

MINUTE RECORD OF: Madera Unified School District Board of Education

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON THE 25th DAY OF March, 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, March 25, 2008**, at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent:
Carles Beckett, Trustee

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

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

Kent Albertson, Vice-Principal, Madera High School/School of Human Services
Sara Arthurs, Facilities Planning Analyst
Andy Beakes, Principal, John Adams School
Cyndi Beakes, Teacher, Teacher, Berenda School

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Kimberly Bitter, Vice-Principal, Monroe School
Tom Chagoya, Principal, Monroe School
Arora Chavez, Principal, Eastin-Arcola School
Rachel Church, Vice-Principal, Millview School
Carsten Christiansen, Principal, Alpha School
Kari Christiansen, Teacher, Lincoln School
Rosalind Cox, Director, Facilities Planning & New Construction
John Denno, Coordinator, PE & Athletics
Jennifer Gaviola, Director, Special Services
Janet Grossnicklaus, Director, Curriculum, Assessment & Instruction
Karen Hansen, Teacher, Lincoln School
Al Lopez, Ag Farm Manager, Madera South High School
Bob Madsen, Principal, Dixieland School
Felipe Magos, Teacher, Lincoln School
Brett Moglia, Madera High School, Safety Officer Supervisor
Ron Pisk, Principal, Madera High School
Lupe Rodriguez, Director, Maintenance & Operations
Patsy Rodriguez, Clerk I, Child Nutrition
Augie Valencia, Vice-Principal, Lincoln School

Sue Thornton, MUTA President

Bill Coate, Madera Tribune

There were approximately 55 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 5:35 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, 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 7:04 p.m., and he reconvened the Regular Meeting by calling the Public Session to order at 7:07 p.m. President Seibert welcomed the visitors and he asked Trustee Goodwin to lead the flag salute.

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President Seibert asked Pastor Tim Bergdahl of Madera Bible Church to lead the invocation. President Adams explained the rules governing the Board meeting. The meeting was recorded on Tape No. 15–2007/08.

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

Superintendent Risinger announced that during the Closed Session portion of the meeting the District's Governing Board approved settlement of the Lewis C. Nelson & Sons, Inc. vs. Collins Electrical Company, Inc., et al., Madera County Superior Court Case No. MCV030609. Under this settlement, the District will pay Collins Electrical Company, Inc. \$100,000.00.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – MOTION NO. 108–2007/08

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 Garibay, seconded by Clerk/Trustee Westley, and unanimously carried to adopt the Agenda.

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

6. STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Neddy Lopez, Madera High School Student Board Representative was absent, so in her absence Mika Petrucci gave an update of academic, athletic, and extracurricular activities that are taking place at Madera High School.

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

7. COMMUNICATIONS

7A. PUBLIC HEARING

President Seibert 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

➤ **LINCOLN SCHOOL/DIXIELAND SCHOOL - TITLE I
ACHIEVING SCHOOL AWARD**

Jake Bragonier, Public Information Officer introduced Augie Valencia, Vice-Principal of Lincoln School and Mr. Valencia recognized the staff and student of Lincoln School who have worked very hard to be recognized as a Title I Achieving School.

Bob Madsen, Principal of Dixieland School came forward and acknowledged his staff and students for being a Title I Achieving School also.

➤ **MARC AWARDS**

Rachel Church, Vice-Principal of Monroe School presented awards to students who had participated in the Madera Area Reading Council Contest. The list of winners are:

1st-2nd Grade Division:

1st place -- Savaanah Garcia, 1st grade, Lincoln School, teacher, Mrs. Christiansen

2nd place -- Shahroz Ahmad, 2nd grade, John Adams School, teacher, Mrs. Devine

3rd-4th Grade Division:

1st place -- Moriah Rosales, 4th grade, James Madison School, teacher, Mrs. Burton

2nd place -- Abigail Hatanaka, 3rd grade, Alpha School, teacher, Mrs. Gambino

5th-6th Grade Division:

