

**MINUTE RECORD of Madera Unified School District Board of Education
REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON THE 13th DAY OF APRIL, 2010**

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 13, 2010**, at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Philip D. Janzen, President

Robert E. Garibay, Clerk

Ricardo Arredondo, Trustee

Loraine Goodwin, Trustee

Michael Salvador, Trustee

Ray G. Seibert, Trustee

Michael H. Westley, Trustee

Denisse Frayre, Student Board Representative, Madera South High School

Anthony Chavez, Student Board Representative, Madera High School

John R. Stafford, Superintendent

Kelly Porterfield, Associate Superintendent, Business and Operations

Deborah A. Wood, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services

Jake Bragonier, Public Information Officer

Teri Bradshaw, Director, Fiscal Services

Jerry Stehman, Director, Human Resources

Robert Chavez, Chief Academic Officer

Darren Sylvia, Chief Academic Officer

Janet Morgan, Senior Administrative Assistant

Rosalind Cox, Director, Facilities, Planning and Construction Management

Sherri DeFina, Principal, Sierra Vista Elementary

Barbara Gonzalez, Director, Purchasing

Marisa DiMauro, Director, Categorical Programs

Jennifer Gaviola, Director, Special Education

Alma DeLuna, ELD Coordinator

Jeff Smith, Supervisor, Transportation

Carsten Christiansen, Principal, Alpha Elementary

Janet Grossnicklaus, Director, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Paul VanLoon, Principal, Martin Luther King Middle School

Tom Chagoya, Principal, Monroe Elementary

Rachel Church, Principal, Millview Elementary

Mike Lennemann, Principal, Desmond Middle School

Sandon Schwartz, Principal, Pershing Elementary

Robert Amaro, Attendance Officer

Andy Beakes, Principal, Madera South High School

Raul Lozano, Principal, Nishimoto Elementary

Kent Albertson, Principal, Madera High School

Lisa Fernandez, Principal, Berenda Elementary

Danene Guglielmana, Vice Principal, Pershing Elementary

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Babette Jaire, MUTA President

There were approximately 400 visitors/District employees in attendance.

1. Call to Order of Public Meeting – Closed Session Immediately Convened

President Janzen called the Public Session of the Board of Education to order at 5:30 p.m. and immediately adjourned to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Sections 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 Janzen adjourned the Closed Session at 7:05 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting by calling the Public Session to order at 7:10 p.m. President Janzen welcomed the visitors and asked Trustee Seibert to lead the flag salute. President Janzen asked Pastor Roger Leach of Valley West Christian Center to lead the invocation. President Janzen explained the rules governing the Board meeting. The meeting was recorded on Audio File No. 18-2009/10.

4. Closed Session Reportable Actions (Government Code Section 54957.1)

Superintendent Stafford announced there were no reportable Closed Session actions.

5. Adoption of Agenda – Motion No. 117-2009-10

President Janzen 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.

Trustee Seibert asked for Item 8A3 to be pulled for separate discussion.

It was moved by Trustee Salvador, seconded by Clerk Garibay, and unanimously carried to adopt the Agenda as amended.

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

6. Student Board Representative Report

Anthony Chavez, standing in for Karmen Kaur, Student Board Representative, Madera High School and Denisse Frayre, Student Board Representative, Madera South High School each presented highlights of activities taking place at their respective school sites

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7. Communications

7A. Public Hearing

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

The following people came to the podium:

- Mr. Mora (?), 29184 Avenue 16 ¼ addressed his concerns about the prison site proposed by the county and would like to know the position of the Madera Unified Trustees on this issue.
- Gina Alcott, 22585 Avenue 18 ¾, Madera addressed the issue of PG&E savings due to purchasing power from another source. Mrs. Alcott would like to see the savings used to keep Dixieland open.
- Tom Ebersole, Boy Scout Troup 331 Leader announced two students in his Troup were present this evening to earn their community service merit badge.
- unidentified male spoke against the proposed transportation cuts.
- Nancy Gage, teacher at Dixieland, asked for explanation about item 8A3 which was pulled from the agenda for separate discussion and addressed the PG&E savings issue.
- Kathy Horn, Dixieland teacher addressed the issue of parents unable to attend meetings because of transportation issues and lack of internet access to learn about meetings.
- Mark _____, Fairfield Drive, Madera; addressed low GPAs for students moving from 8th grade to 9th grade and suggested that the schools promoting those low GPA students should be the schools that are closed rather than Dixieland.
- Martha Simpson, 717 ____ Drive, addressed the issue of increasing class size.
- Greg Mazon, 18765 Avenue 17, Dixieland parent, spoke against closing Dixieland and shared an incident where his child was choking and Mr. Mazon needed to get to the school quickly.
- Mrs. Petty, 216 South O Street, spoke about cuts being too close to the children.
- Luis Ceja, 956 Drysdale Road, addressed the issue of the proposed prison being built too close to school sites.

