

MINUTE RECORD OF: Madera Unified School District Board of Education

REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON THE 26th DAY OF August, 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, August 26, 2008**, at 6:30 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

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
Sam Armentrout, Director, Transportation
Andy Beakes, Principal, Madera South High School
Jesse Carrasco, Principal, Thomas Jefferson Middle School
Arora Chavez, Vice-Principal, Madera High School
Carsten Christiansen, Principal, Alpha School
Rosalind Cox, Director, Facilities Planning and New Construction
Marisa Di Mauro, Director, Categorical Programs
Jennifer Gaviola, Director, Special Services
Janet Grossnicklaus, Director, Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction
Dan Lindstrom, Principal, Adult and Community Education
Jeff Smith, Supervisor, Transportation

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Sue Thornton, MUTA President

Bill Coate, Madera Tribune

Roger Leach, Director, Sherman Thomas Charter School

Tera Napier, Principal, Sherman Thomas Charter School

There were approximately 50 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 6:30 p.m. and immediately adjourned to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(b), 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 Seibert adjourned the Closed Session at 7:24 p.m., and he reconvened the Regular Meeting by calling the Public Session to order at 7:27 p.m. President Seibert welcomed the visitors and he asked Trustee Adams to lead the flag salute. President Seibert asked Pastor Roger Leach of Valley West Christian Center to lead the invocation. President Seibert explained the rules governing the Board meeting. The meeting was recorded on Tape No. 3–2008/09.

**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. 12–2008/09

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

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

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	Seibert
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstained:	None

6. STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Michael Bravo, Madera South High School Student Board Representative, gave an update of academic, athletic, and extracurricular activities occurring at MSHS.

Rebecca Ayala, Madera High School Student Board Representative, gave an update of academic, athletic, and extracurricular activities occurring at MHS.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

7A. PUBLIC HEARING

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

Mrs. Arora Chavez translated for each of these speakers except Norma Cantu.

Raquel Sanchez, 103 Lynn Way, Madera, California addressed the Board on behalf of the students at Nishimoto School. She said that the children are getting home extremely tired from walking home. Ms. Sanchez said that they are getting to school tired, not ready to learn because they have to walk to school. She then thanked the Board for listening.

Jose Vega, 125 Josephine, Madera, California. He stated that he is here for the same reason as Ms. Sanchez. The children are tired from walking, and he has issues with the school district. He said that he has to work late too, so they do not have the opportunity to drive the children to school, so the students are really exhausted. He thanked the Board for listening.

Jose Cortez, 1412 North "D" Street, Madera, California. He said that he has three children that attend Nishimoto School and he hopes that we will reinstate the buses because he has the same issues as the other parents. His children have to walk to school and he cannot transport them. He also said the rainy season is coming and he hopes that at least they would put in sidewalks for the kids to walk on. It will be very muddy for them to walk to school. He thanked the Board for listening.

Consuelo Vega, 1404 Sonora Street, Madera, California. She said that she is at the meeting on behalf of the kids from Nishimoto, and as a mother she is not able to take her child to school and the kids have to walk. She said that there are children that are in Kindergarten that are walking with siblings that are just a little bit older than them.

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Ms. Vega said there is a lot of traffic while the kindergarteners are walking. She said that with the weather, the heat right now, the kids get home drenched in sweat, crying and just irritated. She said thank you.

Jesus Quintero, 215 Lynn Way, Madera, California. He said that the reason that he is here is the same reason as the rest of the parents. His concerns deal with transportation. He said it is difficult in the household to take them to school, especially since there is only one car in the family. He said that it is very dangerous for the kids walking to Nishimoto. He said that there is a lot of traffic in that area and makes it dangerous for the children. He said that the concern is that you are putting the kids in danger when they are walking. There are no sidewalks, and there could easily be an accident. He said basically that is all he wanted to say, and thanked the Board for listening.

