

MINUTE RECORD OF: Madera Unified School District Board of Education

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON THE 8th DAY OF April, 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, April 8, 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

Courtney Norton, Madera High School, Student Board Representative
Rosa Regalado, Madera South High School, Student Board Representative

Absent:
Neddy Lopez, Madera 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

Joe Aiello, Athletic Director, Madera High School
Robert Arballo, Teacher, P.E., Madera South High School
Kimberly Bitter, Vice-Principal, Monroe School
Marty Bitter, Athletic Director, Madera South High School

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Kim Bondiotti, Principal, Lincoln School
Jesse Carrasco, Principal, Thomas Jefferson Middle School
Tom Chagoya, Principal, Monroe School
Arora Chavez, Principal, Eastin-Arcola School
John Denno, Coordinator, P.E. and Athletics
Marisa DiMauro, Director, Categorical Programs
Rosa Garcia, Administrative Assistant, P.E. and Music Departments
Jennifer Gaviola, Director, Special Services
Janet Grossnicklaus, Director, Curriculum, Assessment & Instruction
Allan Kristensen, Coordinator, Music
Mike Lennemann, Principal, Jack G. Desmond Middle School
Ron Pisk, Principal, Madera High School
Lupe Rodriguez, Director, Maintenance & Operations
Patsy Rodriguez, Clerk, Child Nutrition

Sue Thornton, MUTA President

Bill Coate, Madera Tribune
Bill Dawson, Round Table Pizza

There were approximately 60 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 7:01 p.m., and he reconvened the Regular Meeting by calling the Public Session to order at 7:06 p.m. President Seibert welcomed the visitors and he asked Clerk/Trustee Westley to lead the flag salute. President Seibert asked Pastor Bryan Shelley of Sunset Avenue Church of Christ to lead the invocation. President Seibert explained the rules governing the Board meeting. The meeting was recorded on Tape No. 16 –2007/08.

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

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

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – MOTION NO. 115–2007/08

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. Superintendent Risinger asked that we pull for separate discussion Agenda Item 8A9.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

6. STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Neddy Lopez, Madera High School Student Board Representative was absent. Courtney Norton gave an update of academic, athletic, and extracurricular activities taking place at Madera High School.

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

Virginia Foster Chadwick, Ph.D., Professor of Kinesiology at California State University, Fresno addressed the Board regarding keeping the P.E. Specialists at Madera Unified School District. She said that employers want workers strong enough to do the job, and strength comes from students who have P.E. every day. She also said that the health benefits of physical education are reason enough to provide quality physical education to our children.

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Tim Hamel, P.E. Options Coordinator, California State University Fresno addressed the Board representing the P.E. Specialists and John Denno of Madera Unified School District. Mr. Hamel referred to our Mission Statement which states that children should not be bound by their circumstances. He said that the budget cuts are a circumstance that will affect the children in Madera Unified. He read several letters from 4th and 5th grade students at Alpha School titled "What P.E. Means to Me". He asked the Board to consider the children before making the final budget cuts, specially cutting P.E. Specialists.

Julie Franich, 645 East Champlain, Fresno, California, School Nurse for MUSD addressed the Board regarding taking 10 days away from school nurses for budget reasons. She asked the Board to reconsider taking the 10 days away, and to consider all of the work that they do with the Special needs children, etc.

Tina Gonzalez, 17387 El Paso Road, Madera, California, School Nurse for MUSD addressed the Board regarding taking 10 days away from school nurses for budget reasons. She said that the nurses get kids moving. She also said that the nurse's work many days before school starts, and after school is out. She asked the Board to reconsider taking the 10 days away. She also gave the Board a hand out of the Bargaining Agreement between MUTA and MUSD showing the amount of days to be worked by school nurses.

Mauricio Sanchez, 25823 Roxbury Drive, Madera, California is a custodian at Ripperdan High school. He said that his job is being cut. He asked what he should do to keep his job because he needs this job. Superintendent Risinger asked Mr. Stehman, Director of Human Resources to contact Mr. Sanchez.