7B. Student and Staff Recognition

Citi Donation to Madera High AVID - \$10,000

Purple Pyramid 600 Club Recognition

Students from the following schools were recognized:

Alpha Elementary, Berenda Elementary, Pershing Elementary, Millview Elementary, Monroe Elementary, Sierra Vista Elementary, Desmond Middle School and Martin Luther King Middle School

8. Approval of Consent Agenda – Motion No. 118-2009/10

Document Numbers 243-2009/10 through 253-2009/10

Resolution Numbers 53-2009/10 through 56-2009/10

Commercial Warrants, Exhibit A

Staffing Changes, Exhibit B

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Field Trip/Employee Conference Requests, Exhibit C

It was moved by Trustee Seibert, seconded by Trustee Westley, and unanimously carried to Approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

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

Item 8A3 was discussed here.

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 23, 2010

8A2. Ratification of Resolution No. 53-2009/2010 Budget and Expense Transfers
RESOLUTION NO. 53-2009/10

8A3. Request Ratification of Resolution No. 54-2009/2010 Finding the Closure of Dixieland School Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act

Kelly Porterfield addressed Trustee Seibert's request for an explanation of this item. The filing of an exemption is required by law when a school is being closed. It was clarified that the filing of this exemption in no way finalizes the closure of Dixieland nor does it impact the board's ability to remove it from the budget reductions list at a later date, if it chooses to do so.

It was moved by Trustee Westley seconded by Trustee Goodwin, and unanimously carried to Ratify Resolution No. 54-2009/2010

Ayes: Trustees Arredondo, Goodwin, Salvador, Seibert, Westley, Clerk Garibay, and President Janzen

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

**MOTION NO. 119-2009/10
RESOLUTION NO. 54-2009/10**

8A4. Ratification of Resolution No. 55-2009/2010 Finding the Closure of Ripperdan and Mountain Vista Continuation High Schools Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act

RESOLUTION NO. 55-2009/10

8A5. Ratification of Resolution No. 56-2009/2010 Establish Clearing Account in General Fund 01

RESOLUTION NO. 56-2009/10

8A6. Accept the following Donations:

- A donation in the amount of \$1,000 from Greater Madera County Industrial Association (GMCIA) to Madera High School for the Robotics Program

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- A donation of \$130 in cash and \$921 in playground balls, ropes, and miscellaneous goods from the Central California Regional Obesity Prevention Program, designated as “Wellness”.

DOCUMENT NO. 243-2009/10

- 8A7.** Approval of updated Transportation Services Agreement with Community Action Partnership of Madera County (CAPMC) to provide school bus maintenance, repair services and fuel purchase commencing April 1, 2010

DOCUMENT NO. 244-2009/10

- 8A8.** Approval of Change Order #3 for the Madera South High School Aquatic Complex Project

DOCUMENT NO. 245-2009/10

- 8A9.** Approval to enter into an Agreement with School Facility Consultants to analyze the District’s New Construction Eligibility

DOCUMENT NO. 246-2009/10

- 8A10.** Approval of Consultant Services Agreement between Madera Unified School District and Data Works for EDI Lesson Coaching at Monroe Elementary for the period from May 6, 2010 through June 30, 2010

DOCUMENT NO. 247-2009/10

- 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: 11469, 975061, 402887, 977777, 6388, 997484, 17855, 202873, 11475, 17972, 8471, 996534, 7279, 977975, 987193, 12262, 503025, 200781, 17277, 302541, 16844, 402356 and 2482

CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT NO. 248-2009/10

- 8A12.** Approval of the February 28, 2010 Financial Report

DOCUMENT NO. 249-2009/10

- 8A13.** Approval of the February 28, 2010 Student Body Statement of Club Trust Accounts

DOCUMENT NO. 250-2009/10

- 8A14.** Approval of Commercial Warrant Listing

DOCUMENT NO. 251-2009/10

8B. Human Resources Items

- 8B1.** Approval of Staffing Changes and Coaches

DOCUMENT NO. 252-2009/10

- 8C.** Approval of Field Trip/Employee Conference Requests

DOCUMENT NO. 253-2009/10

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9. Old Business

- 9A.** Ratification of Resolution No. 52-2009/2010 for a Potential Early Retirement Incentive program between Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) and Madera Unified School District

Associate Superintendent Kelly Porterfield presented an overview of this item for the Board and emphasized that staff was recommending offering PARS only to certificated non-management personnel. Clarifying questions asked by the board were addressed by Mr. Porterfield.