Norma Cantu, 218 Lynn Way, Madera, California. She told the Board that as the previous parents had mentioned, it is one mile for a lot of the students to walk, and that is a very long way for students to walk. She said that her son is in the 4th grade and very responsible, and she has no problem with him walking to and from school. But, she said, as the others have mentioned, there are no sidewalks on both sides of the street, and right now the weather is fine, but we have dust blowing on everyone, and as has been mentioned, there are a lot of parents with strollers. These people have children at Nishimoto, but then there are the Junior High students and parents that come early to pick up their children, so they're all parked along the side of the road, so it's just a very dangerous situation. She said that last year some of our kids did ride the bus, but some came 20-30 minutes later because there were too many students on the bus, so they had to wait for the second session (bus), so that tells you how many students there are. There are no upper grades; the 5th and 6th graders don't even get on the bus, so it's a very unsafe place. She said it's sad because it is a fairly new school, and everything is great. But, if you had sidewalks for us to walk on, as was mentioned earlier, the rainy season, the fog wouldn't be so bad. The preschool is over there she said, so you do see toddlers, and everyone all bundled up. So, you're talking a mile going to school, waking up at 7:00 a.m., starting on the road, getting to school and falling asleep in kindergarten and preschool in the classroom because they're exhausted, and then going back again, the same thing, so that's two miles for a 5 year old. That's a long way, she said. She asked the Board to please really consider all of these parents concerns. Ms. Cantu then shared her concerns in Spanish for the Spanish speaking only people in the audience.

Sue Thornton, MUTA President, 220 Autumn Drive, Madera, California. She just wanted to thank the District. She said that she came to the District last spring with a list of names of temporary teachers who had not found a home yet and most of these teachers have by now, she stated. She gave the Board a copy that indicated where the teacher was last year and where they have been placed this year. Trustee Adams asked Ms. Thornton if there were any permanent teachers that had to transfer to a different school that were replaced by temporary teachers. Ms. Thornton answered

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not in exactly that time fashion. She said that there might be permanent teachers that aren't at the school that they wanted to be, and a temporary may have ended up there, that is a possibility. She said that has happened these last few days. She said that they had just moved four teachers because the enrollment was not where they thought it would be. She said that everybody was in their slots and certain schools had to lose a teacher, so it may not have been exactly where the teacher wanted to be. Trustee Adams said that his question was if he was at Washington and because they needed to release some teachers, they would send him to Monroe and in the meantime Washington got a temporary back. Ms. Thornton said that this is possible. Mr. Stehman concurred that this indeed did happen. Ms. Thornton said it's not a perfect world. Mr. Stehman said that unfortunately, due to enrollment circumstances, that can happen. Ms. Thornton said that one of the things that we have agreed to is that after August 1st we don't do any more voluntary transfers, and that's so that we don't have a domino effect of one teacher moves and then another moves. She said that there is agreement that this is in the best interest of the students.

Superintendent Stafford asked Mrs. Arora Chavez to translate this statement for Spanish speaking only people in our audience. He also thanked Mrs. Chavez for translating for us this evening. The statement was:

To the parents who came tonight to talk about the bus situation at Nishimoto, we do want to say that the reason that we changed the bus routes was due to budget cuts that we had to consider as a District. The State has yet to pass a budget, and they are way over due. But should they pass a budget and a budget would allow us to do that, we would look at all of our cuts, and the bus route situation would be one that we would look at. He also said that he appreciates their concern.

Mrs. Chavez then translated this statement for the audience.

7B. STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION

There were none.

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – MOTION NO. 13-2008/09, DOCUMENT NUMBERS 67-2008/09 THROUGH 74-2008/09, AND RESOLUTION NUMBER 4-2008/09 INCLUDING COMMERCIAL WARRANTS – EXHIBIT “A”; STAFFING CHANGES – EXHIBIT “B”;

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

Ayes:	Trustees Adams, 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 AUGUST 13, 2008

**8A2. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 4-2008/09 AS PART OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS WHEN APPLYING FOR FUNDING TO THE LOWER-EMISSION SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM RETROFIT COMPONENT HEAVY-DUTY ENGINE PROGRAM
RESOLUTION NO. 4-2008/09**

**8A3. APPROVAL TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT FOR THE LOWER-EMISSION SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM RETROFIT COMPONENT HEAVY-DUTY ENGINE PROGRAM
DOCUMENT NO. 67-2008/09**

8A4. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS:

