

**MINUTE RECORD of Madera Unified School District Board of Education
REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON THE 25th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2011**

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, October 25, 2011**, at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Robert E. Garibay, President
Ricardo Arredondo, Clerk

Lynn Cogdill, Trustee
Jose Rodriguez, Trustee
Michael Salvador, Trustee
Maria Velarde-Garcia, Trustee

Absent: Ray G. Seibert, Trustee

Azka Fayyaz, Student Board Representative, Madera High School
Cristal Rivera, Student Board Representative, Madera South High School

Gustavo Balderas, 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
Mike Lennemann, Director, Human Resources
Robert Chavez, Chief Academic Officer
Julia Reese, Chief Academic Officer
Janet Morgan, Senior Administrative Assistant

Hilda Garnica, Translator
Omar Jeronimo, Principal, Parkwood Elementary
Kent Albertson, Principal, Madera High School
Paul van Loon, Director of Special Services
Brett Moglia, Security Supervisor
Kliff Justesen, Principal, Dixieland Elementary
Barbara Gonzalez, Director of Purchasing and Warehouse, Interim Director of Transportation
Janet Grossnicklaus, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
Rosalind Cox, Director of Facilities Construction and Management
Marisa DiMauro, Director of Categorical Programs
Marcus Sosa, Director of Student Services
Carles Becket, Interim Principal, Lincoln Elementary
Sandon Schwartz, Principal, Madera South High School
Lupe Rodriguez, Director of Maintenance and Operations
Sabrina Rodriguez, Principal, Martin Luther King Middle School
Alma DeLuna, Director of English Learners

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Kathy Horn, MUTA President
Danna Petty, CSEA President

There were approximately 60 visitors/District employees in attendance.

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

President Garibay 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, Acknowledgement of Visitors and Media, and Invocation

President Garibay adjourned the Closed Session at 6:50 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting by calling the Public Session to order at 7:01 p.m. President Garibay welcomed the visitors and asked Trustee Salvador to lead the flag salute. President Garibay asked Pastor Mark Lacaze of Grace Community Church to lead the invocation. President Garibay explained the rules governing the Board meeting. The meeting was recorded on Audio File No. 07-2011/12.

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

Superintendent Balderas announced there were no reportable Closed Session actions.

5. Adoption of Agenda – Motion No. 61-2011/12

President Garibay 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.

President Garibay asked that Item 8A7 and Item 8A10 be pulled for separate vote.

It was moved by Trustee Salvador, seconded by Trustee Velarde-Garcia, and carried by majority to adopt the Agenda as amended.

Ayes:	Trustees Cogdill, Rodriguez, Salvador, Velarde-Garcia, Clerk Arredondo and President Garibay
Noes:	None
Absent:	Trustee Seibert
Abstained:	None

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6. Student Board Representative Report

Cristal Rivera Student Board Representative for Madera South High School and Azka Fayyaz Student Board Representative for Madera High School each presented highlights of activities at their respective school sites.

7. Communications

7A. Public Hearing

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

- Danna Petty CSEA President; informed the Board that she sent an email to them and District Office administrators today regarding the rights of employee Mary Jane Falcon; Ms. Petty then introduced Petty Officer Mary Jane Falcon and explained that for the second time Ms. Falcon's vacation and sick leave have been depleted after a tour of duty. Mary Jane also spoke about her job with MUSD and her duties when she is deployed and stated she will be leaving for Afghanistan soon. Her vacation and sick leave were reinstated the first time this happened and she feels it should be again.
- Renee Marshall, CSEA Chief Job Steward; spoke in support of military employees and feels Ms. Falcon's sick leave and vacation should be reinstated.
- Kathy Horn MUTA President; commented that there are still issues with parent/teacher conference week – they want a full week; spoke again about the kinder program – kinder classes are up to 32 students; attended AGB today at Alpha; looking at health insurance with the district and reviewing issues employees are having with CVT.
- Ron Montoya newly elected to Pershing School Site Council; reported on their successful jog-a-thon where they raised \$5,000-\$6,000 dollars; the school also had a good literacy night.

7B. Student and Staff Recognition

Trustees Essay Contest Award Winners

Public Information Officer Jake Bragonier introduced the winners of the Trustees Essay Contest who were presented a plaque by members of the Board and Superintendent Balderas. Award winners were: 5th grade – Caitlyn Sharp, Parkwood Elementary; 6th grade – Jennifer Aguilar, Lincoln Elementary; 7th grade – Daniella Garcia, MLK Middle School; and 8th grade – Marquel Jordan Amey, Dixieland School.

