



Board of Trustees Meeting Synopsis

Tuesday, November 12, 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), Camila Campos-Gutierrez (Alternative Education), Angelica Castillo (Madera High School), Israel Cortes (Area 6), Joetta Fleak (Area 4), Ruben Mendoza (Area 3), and Lucy Salazar (Area 5)

Communications

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

Consent Agenda

1. **HUSEIN SCHOOL** - The Board of Trustees unanimously approved an agreement with Salem Engineering Group to provide construction services for parts two and three of the King Husein School project. The services will include inspection and testing of the project's soil, reinforced concrete, steel components, masonry materials, and brickwork. The cost will be \$1,026,665 from the Building Fund.
2. **SCHOOL PLANS** - The Board unanimously okayed revisions to the 2024-2025 School Plans for Student Achievement for Monroe and Pershing elementary schools. A strategy consisting of field trips and contracted transportation have been included in both plans. Another strategy was also added to each plan: certificated substitutes for Monroe and entry fees for parent education at Pershing.
3. **NEW RETIREES** - The Board unanimously accepted the retirement of the following staff.
 - a. *Norma Martinez*, a senior executive assistant to the superintendent and Board of Trustees, will retire on Dec. 2 after 37 years of service
 - b. *Elizabeth Mares*, a special needs paraprofessional aide at Nishimoto Elementary School, will retire on Dec. 20 after 29 years of service.
4. **STAFF CHANGES** - The Board unanimously approved the filling of four vacant Level I preschool classroom aide positions, three vacant cafeteria/playground aide positions, three



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special needs paraprofessional aide positions, two specialty services supervisor jobs, six other classified jobs, and two vacant teaching positions at Pershing School.

5. **NEW JOBS** - The Board unanimously okayed the following new job descriptions and salaries.
 - a. *Curator of Arts and Exhibits* (\$50,530-\$66,398 per year) will cultivate and exhibit student works of art in the community.
 - b. *Nutritionist* (\$80,451-\$102,646 per year) will plan and develop balanced and nutritious meals for district students, ensure school food meets government requirements, help with training and overseeing Child Nutrition staff, and promote healthy eating habits with students, parents, and school staff.
6. **EMPLOYEE TRAVEL** - The Board unanimously approved a potential reimbursement request for three trips involving 27 staff. The largest will bring 16 employees to Anaheim for the [California School Board Association's Annual Education Conference](#) in early December. The farthest trip will fly an employee to Orlando, Florida, in mid-January for the [Associated Equipment Distributors Summit](#) convention and trade show, which includes an instructors conference. The estimated total costs will be \$70,550.
7. **FIELD TRIPS** - The Board unanimously okayed 13 field trips involving about 140 high school students and 20 adults. The largest trip will bus 88 Torres High School students and nine adults to Sacramento for the [Cal-HOSA State Leadership Conference](#) in late March 2024 (HOSA is a student organization for aspiring health professionals). The farthest trip will fly 25 students and three adults to Nashville, Tennessee, for the [HOSA International Leadership Conference](#) in June 2025. The total costs will be \$44,929.2 for travel and \$61,400 for lodging from Athletics, Athletic Booster, Cross Country, Wrestling Booster, Girls Wrestling, Wrestling Booster, Associated Student Body, [Perkins/Career Technical Education Incentive Grant](#), and school funds.
8. **GOOD HUMANS** - The Board unanimously approved an agreement with San Francisco-based nonprofit consultant [WestEd](#) to develop curriculum for a Good Humans campaign, which is intended to promote universal decency and respect between people. WestEd will also train staff, who will in turn train teachers to teach the curriculum. The campaign will include a series of 20 informational videos in Spanish and English and created for the district by [Windsong Productions](#). The cost for WestEd's work will be \$125,000.

Announcements

1. **FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS** - Madera High School will host football [Central Interscholastic Federation](#) playoffs on Friday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m.
2. **BAND CHAMPIONSHIP** - Marching Band Regional Championships will be Saturday, Nov. 16, at Kingsburg High School.



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3. **SHOE DELIVERIES** - The Madera Leo Club, a student club sponsored by Madera Evening Lions, will deliver donated shoes to Alpha, Madison, Lincoln, and Dixieland elementary schools on Monday, Nov. 18.
4. **CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS** - The Central Interscholastic Federation [Cross Country Championships](#) will be Nov. 21 at Woodward Park in northeast Fresno, near Clovis.
5. **THANKSGIVING BREAK** - There will be no classes from Monday, Nov. 25, through Friday, Nov. 29, for the Thanksgiving holiday.
6. **EDUCATORS AWARDS** - Four district employees have been nominated for the California League of Educators awards with a ceremony set for Dec. 2 at 5:30 p.m. The nominees are Shawn Petrosian of Nishimoto School, Andres Garzon of Madera Technical Exploration Center, Barbara Brown of Mountain Vista High School, and Jennifer Mata of Torres High School.
7. **MCSOS LEADERSHIP** - The Madera County Superintendent of School Leadership Associates Session will be Dec. 4 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
8. **CSBA AEC** - [California School Board Association](#)'s [Annual Education Conference](#) will be Dec. 5-7 in Anaheim with pre-conference sessions on Dec. 4.

Advanced Planning

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - The next regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, December 17, in the Madera Unified School District Boardroom at 1902 Howard Road. The meeting will be held in person and virtually.