District. (President Seibert came back to this announcement after the Adoption of the Agenda).

**5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – MOTION NO. 80–2007/08**

President Seibert 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 Janzen, seconded by Trustee Garibay, and unanimously carried to adopt the Agenda.**

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

President Seibert made announcement of new Superintendent here. (Agenda Item 4)

**6. STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Neddy Lopez, Madera High School Student Board Representative, gave an update of academic, athletic, and extracurricular activities going on at MHS.

Rosa Regalado, Madera South High School Student Board Representative, gave an update of academic, athletic, and extracurricular activities going on at MSHS

**7. COMMUNICATIONS**

**7A. PUBLIC HEARING**

President Seibert opened the meeting for visitors to speak on a subject not on the Board Agenda.

Vanessa Escobar, 25205 Berkeley Drive, Madera, California, student at Jack G. Desmond Middle School addressed the Board regarding the Promotion Ceremony that the Board of Education has made a decision to change this year. Rather than graduation ceremonies for the Middle Schools, they will now be having a Promotion Ceremony.

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Alfredo Coronado, 212 Midway, Madera, California student at Jack G. Desmond Middle School came along with Ms. Escobar to support her in reading of the letter from the 8th Grade Desmond Students regarding the Promotion Ceremony.

Sue Thornton, 220 Autumn Road, Madera, California requested that the MUTA bargaining team be able to meet with the Board prior to the February 19, 2008 Special Board Meeting - Closed Session. She presented a letter to the Board of Education with this statement in writing.

Amanda Wade, 2323 Trevor Way, Madera, California addressed the Board regarding Budget cuts. She presented a list from the MUTA Bargaining Unit Members for possible reductions. She also asked why the list of cuts is not publicized. She also suggested that this information needs to be presented to the community.

**7B. STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION**

There were none.

**8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – MOTION NO. 81-2007/08, DOCUMENT NUMBERS 278-2007/08 THROUGH 288-2007/08, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL WARRANTS – EXHIBIT “A”; STAFFING CHANGES – EXHIBIT “B”;**

**It was moved by Trustee Janzen, seconded by Trustee Beckett, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda.**

Ayes:	Trustees Adams, Beckett, Garibay, Goodwin, Janzen, Clerk Westley and President Seibert
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 24, 2008 AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 29, 2008**

**8A2. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 41-2007/08 -- APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER BUDGET AND EXPENSE TRANSFER REPORTS RESOLUTION NO. 41-2007/08**

**8A3. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 31, 2007 STUDENT BODY STATEMENT OF CLUB TRUST ACCOUNTS DOCUMENT NO. 278-2007/08**

**8A4. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 31, 2007 FINANCIAL REPORT DOCUMENT NO. 279-2007/08**

**8A5. APPROVAL TO SELL/DISPOSE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH**

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EDUCATION CODE 17545-17555 AND BOARD POLICY 3270  
DOCUMENT NO. 280-2007/08

- 8A6. APPROVAL TO AWARD BID FOR COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE FOR MADERA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR YEAR 11 E-RATE FUNDING DOCUMENT NO. 281-2007/08
- 8A7. APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH STEVEN JONES TO OBSERVE AN IDENTIFIED STUDENT TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY NEEDED TO ACCESS CURRICULUM DOCUMENT NO. 282-2007/08
- 8A8. APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH JON BRUMMEL TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MUSIC NOTATION SOFTWARE TRAINING FOR MADERA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MUSIC TEACHERS DOCUMENT NO. 283-2007/08
- 8A9. APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MATHEMATICS AND READING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (AB466) DOCUMENT NO. 284-2007/08
- 8A10. APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT DOCUMENT NO. 285-2007/08
- 8A11. 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: 15483, 8243, 957128, 987359, 501767, 602487, 995393, 6936, 6024, 957029, 201301, 975353, 302344, 976929, AND 987748  
CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT NO. 286-2007/08
- 8A12. APPROVAL OF COMMERCIAL WARRANT LISTING DOCUMENT NO. 287-2007/08  
EXHIBIT "A"
- 8B1. HUMAN RESOURCES ITEMS – STAFFING – EXHIBIT “B” - MOTION NO. 81-2007/08
- 8C. FIELD TRIP/EMPLOYEE CONFERENCE REQUESTS  
DOCUMENT NO. 288-2007/08 EXHIBIT "C"
9. OLD BUSINESS
- 9A. NONE