Kelly Valmonte, 5848 West Menlo Avenue, Fresno, California teaches P.E. at Madera South High School, and she was pink slipped this year. She said that P.E. is for kids and children need P.E. at a young age. She asked the Board to reconsider cutting her position.

Kimberly Johnson, 436 West Alamos, Clovis, California addressed the Board regarding cutting the P.E. Specialists. She stated that she has had the same students for 3 years, and these students rely on her. She also said that the P.E. Specialists help students stay on top of obesity, diabetes, and they teach the children about proper nutrition. She asked the Board to please reconsider cutting the P.E. Specialists.

7B. STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION

➤ Spirit of Sport Awards -- John Denno, Coordinator, PE & Athletics

Joe Aiello, Athletic Director for Madera High School presented the following awards to his Model Coaches: Rita Herghlian, and Joe Romine. His Spirit of Sport Awards went

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to Julia Palacios and Amarjit Masuta.

Marty Bitter, Athletic Director for Madera South High School presented the following awards to his Model Coaches: Robert Arballo and Sheila Kamps. His Spirit of Sport awards went to Lewis Padraza and Bianca Garcia.

John Aldrich, Athletic Director for Jack G. Desmond Middle School presented the following awards to his Model Coaches: Noel Jimenez and Sabrina Rodriguez. His Spirit of Sport awards went to Naomi Martin and Antonio Vidal Gomez.

Alexander Smith, Athletic Director at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School presented the following awards to his Model Coaches: Juan Blanco and Stanley Harris. His Spirit of Sport awards went to Josue Hernandez and Alicia Pantoja.

Scott McKinney, Athletic Director at Thomas Jefferson Middle School presented the following awards to his Model Coaches: Mike Roblee and Ray Montagna. His Spirit of Sports awards went to Kelsee Montagna, and Eric Mendoza.

John Denno, Coordinator of P.E. & Athletics for Madera Unified thanked all of the Athletic Directors and student athletes.

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – MOTION NO. 116-2007/08, DOCUMENT NUMBERS 339-2007/08 THROUGH 346-2007/08, AND RESOLUTION NO. 61-2007/08 - INCLUDING COMMERCIAL WARRANTS – EXHIBIT “A”; STAFFING CHANGES – EXHIBIT “B”;

It was moved by Trustee Janzen, seconded by Trustee Clerk/Westley, 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 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2008

8A2. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 61-2007/08 -- APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY BUDGET AND EXPENSE TRANSFER REPORTS RESOLUTION NO. 61-2007/08

**8A3. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 29, 2008 FINANCIAL REPORT
DOCUMET NO. 339-2007/08**

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8A4. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 29, 2008 STUDENT BODY STATEMENT OF CLUB TRUST ACCOUNTS DOCUMENT NO. 340-2007/08

8A5. APPROVAL TO CONTRACT WITH SCHOOL FACILITY CONSULTANTS TO CONDUCT OUR REQUIRED DEVELOPER FEE SCHOOL FACILITY NEEDS ANALYSIS DOCUMENT NO. 341-2007/08

8A6. APPROVAL TO AMEND AN EXISTING APPROVED CONTRACT WITH FOLLETT SOFTWARE COMPANY TO PROVIDE A LIBRARY SYSTEM THAT WILL EXPAND THE SERVICE TO GRADES 9-12 DOCUMENT NO. 342-2007/08

8A7. APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MADERA COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS - AB212/CARES FOR MADERA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT STATE PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM DOCUMENT NO. 343-2007/08

8A8. 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: 16183, 985910, 301924, 976095, 17183, 7349, 967484, 977141, 6449, 8218, 3194, 402287, 955793, 986202 AND 402350
CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT NO. 344-2007/08**

**8A9. APPROVAL OF COMMERCIAL WARRANT LISTING
MOTION NO. 117-2007/08, DOCUMENT NO. 345-2007/08 EXHIBIT "A"
PULLED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION - DISCUSSED AFTER ITEM 8C**

