



Board of Trustees Meeting Synopsis

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

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Below is a brief summary of a regular meeting of the [MUSD school board](#). It is not comprehensive and is for informational purposes only. [Official agendas and minutes](#), [meeting videos](#), and [2024-2025 board-approved staffing lists](#) can be found online.

Roll Call

Nadeem Ahmad (Area 7), Angelica Cervantes-Hernandez (Madera South High School), Israel Cortes (Area 6), Gladys Diebert (Area 2), Emmely Duque-Martinez (Torres High School), Joetta Fleak (Area 4), Ruben Mendoza (Area 3), and Ray Seibert (Area 1)

Communications

[MADERA MINUTES](#) - Staff shared a video summarizing recent student and staff activities.

Consent Agenda

1. **CULTURE & CLIMATE** - The Board of Trustees unanimously approved a lease agreement with Ramirez Family Properties for Suite 8 of the Courtyard Professional Center, 1816 Howard Road. The Culture and Climate Department would move into the 2,036 square feet of office space from Price's Plaza. The term of the lease would end on Dec. 31, 2025. The cost will be a one-time payment of \$6,000 for tenant improvement work and then \$3,074 per month plus utilities.
2. **WINTER STEM** - The Board unanimously okayed a solemn, non-binding agreement with Fresno State University's [Office of Community-Based Learning](#). The office will host science, technology, engineering, and mathematics camps for up to 60 elementary school students at the university during Winter Intersession (Jan. 6-10, 2025). The cost will be \$48,509 from [Expanded Learning Opportunities Program](#) funds.
3. **ADVENTURE CAMPS** - The Board unanimously approved a quote of \$88,500 from [California Adventure Camps](#) for three camps during Winter Intersession (Jan. 6-10, 2025). The Filmmaking Camp, Meteorology/Science Camp, and a Jiu Jitsu Camp would host up to 60 students from the 7th and 8th grades.
4. **STAFF CHANGES** - The Board unanimously approved the filling of four paraprofessional aide positions, three Child Nutrition I jobs, two teaching positions, and eight other classified jobs.
5. **WAIVERS** - The Board unanimously okayed eight variable term waivers, which is an option for school districts if an applicant lacks the proper credential for an assignment. While they teach



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this school year, the applicants will be mentored by a career technical education representative through the Fresno County Office of Education. The applicants each need an English Language Authorization along with their CTE Preliminary Credential.

- a. *Maurice Barksdale* will serve as a CTE teacher for building trades.
 - b. *Patricia Becerra* will serve as a CTE teacher for health science.
 - c. *Alejandro Cisneros Soto* will serve as a CTE teacher for videography.
 - d. *Michael Dorado* will serve as a CTE teacher for manufacturing.
 - e. *Christian Galindo* will serve as a CTE teacher for health science/athletic training.
 - f. *Augustine Rayas* will serve as a CTE teacher for public safety.
 - g. *Alicia Silva Rivera* will serve as a CTE teacher for health science.
 - h. *Sam Vidal* will serve as a CTE teacher for marketing, sales, and service.
6. **REVISED JOB** - The Board unanimously approved a revised job description. The *Family Liaison and Student Attendance Specialist* (\$53,453-\$70,282 per year) leads and assist school staff with daily attendance records and to promote school attendance to families. The job is now “bilingual required” due to the large number of district families who primarily speak Spanish, staff said.
7. **SHERMAN THOMAS** - The Board unanimously okayed a solemn, non-binding agreement with [Sherman Thomas Charter School](#). An MUSD physical education teacher will mentor a beginning P.E. charter school teacher, who is earning a [Professional Clear Teaching Credential](#). The charter school will be invoiced monthly for the costs of this.
8. **FIELD TRIPS** - The Board unanimously approved seven high school field trips involving about 90 students and a dozen adults. The largest trip will carry 37 Madera South High School choir singers by charter bus to Anaheim for a Disney performance in December. A slightly farthest trip will bring 27 MSHS students of the [Cheer and Dance Team](#) to Anaheim for the [USA Spirit Nationals](#) in mid-February. The total costs will be \$19,596 for travel and \$18,159.05 for lodging from Associated Student Body, Future Business Leaders of America, [Perkins](#) grant, athletics, Community Athletics and Recreation Department, and Stallion Athletic Boosters funds.
9. **EMPLOYEE TRAVEL** - The Board unanimously okayed a potential reimbursement request for a high school employee to fly to Indianapolis, Indiana, for a [Percussion Arts Society International Conference](#) in mid-November. The estimated cost will be \$3,000.
10. **THS CLUBS** - The Board unanimously approved seven student proposals for new Torres High School clubs.
- a. *Mock Trial Club* will raise funds for Mock Trial team competitions and field trips.
 - b. *Baking Besties Club* will gather students for socializing, collaboration, stress relief, and to learn basic baking skills.



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- c. *Catholic Youth United Club* will gathers students of the same faith to strengthen their relationship with Christ through conversation, prayer, and the Bible.
 - d. *Skateboarding Club* will gather skateboards for socializing.
 - e. *Film Club* will cultivate appreciation and discussion of films and their significance to history, culture, and society.
 - f. *History Club* will cultivate appreciation and discussion of history, whether international, national, local, and personal.
 - g. *Torres Book Club* will promote literacy, reading comprehension, thought-provoking literature, confidence, critical thinking skills, and college readiness.
11. **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS** - The Board unanimously okayed an agreement with the City of Madera for three police officers to provide law enforcement services for the district for 2024-2027. The cost for the first year will be \$426,000 from Safety and Security General Funds.
12. **MENTAL HEALTH** - The Board unanimously approved a 2024-2025 agreement with consultant [Archer & Hound](#) for services to enhance the Health and Wellness Department's brand identity and online presence. This will include work on a website with a mental health resource and tool hub. The cost will be \$95,000 from Bureau of Justice Assistance grant funds.

Announcements

- 1. **SERVICE WITH PRIDE** - The 2024 Service with Pride and Hall of Fame will be held Thursday, Oct. 24
- 2. **VETERANS DAY** - MUSD schools and offices will be closed Monday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day. The holiday honors those who have served in the U.S. military.
- 3. **ELECTION DAY** - "Please get out and vote on Nov. 5" in the U.S. election.

Advanced Planning

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - The next regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 12, in the Madera Unified School District Boardroom at 1902 Howard Road. The meeting will be held in person and virtually.