8. Approval of Consent Agenda – Motion No. 62-64-2011/12

Document Numbers 109-2011/12 through 118-2011/12
Resolution Number 12-2011/12

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Commercial Warrants, Exhibit A
Staffing Changes, Exhibit B
Field Trip/Employee Conference Requests, Exhibit C

It was moved by Trustee Velarde-Garcia, seconded by Clerk Arredondo, and carried by majority to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Ayes: Trustees Cogdill, Rodriguez, Salvador, Velarde-Garcia, Clerk Arredondo and President Garibay
Noes: None
Absent: Trustee Seibert
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 October 11, 2011
- 8A2.** Adoption of Resolution #12-2011/12: Approval of the August 31, 2011 Budget and Expense Transfer reports **RESOLUTION NO. 12-2011/12**
- 8A3.** Approval of Consultant Agreement/contract between Madera Unified School District and William Halpin (American Red Cross) for Saturday, October 29th, 2011 for water safety certification of Madera Unified School District aquatic coaches and physical education teachers who teach aquatic lessons. **DOCUMENT NO. 109-2011/12**
- 8A4.** Ratification of the 2011-2012 Adult Education Distance Learning Innovation Delivery Program application to the California Department of Education **DOCUMENT NO. 110-2011/12**
- 8A5.** Ratification of Consultant Service Agreement between Madera Unified School District and Angela Garcia to provide Zumba classes at La Vina Elementary. The duration of the contract will be from September 19, 2011 through November 15, 2011. **DOCUMENT NO. 111-2011/12**
- 8A6.** Approval of the 2011-12 Parent and Booster Club's Request for Recognition **DOCUMENT NO. 112-2011/12**
- 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:

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16936, 701518, 303775, 403724, 2621, 202977, 401697, 1001503, 402535,
8406, 6930, 15882, 303889, 12172, 403393, 603014 & 11905

Trustee Velarde-Garcia explained that she must recuse herself from voting on this item due to a conflict of interest.

It was moved by Trustee Salvador, seconded by Clerk Arredondo, and carried by majority to accept the findings, conclusions and recommendations as stated above.

Ayes: Trustees Cogdill, Rodriguez, Salvador, Clerk Arredondo and
President Garibay
Noes: None
Absent: Trustee Seibert
Abstained: None
Recused: Trustee Velarde-Garcia

**MOTION NO. 63-2011/12
CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT NO. 113-2011/12**

8A8. Approval of the August 31, 2011 Student Body Statement of Club
Trust Accounts **DOCUMENT NO. 114-2011/12**

8A9. Approval of the August 31, 2011 Financial Report **DOCUMENT NO. 115-2011/12**

8A10. Approval of Commercial Warrant Listing

President Garibay explained that he must recuse himself from voting on this item due to a conflict of interest. He then passed the gavel to Clerk Arredondo who called for the vote.

It was moved by Trustee Salvador, seconded by Trustee Velarde-Garcia, and carried by majority to approve the commercial warrant listing.

Ayes: Trustees Cogdill, Rodriguez, Salvador, Velarde-Garcia, and Clerk Arredondo
Noes: None
Absent: Trustee Seibert
Abstained: None
Recused: President Garibay

**MOTION NO. 64-2011/12
DOCUMENT NO. 116-2011/12**

8B. Human Resources Items

8B1. Approval of Staffing Changes and Coaches **DOCUMENT NO. 117-2011/12**

8C. Approval of Field Trip/Employee Conference Requests **DOCUMENT NO. 118-2011/12**

9. Old Business

9A. Review redistricting criteria and potential voting districts

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Kelly Porterfield introduced Doug Johnson of National Demographics corp. who provided a PowerPoint overview of the 3 redistricting plans and reviewed the criteria. Mr. Johnson explained that the next step is to get public input, refine the maps and bring them back to the Board.

The official deadline to finish redrawing the maps is March 2012 although, Mr. Johnson pointed out that the Madera County Registrar will want it done sooner.

Mr. Porterfield commented that we need to get a starting point from the Board and then go forward with planning the community meetings

Following comments by the Board, Superintendent Balderas advised that he will work with staff on dates and locations of the community meetings and will send information to the Board via the Friday Update.

10. New Business

10A. Approval to install fencing and gates at MSHS interior campus and MHS' varsity baseball field

Rosalind Cox, Director of Facilities, Construction and Management presented an overview of this item. Mrs. Cox explained that staff is recommending the installation of fencing and gates at certain locations at MSHS in order to aide in the monitoring and control of students entering and exiting the site. The project at MHS' varsity baseball field would consist of replacing the existing outfield fence and baseline fencing.

Following comments and questions by the Board, Kelly Porterfield explained that approval of this item would allow staff to put this project out to bid. The contract for the project would then be brought back to the Board for approval prior to the commencement of work.

It was moved by Trustee Salvador, seconded by Trustee Velarde-Garcia, and carried by majority to approve the installation of fencing and gates at MSHS interior campus and MHS varsity baseball field.

Ayes: Trustees Rodriguez, Salvador, Velarde-Garcia, Clerk Arredondo and President Garibay
Noes: None
Absent: Trustee Seibert, Trustee Cogdill
Abstained: None

**MOTION NO. 65-2011/12
DOCUMENT NO. 119-2011/12**

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10B. Direction in applying for after school program grants

Associate Superintendent Deborah Wood introduced Marisa DiMauro who then provided a PowerPoint presentation followed by a review of the required timelines for applying for the ASES and 21st Century grants.