8B1. HUMAN RESOURCES ITEMS – STAFFING – EXHIBIT “B” - MOTION NO. 116–2007/08

**8C. FIELD TRIP/EMPLOYEE CONFERENCE REQUESTS
DOCUMENT NO. 346-2007/08**

ITEM 8A9 DISCUSSED HERE. ERROR ON TOTALS (PAGES 80 & 81 IN BOARD PACKET) MOTION NO. 117-2007/08, DOCUMENT NO. 345-2007/08

John Stafford, Chief Academic Officer, introduced Darren Sylvia, who will be taking Mr. Stafford's place as Chief Academic Officer when Mr. Stafford becomes Superintendent on July 1, 2008. Mr. Stafford said that Mr. Sylvia brings a wealth of experiences that he thinks are really going to benefit our District. He said that Mr. Sylvia is immersed in the same kind of development of professional learning communities that we have been for the last two years. He also said that we have a

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great team of people here at Madera Unified and he believes that Mr. Sylvia is going to push us all to a higher level of excellence.

9. OLD BUSINESS

9A. NONE

10. NEW BUSINESS

**10A. APPROVAL OF THE QUARTERLY REPORT ON WILLIAMS
UNIFORM COMPLAINTS FOR JANUARY 1, 2008 TO MARCH 31,
2008
MOTION NO. 118-2007/08, DOCUMENT NO. 347-2007/08**

**It was moved by Trustee Janzen, seconded by Trustee Adams, and
unanimously carried to approve the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform
Complaints for January 1, 2008 to March 31, 2008.**

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

**10B. APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH ATHLETIC FOUNDATION - FAN
(FOUNDATION OF HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC NEEDS)
MOTION NO. 119-2007/08, DOCUMENT NO. 348-2007/08**

**It was moved by Trustee Adams, seconded by Clerk/Trustee Westley, and
unanimously carried to establish Athletic Foundation - FAN (Foundation of High
School Athletic Needs).**

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

11. INFORMATION/REPORTS

**11A. 2007-08 2ND INTERIM REPORT FOR SHERMAN THOMAS AND
EZEQUIEL TAFOYA CHARTER SCHOOLS**

**11B. STANDARDS REPORT -- CORE CURRICULUM -- JOHN DENNO
DOCUMENT NO. 349-2007/08**

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11C. BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS UPDATE -- NO REPORT
12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Adams stated that he had attended the Madera South High School presentation "The Baker's Wife", and said that it outstanding job well done by our High School students. It involves ROP, instrumental and choral students.

13. MISCELLANEOUS

Trustee Goodwin said that she visited the Weight Room at Madera High School and she observed that there was no cleaning station for the weight equipment. She asked the students how the equipment was cleaned and the students replied that they use their shirts. Trustee Goodwin would like to have a printed cleaning protocol available at all of the stations, and make sure that it is implemented. Her concern is that Methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) is showing up in High Schools around the country. This is a "staph" bacteria that is resistant to penicillin as well as some other common antibiotics. MRSA commonly causes skin infections that may look like spider bites, infected turf burns, impetigo, boils or abscesses. It is spread by touching the infection/drainage or by touching surfaces that have come in contact with the infection/drainage. MRSA can stay on surfaces for weeks.

She also observed the Madera High School swim team and noticed many were sunburned. She would like to see them use sun screen.

14. ADVANCED PLANNING

President Seibert made the following announcement:

Board Workshop - Review of Mission and Vision -- Development of Goals and Objectives
Wednesday, April 16, 2008 - 5:30 p.m. (changed time of Workshop to 5:00 p.m.)
Madera Unified School District Boardroom - 1902 Howard Road, Madera, CA. 93637

Next Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 22, 2008 - 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. 120-2007/08

President Seibert adjourned the Public Session at 8:52 p.m.

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Fritz Ediger

Dated: April 8, 2008

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