1st place -- Jamlah Dalie, 6th grade, Lincoln School, teacher, Mrs. Hansen

2nd place -- Saim Muhammad, 5th grade, Lincoln School, teacher, Mrs. Edwards

7th-8th Grade Division:

1st place -- Taylor Landeros, 7th grade, Thomas Jefferson Middle School, teacher, Mrs. Walsh

2nd place -- Juliet Ho, 7th grade, Thomas Jefferson Middle School, teacher, Mrs. Walsh

High School Division:

1st place -- Amber Iqbal, 11th grade, Madera High School, teacher, Mrs. Lancaster

2nd place -- Zunaira Shaukat, 11th grade, Madera High School, teacher, Mrs. Lizy

Superintendent Risinger recognized Public Information Officer Jake Bragonier for all that he does for our District and our schools. Mr. Risinger received a letter from a

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Madison School Teacher praising Mr. Bragonier for all of the help she had received from him in helping them recreate the California Gold Rush at their school site through the Gold Gulch Museum in Coarsegold. Mr. Risinger stated that the District is fortunate to have Mr. Bragonier on staff, and he said that people do not know the entire behind the scenes work that Mr. Bragonier does for us.

➤ **MADERA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD -
RECOGNITION BY CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION, CALIFORNIA MIDDLE GRADES ALLIANCE**

Superintendent Risinger presented a plaque to the Board of Education that he received on February 28, 2008 at an Appreciation and Recognition Luncheon for District Governance Leaders held in Sacramento that honored leaders that are providing outstanding support for middle grades education. Jack G. Desmond Middle School Principal Mike Lennemann was honored at that luncheon as well.

**8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – MOTION NO. 109-2007/08,
DOCUMENT NUMBERS 324-2007/08 THROUGH 330-2007/08,
INCLUDING COMMERCIAL WARRANTS – EXHIBIT “A”;
STAFFING CHANGES – EXHIBIT “B”;**

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

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

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

**8A1. APPROVAL OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2008 AND
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - CLOSED SESSION HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S
INTERVIEWS MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2008**

**8A2. RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF THE HOMETOWN HELPER GRANT APPLICATION
FOR DOCUMENTATION SYSTEM TO BE USED BY SCHOOL NURSES
DOCUMENT NO. 324-2007/08**

**8A3. RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF THE SPRINT GRANT APPLICATION TO PURCHASE
CHARACTER COUNTS CURRICULUM/PRODUCTS DOCUMENT NO. 325-2007/08**

**8A4. RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR THE KAISER PERMANENTE
GRANT TO PROVIDE CHRONIC DISEASE EDUCATION TO STAFF, STUDENTS, FAMILIES
AND COMMUNITY OF MADERA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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DOCUMENT NO. 326-2007/08

**8A5. APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT TO INCREASE SERVICES TO SPECIAL NEEDS PRESCHOOL AGE CHILDREN
DOCUMENT NO. 327-2007/08**

8A6. APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CSUF CENTER FOR INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP KIDS INVENT! AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AND BERENDA SCHOOL GATE STUDENTS DOCUMENT NO. 328-2007/08

8A7. 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: 201820, 503488, 501015, 967955, 403213, 17821, 17491, 966261 967484, 996379, 7349, 976749, 985193, AND 301546
CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT NO. 329-2007/08**

**8A8. APPROVAL OF COMMERCIAL WARRANT LISTING
DOCUMENT NO. 330-2007/08 EXHIBIT "A"**

8B1. HUMAN RESOURCES ITEMS – STAFFING – EXHIBIT “B” - MOTION NO. 109–2007/08

**8C. FIELD TRIP/EMPLOYEE CONFERENCE REQUESTS
DOCUMENT NO. 331-2007/08 EXHIBIT "C"**

The Board of Education appointed principals at Madera High and Madera South High School during Closed Session. Superintendent Risinger announced that Kent Albertson will be the new Principal at Madera High School, and Andy Beakes will be the new Principal at Madera South High School. Mr. Albertson is currently a vice-principal at Madera High School and Mr. Beakes is the Principal at John Adams School. Mr. Albertson addressed the Board and stated that he had a wide range of emotions right now, and the biggest one is excitement. He said that he is honored and fortunate to have this opportunity. Mr. Beakes addressed the Board and said that it's always a humbling experience when you've been entrusted with a program or school, and never more so than at this time. He said that he will honor the trust and will put forth his best effort for Madera South High School and the District. He is excited about graduating MSHS' first class next year.