It was moved by Trustee Salvador, seconded by Trustee Goodwin, and unanimously carried to Ratify Resolution No. 52-2009/2010

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

**MOTION NO. 120-2009/10
RESOLUTION NO. 52-2009/10**

10. New Business

- 10A.** First Reading of 2010/2011 Student Enrollment Projections and Associated Attendance Area Adjustments

Kelly Porterfield provided an introduction to this item and reviewed student enrollment projections. Details of the proposed attendance area adjustments were provided by Rosalind Cox.

Mr. Porterfield addressed the issue of high school transportation. Rather than eliminating high school transportation altogether a consolidated service scenario was presented.

The Board asked clarifying questions and requested more detail about the proposed transportation routes for high school students.

This item will be brought back for approval at the April 27th Board Meeting.

- 10B.** Approval of Valenzuela/CAHSEE Lawsuit Settlement Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for January through March 2010

Jerry Stehman reported there were no complaints filed for the period from January through March 2010.

It was moved by Trustee Seibert, seconded by Trustee Goodwin, and unanimously carried to Approve the Valenzuela/CAHSEE Lawsuit Settlement Quarterly Report for January through March 2010.

Ayes: Trustees Arredondo, Goodwin, Salvador, Seibert, Westley, Clerk Garibay and President Janzen

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Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstained: None

MOTION NO. 121-2009/10
DOCUMENT NO. 254-2009/10

11. Information and Reports

**11A. 2009/2010 Second Interim Report for Sherman Thomas and Ezequeil Tafoya
Alvarado Charter Schools**

Teri Bradshaw provided an overview of the Second Interim Report.

Dr. Retana and Dr. Martinez answered clarifying questions from the board.
Dr. Retana also informed the board that ETAA intends to apply for a general waiver from the California Department of Education which provides exemption to the deferral of the principal apportionment payments for 2009/10.

The board commended Dr. Retana and his staff for their continued efforts in improving the quality of education in this charter school.

11B. Educational Services Report

Associate Superintendent Deborah Wood introduced Jennifer Gaviola, Director of Special Services who reported on Early Literacy Data/Intervention - DIBELS

Clarifying questions were asked by the board and community members.

11C. Business and Operations Update

There was no update this evening.

12. Announcements

Superintendent Stafford reported on attending a performance of *Romeo and Juliet* presented by Madera High School drama students. Madera Arts Council hosted the event which was a fundraiser for their first grade arts program.

Trustee Goodwin reminded those present that April is Autism Awareness Month and there are several events taking place in and around Madera. Mr. Stafford added that Jennifer Gaviola and her team were out early this past Friday morning at 11 school sites and the District Office selling Autism Awareness Month pins and providing information along with free coffee and donuts to those that stopped by. Mrs. Gaviola added that there will be an Autism Awareness night for parents next Thursday night in the District Office with Dr. Dennis Unruh as the speaker. Flyers announcing this event are out and will be provided to the board in Friday's packet.

13. Miscellaneous

13A. Board Member Committee and Information Reports

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Trustee Salvador reported that he appeared at a community meeting this past Saturday regarding high school bus transportation where he met several parents who expressed their concerns. Trustee Salvador also explained the financial position of the district.

14. Advanced Planning

President Janzen made the following announcement:

Next Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Martin Luther King Middle School Cafeteria – 601 Lilly, Madera, California 93638

15. Suggested Future Agenda Items

- Trustee Goodwin asked to have a Cell Phone Policy regarding staff use while driving.
- Trustee Salvador would like to have Agenda OnLine brought back for final disposition.
- Trustee Arredondo asked for staff to provide information about the impact of the proposed prison facility at the next board meeting. Trustee Salvador suggested inviting the Director of Corrections to the board meeting.

Superintendent Stafford took a moment to recognize Allan Kristensen for his work with the Madera Arts Council on their First Grade Arts program.

16. Adjournment – Motion No. 122-2009/10

President Janzen adjourned the Public Session at 9:42 p.m.



Janet Morgan, Senior Administrative Assistant
to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees

Dated: April 13, 2010