Superintendent Balderas shared comments about his visits to the programs currently being conducted at Madera Unified sites and his conversations with principals along with his thoughts on what we could provide if we oversee the program. Mr. Balderas further commented that we are a PI district and we have the right demographics the grants seek to serve.

Members of the Board asked clarifying questions regarding the grant process, the value of the current program and staff's plans for a program should the grant application be successful.

Following the Board's comments and questions, Superintendent Balderas stated that it is staff's recommendation that the Board give approval for Madera Unified to apply for the ASES and 21st Century grants.

At this point President Garibay opened the floor for public comment.

- Ron Montoya, parent representative of the Pershing School Site Council; spoke in favor of keeping Club Yes status quo.
- Manuel Nevarez, 29184 Avenue 16 ¼ and Executive Director of Madera CAN; stated he is passionate about making this town better; the Board was elected to take care of kids first; feels we can make things better; if the program was perfect we wouldn't be having this conversation.
- Letitia Nevarez, 29184 Avenue 16 ¼; believes we need to give the Superintendent the tools that he needs to make the program better; believes the District should have control over the funds; schools are underperforming.
- Ed McIntyre, 1234 DeCesari; feels the issue is one of the District having control over dollars; the District has relinquished control of the funds; feels we should apply for the grants.
- Kathy Horn, MUTA President; watching to see what the role of those that are employed with the District will be in the after school program – they are concerned about those who work for the two districts; also interested in the roll of the teachers in this program; asked to be part of the committee – didn't know it existed and would like to see minutes of past meetings.

Following final comments by the Board, President Garibay called for a motion.

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It was moved by Trustee Salvador, seconded by Trustee Rodriguez, and carried by majority to approve staff's recommendation to apply for the ASES and 21st Century grants and approval to actively seek additional grants that would benefit the after school programs.

Ayes: Trustees Rodriguez, Salvador, Velarde-Garcia, Clerk Arredondo and
President Garibay
Noes: Trustee Cogdill
Absent: Trustee Seibert
Abstained: None

MOTION NO. 66-2011/12
DOCUMENT NO. 120-2011/12

11. Information and Reports

11A. Educational Services Report

- UC Merced's Parent Empowerment Program

Marisa DiMauro introduced Orquidea Largo & Yesika Uribe of UC Merced. Ms. Largo provided a PowerPoint presentation explaining the Parent Empowerment Program.

11B. Business and Operations Update

- Quarterly Investment Portfolio Report of the Madera County Treasurer-Tax Collector Pursuant to Government Code 53646

Teri Bradshaw, Director of Fiscal Services presented a brief overview of this item for the Board.

11C. Human Resources

No report this evening

11D. Superintendent's Time

- Review revised Agenda Item Cover sheet

Superintendent Balderas provided two drafts of a revised Agenda Item Cover for the board to review and explained the intent is to provide more detail on the cover sheet. This item will be brought back to the November meeting.

The Superintendent also reported on attending the CALSSD meeting in Sacramento with Board Clerk Arredondo and indicated he will attend another budget meeting this week in Fresno. Mr. Balderas also congratulated MCOE on their Excellence in Education Awards ceremony where MUSD employee Celso Tovar was honored as School Employee of the Year.

12. Announcements

There were no announcements this evening.

13. Miscellaneous

There were no items.

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14. Advanced Planning

President Garibay made the following announcement:

Next Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

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

15. Suggested Future Agenda Items

Trustee Cogdill said he has asked several times to have security cameras on the agenda as he feels we don't have enough. Mr. Porterfield responded that staff will have a report on this for the Board but recommends not bringing this discussion forward as an agenda item due to security issues.

Trustee Salvador asked for staff to look at the impact of the Valley Prison for Women on Madera Unified and also look at similar districts with male facilities. Trustee Salvador would also like to see a draft of the public hearing meetings regarding redistricting.

Clerk Arredondo asked if the intent of Trustee Salvador's request regarding the prison system was to decide if the Board wants to write a letter to the State. Trustee Salvador responded that he is concerned about the District and what impact this prison might have on our community.

Kathy Horn stated that MUTA has adopted a letter to the Governor's Office stating they are not in favor of changing the prison from women to men.

Clerk Arredondo responded that we should also include the proposed location of the re-entry facility's impact on our school district.

Mr. Porterfield asked if the Board is asking us to look at this outside of the CEQA – the Board responded that they are.

Trustee Salvador commented that he, President Garibay and Superintendent Balderas toured the Clovis North Educational Center on Monday and suggested that our facilities people look at this site when planning Madera Unified's next high school. Mr. Porterfield advised that we have already contracted with the architect responsible for the Clovis North facility for our next high school.

16. Adjournment – Motion No. 67-2011/12

President Garibay adjourned the Public Session at 9:37 p.m.



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

Dated: October 25, 2011