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**10A. 7:15 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (PEA) REPORT FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL AT MARTIN AND ROAD 26**

**10B. FIRST READING OF 2008-09 STUDENT ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS, ATTENDANCE AREA ADJUSTMENTS AND TEACHER STAFFING RECOMMENDATIONS  
DOCUMENT NO. 289-2007/08**

**10C. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET, SCHEDULE AND DESIGN OF THE MADERA SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL POOL COMPLEX PROJECT AND MADERA HIGH SCHOOL POOL RENOVATION PROJECT MOTION NO. 82-2007/08, DOCUMENT NO. 290-2007/08**

**It was moved by Clerk/Trustee Westley, seconded by Trustee Janzen, and unanimously carried to approve the Budget, Schedule and Design of the Madera South High School Pool Complex Project and Madera High School Pool Renovation Project.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Adams, Beckett, Garibay, Goodwin, Janzen, Clerk Westley and President Seibert

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstained:** None

**10D. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR PARKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT  
MOTION NO. 83-2007/08, DOCUMENT NO. 291-2007/08**

**It was moved by Trustee Adams, seconded by Trustee Garibay, and unanimously carried to approve Change Order #1 for Parkwood Elementary School Construction Project.**

**Ayes:** Trustees Adams, Beckett, Garibay, Goodwin, Janzen, Clerk Westley and President Seibert

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstained:** None

**11. INFORMATION/REPORTS**

**11A. STANDARDS REPORT  
➤ 9th Grade Freshman Academy Update  
DOCUMENT NO. 292-2007/08**

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Jim Deis, Vice Principal, Madera High School/School of Humanities introduced Heather Boehm, Intervention Counselor at Madera High School, Joe Trevino, who works with Teach One Lead One, Dennis Smith, local businessman that volunteers with the 9th Grade Freshman Academy. Mr. Deis gave an overview of what has taken place with the 9th Grade Fresh Academy since it began. There is progress in helping student become more successful in school, but we need intervention earlier is what has been concluded. Basically the students know that they will not be held back in the 8th grade, so there is no motivation for them to achieve good grades. They know they will be sent on to High School. So by the time they reach High School, the pattern of not studying, etc. has already been established. These are students that if held accountable, are college material.

**11B. BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS UPDATE**

Kelly Porterfield, Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations reminded everyone that there will be a District Budget Workshop on February 15th at 4:00 p.m. at the Madera South High School West Gymnasium for staff and community. The Workshop will feature a PowerPoint presentation detailing the state's budget proposal and its impact on MUSD. Questions will be accepted following the presentations.

**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

**13. MISCELLANEOUS**

Trustee Goodwin reported that she had watched Oprah Winfrey's television program recently and that Ms. Winfrey along with Eckhart Tolle, author of the book "A New Earth" will be teaching a once a week class for ten weeks, free on the internet about character development, and awakening to your life's purpose. It will create a new you from the inside out, and will also create a new earth, according to Ms. Winfrey. Trustee Goodwin just wanted to inform everyone, in case anyone was interested in taking the class which is free on-line.

**14. ADVANCED PLANNING**

President Seibert made the following announcement:

**Special Board Meeting -- Closed Session**  
**Tuesday, February 19, 2008 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Madera Unified School District Boardroom – 1902 Howard Road, Madera, CA. 93637**

**Next Regular Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 26, 2008 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Madera Unified School District Boardroom – 1902 Howard Road, Madera, CA. 93637**

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**15. SUGGESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Trustee Garibay asked that we start having reports from the different departments in the District, i.e., Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations would have each of his Directors report on the different things taking place in their department, and have the Associate Superintendent of Educational Services provide the same thing.

**16. ADJOURNMENT MOTION NO. 84-2007/08**

President Seibert adjourned the Public Session at 8:29 p.m.

*Fritz Ediger*

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

Dated: February 12, 2008