



Board of Trustees Meeting Synopsis

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

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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 minutes for the meeting are approved at later meetings and can then be viewed online ([click here](#)). Meeting videos can also be found online ([click here](#)).

Roll Call

Nadeem Ahmad (Area 7), Israel Cortes (Area 6), Gladys Diebert (Area 2), Joetta Fleak (Area 4), Mia Garza (Alternative Education), Ruben Mendoza (Area 3), Lucy Salazar (Area 5), Ray Seibert (Area 1), and Suad Taha (Madera High School)

Communications

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

Consent Agenda

1. **CSBA** - The Board of Trustees unanimously approved an agreement with the nonprofit [California School Board Association](#), which will help the district update its policies. The cost will be \$20,880.
2. **WASTE & RECYCLING** - The Board unanimously awarded a bid to locally owned [Mid Valley Disposal](#) for waste disposal and recycling services. The cost will be \$27,369.01 per month from general funds.
3. **LEASE CHANGES** - The Board unanimously okayed a change to the district's lease with Ramirez Family Properties for Suite #2 of the Courtyard Professional Center, 1816 Howard Road, which houses the Preschool Office. The change extends the lease for a year (Dec. 1, 2023, to Nov. 30, 2024) and raises the base rent by 3.5% (from \$1,226 to \$1,269 per month). The cost will also include utilities.
4. **SOFTWARE LICENSE** - The Board unanimously approved the purchase of a [Genetec video management software](#) site license. The software is used for surveillance monitoring and recording. The one-time cost will be \$24,000 and the annual recurring cost will be \$1,500.
5. **BABE RUTH** - The Board unanimously okayed a partnership agreement with nonprofit [Madera Babe Ruth](#). The district will contribute \$234 per district student who wishes to play baseball during the 2023-2024 school year. That will cover administrative expenses and



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umpire fees, staff said. About 145 students are expected to take part. The total cost is not to exceed \$40,000 from [Expanded Learning Opportunities Program](#) funds.

6. **LITTLE LEAGUE** - The Board unanimously approved a partnership agreement with nonprofit [Madera National Little League](#). The district will contribute \$285 per district student who wishes to play softball during the 2023-2024 school year. The total cost is not to exceed \$65,000 from [Expanded Learning Opportunities Program](#) funds.
7. **EVENT SERVICES** - The Board unanimously okayed an agreement with [Freestyle Event Services](#), which will rent equipment for MUSD high school graduation ceremonies of June 3-6, 2024. Technicians, LED screens, audio systems, and [live streaming](#) will be included. The cost will be \$59,704 from general funds.
8. **WINTER ARTS** - The Board unanimously approved an agreement with the [Madera County Arts Council](#) for visual and performing arts instruction during Winter Intersession on Jan. 8-12, 2024. The council will offer eight art classes to transitional kindergarten through 4th grade students: dance, beadwork, food art, papier mache, Mexican cultural art, painting, and ink art. The cost will be \$31,482 from [Expanded Learning Opportunities Program](#) funds.
9. **WINTER ACADEMY** - The Board unanimously okayed an agreement with consultant [Jewel of Justice](#) to teach students about the contributions of scientist and inventor [George Washington Carver](#) as part of a one-day Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Agriculture, and Math Academy at Fresno State University on Jan. 12. The academy will be offered to 30 black and indigenous Black Student Union members in grades 6th-8th. The cost will be \$3,990 from [Expanded Learning Opportunities Program](#) funds.
10. **WINTER CAMP** - The Board unanimously approved an agreement with the [San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust](#) to provide a five-day [River Camp](#) Winter Wonderland at [Sycamore Island](#) in Madera. The camp will host 40 students from 3rd-6th grade during Winter Intersession (Jan. 8-12, 2024). The cost will be \$13,000 from [Expanded Learning Opportunities Program](#) funds.
11. **WINTER STEAM** - The Board unanimously okayed an agreement with [Growth Point Technologies](#) to provide five-day Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math camps during Winter Intersession (Jan. 8-12, 2024). The cost will be \$244,000 from [Expanded Learning Opportunities Program](#) funds.
 - a. **NASA Engineers** camps will teach up to 40 students each (transitional kindergarten through 2nd grade) from three schools.
 - b. **Sphero Robotics** camps will teach up to 80 students each (3rd-4th grade) from three schools.
 - c. **Digital Entrepreneur and Digital Arts** camps will teach up to 80 students each (5th-6th grade) from three schools.