- DONATION OF \$2,996.59 TO LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND \$2,996.58 TO DIXIELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR STUDENT FIELD TRIPS; MADE BY THE CARLES BECKETT FOR SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE
- DONATION OF \$500.00 TO HOWARD SCHOOL FOR BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS; MADE BY THE HOWARD COMMUNITY CLUB

DOCUMENT NO. 68-2008/09

8A5. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR MOUNTAIN VISTA CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOL MODERNIZATION PROJECT DOCUMENT NO. 69-2008/09

**8A6. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL SITE PLANS FOR CESAR CHAVEZ AND DIXIELAND SCHOOLS
DOCUMENT NOS. 70-71-2008/09**

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: 976998, 603138, 17078, 967437, 956581, 965538, 200195, 996091, AND A-2008/09 CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT NO. 72-2008/09

**8A8. APPROVAL OF COMMERCIAL WARRANT LISTING DOCUMENT NO. 73-2008/09
EXHIBIT "A"**

8B1. HUMAN RESOURCES ITEMS – STAFFING – EXHIBIT “B” - MOTION NO. 13–2008/09

**8C. FIELD TRIP/EMPLOYEE CONFERENCE REQUESTS - ATHLETIC
COMPETITION SCHEDULES FOR MADERA SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL 2008
DOCUMENT NO. 74-2008/09**

9. OLD BUSINESS

9A. NONE

10. NEW BUSINESS

**10A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SHERMAN THOMAS CHARTER HIGH
SCHOOL MOTION NO. 14-2008/09 DOCUMENT NO. 73-2008/09**

**It was moved by Trustee Janzen, seconded by Trustee Adams, and carried
unanimously to approve the Sherman Thomas Charter High School.**

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

The current administration and staff members at Sherman Thomas Charter School have developed a concept of a hybrid independent study Charter High School. Students would receive direct instruction for two days per week, which would be backed up with independent study curriculum.

Roger Leach, Director of Sherman Thomas Charter School stated that the Charter High School would also involve curriculum geared toward community-based projects.

Mr. Leach stated the goal is to have the Charter High School started in August 2009 with an enrollment of approximately 50 students.

11. INFORMATION/REPORTS

**11A. DISCUSSION OF MOVING THE SMALL FRY PROGRAM FROM
HOWARD SCHOOL TO FURMAN/ADULT ED SITE, AND USING
VACANT PORTABLE AT HOWARD SCHOOL AS A COMMUNITY
DAY SCHOOL DOCUMENT NO. 74-2008/09**

Information was presented regarding the District's plans to move the Small Fry program, currently located at Howard School, onto the Furman High/Adult Education site.

Madera Unified's long-range facilities forecast would be to then move a much-needed

Community Day School into the facility at Howard which currently houses the Small Fry program.

The Small Fry program is utilized by pre-kindergarten students and requires a level of parent participation.

A Community Day School is utilized by students expelled from the District. Once expelled, these students are being transferred to a program coordinated by the Madera County Office of Education. However, MCOE is unable to provide these students with requisite programs.

The Board directed staff to continue to develop a plan to implement the Small Fry/Community Day School transition.

11B. STANDARDS REPORT

Kathleen Lopes, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services addressed the Board to let them know that hopefully the State will be releasing their data at the end of this week. At the next Board meeting she will go over the new API and AYP data that will be released.

Superintendent Stafford congratulated all staff and schools for a great opening of the school year. He said that we had some challenges with some classes bulging, and we're still working on those, but the staff at all of the school sites, and staff at District Office have been working hard to resolve those situations just as quickly as we can. He said that he wanted to commend everyone for a job well done this year.

11C. BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS UPDATE

Kelly Porterfield, Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations gave a brief update on enrollment. He said that we are 176 students below CBEDs projections at this point. He also let the Board know that he meets weekly or daily, depending on the circumstances, with his staff to go over staffing/enrollment issues as they arise.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

13. MISCELLANEOUS

There were no items.

14. ADVANCED PLANNING

President Seibert made the following announcement:

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Next Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 9, 2008 - 7:00 p.m.

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15. SUGGESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

16. ADJOURNMENT MOTION NO. 15-2008/09

President Seibert adjourned the Public Session at 8:50 p.m.

Fritz Ediger

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

Dated: August 26, 2008