



Board of Trustees Meeting Synopsis

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

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Below is a brief summary of this week's regular meeting of the [MUSD school board](#). It is not comprehensive and is for informational purposes only. Meeting recordings will be uploaded online ([click here for video](#)). Official minutes listing board actions at each meeting are approved at the following meetings and can also be viewed online ([click here](#)).

Roll Call

Nadeem Ahmad (Area 7), Israel Cortes (Area 6), Gladys Diebert (Area 2), Joetta Fleak (Area 4), Ruben Mendoza (Area 3), Lucy Salazar (Area 5), Ray Seibert (Area 1), Ingrid Sosa Ramirez (Torres High School), and Sebastian Zavalza (Madera High School)

Communications

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

Information and Reports

1. [ESPORTS UPDATE](#) - Director Marty Bitter of Athletics presented an update on esports at district high schools.
2. **UNION TIME** - David Holder, president of the Madera Unified Teachers Association, said the Fresno/Madera Service Center would host a dinner on March 30.

Consent Agenda

1. **VEHICLE PURCHASES** - The Board of Trustees unanimously and formally resolved that public, competitive bidding was infeasible for the purchase of six trucks, five passenger vans, and six cargo vans needed by the district. The resolution authorized staff to buy them directly from dealerships or manufacturers.
2. **FIELD TRIPS** - The Board unanimously okayed seven high school field trips for March and April. All but one of the trips involves students from Madera South High School. The exception is a trip by 14 Madera High School softball athletes and 3 adults to Coast Games 2023 in Paso Robles. The farthest trip was to Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, east of Los Angeles, for a track and field invitational in which 10 MSHS athletes competed. The total cost



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of \$11,229 for transportation and \$9,200 for lodging will be covered by school Athletics and Boosters funds.

3. **EMPLOYEE TRAVEL** - The Board unanimously approved a potential reimbursement request for a trip in April by an MUSD staff member to the [55th annual California State Athletic Directors Conference](#) in Santa Clara. The total cost will be \$1,452.
4. **STAFF CHANGES** - The Board unanimously okayed the filling of 3 vacant school nurse positions, 3 paraprofessional aide - special needs positions, 3 Child Nutrition assistants I, 1 other classified job, and 2 other certificated jobs.
5. **NEW & REVISED JOBS** - The Board unanimously approved six new and revised job descriptions and recommended salaries.
 - a. The **Benefits Technician** (\$46,103-\$60,322) will perform benefits eligibility work, coordinate annual enrollment for health benefits, and explain benefits.
 - b. The **Senior Human Resource Specialist - Credentials** (\$55,248-\$72,662) will support the Human Resources Department and the certificated credentialing program.
 - c. The **Administrative Specialist** (\$55,248-\$72,662) will assess training needs for classified staff, develop hands on training, and coordinate trainers.
 - d. The **Supervisor of Safety and Security** (\$85,065-\$108,534) will support the day-to-day operations of the Safety and Security Department and collaborate with other agencies.
 - e. The **Director of Athletics and Community Activities** (\$113,399-\$145,169) will plan and coordinate all after school athletic programs and community activities for district students.
 - f. The revised **Director of Early Childhood Education Programs** (\$128,423-\$144,070) will oversee all early childhood education programs for the district, including the State Preschool Program and childcare centers.
6. **SPECIAL EDUCATION** - The Board unanimously okayed an agreement with Beach Cities Learning for placement of a student with a disability at the [LEARN Academy in Fresno](#) from March 1 to June 30. The student has exhausted the services provided by the district. The cost will be \$250,000.

Old Business

GRANT PLAN - The Board approved a revised Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant Expenditure Plan due to a proposed 30% reduction in funding by the governor. The reduced, one-time funding will be \$7.8 million. The funds would be used for instructional materials and “culturally relevant books,” professional development in “[social-emotional learning](#)” for arts and music teachers, musical instruments, and to develop pathways for dance, media arts, and other areas.



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New Business

1. **CSBA DELEGATE** - The Board unanimously elected Barbara Bigelow for the 2023 California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly - Subregion 10-A, which covers Madera and Mariposa counties. Every two years, school district boards must elect a delegate to represent them at the CSBA Assembly, staff said. Bigelow previously served as a delegate and is a board member at Chawanakee Unified School District.
2. **CLASSIFIED LAYOFFS** - The Board formally and unanimously resolved to layoff 10 office assistant positions and 2 student advocate positions for the 2023-2024 school year “due to a lack of work and/or lack of funds.”

Announcements

COLLABORATION TEAM DAY - Monday, March 13, will be a Collaboration Team Day and there will be no school.

Advanced Planning

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - The next regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, March 14, in the Madera Unified School District Boardroom at 1902 Howard Road. The meeting will be held in person and virtually.