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- d. A **STEAM** camp at Fresno State University will teach up to 40 students (7th-8th grade) about multimedia production and [Roblox](#) game development.
12. **WINTER SOCCER** - The Board unanimously approved an agreement with [High Performance Academy](#) to provide five-day soccer camps at three elementary schools during Winter Intersession (Jan. 8-12, 2024). The soccer camps will train up to 720 students (1st-6th grade). The cost will be \$162,000 from [Expanded Learning Opportunities Program](#) funds.
13. **FIELD TRIPS** - The Board unanimously okayed nine high school field trips involving more than 250 students and about 35 adults. The farthest trip will fly 15 members of [Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America](#) to a National Leadership Conference at Seattle, Washington, in early summer. The largest trip will bus 85 Madera High School band performers and 12 adults to the Western Band Association's State Championships in Sacramento in mid-November. The total costs will be \$32,425 for transportation and \$36,750 for lodging from choir funds, boosters, the transportation budget, Associated Student Body, and Career and Technical Education funds as well as a [Perkins](#) grant for CTE.
14. **EMPLOYEE TRAVEL** - The Board unanimously okayed a potential reimbursement request for a trip by 13 MUSD staff members to the [State Convention](#) of the [California Association of Directors of Activities](#) at Reno, Nevada, in early March of 2024. The cost will be \$7,000 from [Title I funds](#).
15. **STAFF CHANGES** - The Board unanimously approved the filling of 4 vacant teaching positions, 3 paraprofessional aide jobs, 15 other classified jobs, and 2 other certificated jobs as well as filling 156 coaching positions.
16. **REVISED JOBS** - The Board unanimously okayed two revised job descriptions and salaries. The *Personnel Specialist* (\$53,265-\$70,072 per year) now explicitly assists with the recruitment, testing, and transfer of classified staff. The *Personnel Specialist Lead* (\$55,248-\$72,662 per year) assists the classified personnel director.
17. **MSHS STAFF TRAINING** - The Board unanimously approved an agreement with [Kieschnick and Associates](#) for coaching of Madera South High School staff in how to create and maintain relationships with students. The cost will be \$36,500 from [California Community Schools Partnership Program](#) grant funds.

Announcements

1. **CROSS COUNTRY** - The [California Interscholastic Federation](#)'s Central Section Cross Country Championships will be at Woodward Park on Thursday, Nov. 16, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
2. **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY** - Schools will be closed next week for the Thanksgiving holiday.
3. **CSBA CONFERENCE** - The California School Board Association's [Annual Education Conference](#) will be in San Francisco from Nov. 30 through Dec. 2. The association is a



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nonprofit that represents the elected officials who govern the state's public school districts and offices of education.

4. **FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT** - Monroe Elementary School will host Family Literacy Night on Nov. 29 at 5 p.m.
5. **PAC MEETING** - The Parent Advisory Committee will meet at 6 p.m. on Dec. 6 in the Price's Plaza meeting room. The group advises MUSD on its finances and consults, reviews, and comments on the district's Local Control and Accountability Plan.
6. **EDUCATOR FINALISTS** - The [California League of Educators](#) will honor the following educators at its 2023-24 Educator of the Year awards ceremonies:
 - a. Elementary school award finalist Elizabeth Ochoa, who teaches at Monroe School (Dec. 4, 2023)
 - b. Middle school award finalists Nicole Knod, who teaches at Madera Technical Exploration Center, and Janie Leal (Dec. 11)
 - c. High school award finalists Mary Petrowski, who teaches at Madera South High School, and counselor Linh Phasakda of Furman High School (Dec. 18)

Advanced Planning

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