



# Board of Trustees Meeting Synopsis

## Tuesday, April 13, 2021

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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](#) or [here for audio](#)). Official minutes listing board actions at each meeting are approved at the following meetings and can also be viewed online ([click here](#)).

### Student Trustee Report

**TRUSTEE POORE** - Alternate Trustee Abigail "Abby" Poore of Madera High School reported that student trustees have been having many "conversations with students on campus" as students have been returning and seniors are close to graduation. On March 3, about 100 seniors met and discussed updates on graduation, including videography by Windsong Productions, and gave feedback on possible activities. During a Student Voice forum on Monday, April 12, students shared with Superintendent Todd Lile about returning to school and the chances of in-person graduation.

### Information and Reports

1. **PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - Members of the Parent Advisory Committee presented [feedback and formal recommendations](#) based, in part, on 17 responses to a Local Control and Accountability Plan Survey for 2020-2021.
2. **UNION TIME** - Madera Unified Teachers Association president David Holder said that MUTA's officer election, which will be online, had to be moved from next week to April 26-30. As a result, MUTA's decision on a tentative agreement with the district will be shared with trustees at the May 11th meeting of the Board of Trustees instead of later this month.

### Consent Agenda

1. **ROOFING PROJECTS** - The Board of Trustees unanimously approved bids for two roofing projects. Universal Coatings will handle a re-roofing project at Madera South High School's Ag Engineering site at a cost of \$112,237.91, and Brazos Urethane will coat roofs at Howard and Sierra Vista elementary schools for \$383,936.83. The costs include labor and materials, and will come from Fund 40, which is for deferred maintenance expenses.
2. **STAFFING CHANGES** - The Board unanimously okayed the filling of 18 vacant teacher positions, 5 vacant classroom aide positions, 3 vacant Maintenance and Operations positions,



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3 vacant bus driver positions, 2 shared teaching roles, and one vacant custodian job as well as hiring 16 spring sports coaches and for 2 new teacher positions.

3. **NEW JOBS** - The Board unanimously approved the creation of two new certificated positions and job descriptions. The Counselor on Special Assignment will develop a comprehensive 7th-12th grade counseling program that will help students improve their college and career readiness, staff said, and the Culture and Climate Coach (K-12) will offer leadership, expertise, and support at the district and site level.

### Old Business

**MUSD SERVER ROOM** - The Board of Trustees unanimously approved a proposal by Lawrence Engineering Group for the design of a new cooling and backup power source for the computer server room at the District Office. The proposal, revised at the request of trustees, provides more details, uses existing construction management services that the district receives from Kitchell Construction, and reduces costs by \$15,000. The total cost is now \$104,500 in COVID-19 Relief Funds.

### New Business

1. **STUDENT NETWORK** - The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the requesting of proposals on the building of a private wireless network to support a minimum of 1,500 students who otherwise cannot access the internet reliably or, in some cases, at all. Such students currently access the internet through MUSD-issued mobile hotspots at a yearly cost of \$660,000. The proposed network should be capable of 25 Mbps download speeds and 3-4 Mbps upload speeds, and would have the potential to scale up to 30,000 users.
2. **WORKING REMOTELY** - The Board heard a first reading of revised board policies 4113.5, 4213.5, and 4313.4, all of which involve off-site work. The revisions identify non-emergency remote work, all of which are information technology or analyst positions. Staff believe the essential functions of the identified jobs can be completed remotely all of the time. Such employees would be provided all supplies and equipment needed for their work except for internet service.

### Announcements

1. **PAC** - The Parent Advisory Committee will meet virtually via the Zoom video conferencing service at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14. This group advises MUSD on its finances and consults, reviews, and comments on the district's Local Control and Accountability Plan.



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2. **SAC** - The Safety Advisory Committee will meet virtually via Zoom at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 15.
3. **DELAC** - The District English Language Advisory Committee will gather for a special meeting via Zoom at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 19. DELAC is a bilingual group that develops recommendations on teaching students whose primary language is not English. The purpose of this special meeting will be to offer input on the district's Local Control and Accountability Plan.
4. **CVEC** - The Central Valley Education Coalition will meet via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 22. State Senator Melissa Hurtado of District 14 (Democrat) will be the keynote speaker.

### Trustee Activities

**RESIGNATION** - Trustee Brent Fernandes, Area 7, shared that he would be turning in his resignation on Wednesday, April 14, due to the declining health of his parents. The resignation would take effect 60 days after its submission, which will be June 13.

### Advanced Planning

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING** - The next regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, April 27, in the Madera Unified School District Boardroom at 1902 Howard Road. The meeting will be held virtually.