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9. OLD BUSINESS

9A. SECOND READING AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LIFE SKILLS CURRICULUM AND CHARACTER COUNTS! CHARACTER EDUCATION PROGRAM MOTION NO. 110-2007/08, DOCUMENT NO. 332-2007/08

It was moved by Trustee Janzen, seconded by Trustee Garibay, and unanimously carried to approve the Life Skills Curriculum and Character Counts! Character Education Program.

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

9B. PRESENTATION OF FINAL ATTENDANCE AREA ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR MOTION NO. 111-2007/08, DOCUMENT NO. 333-2007/08

It was moved by Trustee Janzen, seconded by Trustee Goodwin, and unanimously carried to approve the Final Attendance Area Adjustments for the 2008-09 School Year.

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

9C. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CELL PHONE STIPENDS AND VACANT POSITIONS DOCUMENT NOS. 334 & 335-2007/08

After some review, the Board elected not to add the Cell Phone Stipends and Vacant Positions to the Budget Reductions Plan. However, they may be added at a later date, depending on the future state of the budget.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10A. FIRST READING OF TEXTBOOK ADOPTION RECOMMENDATION FOR CORE MATHEMATICS FOR GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 7 AND ALGEBRA I DOCUMENT NO. 336-2007/08

10B. APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED FACILITY NEEDS FOR 2008-09

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SCHOOL YEAR MOTION NO. 112-2007/08, DOCUMENT NO 337-2007/08

It was moved by Trustee Janzen, seconded by Trustee Garibay, and unanimously carried to approve the Recommended Facility Needs for 2008-09 School Year.

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

10C. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE 38 PORTABLES AT VARIOUS SCHOOL SITES AS PART OF THE STATE ALLOCATION BOARD'S PHASE-OUT PLAN FOR THE STATE RELOCATABLE CLASSROOM PROGRAM MOTION NO. 113-2007/08, DOCUMENT NO. 338-2007/08

It was moved by Trustee Janzen, seconded by Clerk/Trustee Westley, and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of 38 Portables at Various School Sites as part of the State Allocation Board's Phase-out Plan for the State Relocatable Classroom Program.

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

11. INFORMATION/REPORTS

11A. STANDARDS REPORT

There was none.

11B. BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS UPDATE

There was none.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Superintendent Risinger stated that the announcements were in the Board's weekly Newsletter that they receive.

13. MISCELLANEOUS

Trustee Adams would like MUSD staff to communicate some type of follow-up to the people that presented information regarding K-9 Security at the school sites at the

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October 23, 2007 and November 13, 2007 Board meetings. He would like follow-up with Kontraband Interdiction & Detection Services (K.I.D.S.), Inc. who presented on October 23, 2007, and with Lieutenant Salvador of the Madera County Sheriff's Department who presented on November 13, 2007.

14. ADVANCED PLANNING

President Seibert made the following announcement:

Next Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 8, 2008 - 7:00 p.m.

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

Board Workshop - Mission & Vision, Goals & Objectives

Wednesday, April 16, 2008 - 5:30 p.m.

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

15. SUGGESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Trustee Goodwin asked that staff look into what PG&E has available for grants regarding Solar Energy. Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations Kelly Porterfield will contact PG&E and report back to the Board with his findings.

16. ADJOURNMENT MOTION NO. 114-2007/08

President Seibert adjourned the Public Session at 8:43 p.m.

Fritz Ediger

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

Dated: March 25, 2008