



Board of Trustees Meeting Synopsis

Tuesday, April 25, 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), Jossen Garcia (Madera High School), Genesis Guillen (Madera South High School), Ruben Mendoza (Area 3), Lucy Salazar (Area 5), and Ray Seibert (Area 1)

Communications

1. [MADERA MINUTES](#) - Staff shared a video summarizing recent student and staff activities.
2. [MADTOWN ROBOTICS](#) - Superintendent Todd Lile shared a video of the final match of the two-time world champion MadTown Robotics and the local airport arrival after the victory.

Consent Agenda

1. **NEW CARPET** - The Board of Trustees unanimously approved carpet replacement at four schools. Crew Installations Inc. will handle Parkwood and Sierra Vista elementary schools, and 47th Place Carpet & Linoleum will work on Nishimoto Elementary and Madera High schools. The total cost will be \$501,204.12 from deferred maintenance funds.
2. **ASPHALT WORK** - The Board unanimously okayed Central Valley Asphalt doing resurfacing and repairs at Eastin Arcola, Parkwood, Pershing, and Ripperdan Community Day schools. The total cost will be \$412,000 from deferred maintenance funds.
3. **MHS KITCHEN HVAC** - The Board unanimously approved BDM Inc. retrofitting an additional heating, ventilation, and air conditioning unit in the Madera High School kitchen, which staff says can surpass 100 degrees Fahrenheit while staff work. The cost will be \$609,655 from deferred maintenance funds.
4. **MLK COLD BOX** - The Board unanimously okayed the addition of a cold box to Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School by LaNotte Refrigeration, which was the lowest qualified bidder for the project. The school does not have adequate cooler and freezer space for its size. The cost will be \$347,640 from Child Nutrition funds.



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5. **POLISHED CONCRETE** - The Board unanimously approved updated flooring for Madera High, Desmond Middle and Mt. Vista High schools. The polished concrete will be installed by Better Enterprises, which was the lowest qualified bidder for the projects. The total cost will be \$208,333 from Deferred Maintenance funds.
6. **MSHS TENNIS COURTS** - The Board unanimously okayed an update to four tennis courts at Madera South High School by HBC Enterprises, which was the lowest qualified bidder for the project. The cost will be \$467,400 from Deferred Maintenance funds.
7. **VAPA LEASE** - The Board unanimously approved an agreement with Balwinder Kaur Dhaliwal and Karamjit Kaur to lease a third unit in Price's Plaza at 121 Dwyer Ave. The additional space (2,541 square feet) will be used for a musical instrument repair shop for the Visual and Performing Arts department. The unit's rent will be \$2,160 per month (\$0.85 per square foot) plus \$508 per month (\$0.20 per square foot) for common tenant expenses, such as building insurance, property taxes, water, sewer, trash, landscaping, and parking lot repairs. Electricity will be a separate expense. The lease will expire Feb. 28, 2025.
8. **ELOP LEASE** - The Board unanimously okayed an agreement with David and Patricia Berry Living Trust to lease warehouse space at 325 Pine Street for the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program. The 2,500 square feet of space would be used to store instructional supplies and equipment. The rent will be \$1,500 per month (\$0.60 per square foot) plus about \$200 per month (\$0.08 per square foot) for common tenant expenses. Electricity will be a separate expense. The base rent will rise by 3% per year. The cost will be paid by ELOP funds.
9. **METAL DETECTORS** - The Board unanimously approved "piggybacking" on an existing contract for the purchase and installation of [Evolv Technology](#) metal detectors for Mt. Vista, Ripperdan Continuation, and Furman high schools. This will just be the initial installation as metal detectors will be set up throughout the district in phases, staff said. The cost for this first phase will be \$328,277.51 from the General Fund. "Piggybacking" on a contract put out to bid by another school district or agency is allowed by law and saves time and expense, according to staff.
10. **ASB TRAINING** - The Board unanimously okayed an agreement with [Scott Backovich Communication](#) to train Associated Student Body students from Madera, Madera South, and Matilda Torres high schools on May 18. The "Envolve" training will focus on the purpose behind campus activities and will be part of a Leadership Conference hosted by MSHS. The total cost will be \$8,250, which will \$2,750 from each school's [Title I funds](#).
11. **RIVER CAMP ACADEMY** - The Board unanimously approved an agreement with the [San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust](#) to provide [River Camp](#) at [Sycamore Island](#) in Madera and [Young Explorers Camp](#) at [River Center](#) in Fresno as summer school enrichment programs. The camps will host a total of 126 students from transitional kindergarten through



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6th grade. The cost is not to exceed \$38,000 from [Expanded Learning Opportunities Program](#) funds.

12. **AGES & STAGES** - The Board unanimously okayed an agreement with [Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co.](#) for access to [Ages & Stages Questionnaires Online](#), which will be used to screen children enrolling in the district's state preschool program. The cost is not to exceed \$1,000 in preschool program funds.
13. **FIELD TRIPS** - The Board unanimously approved nine high school field trips involving more than 160 students and 35 adults in May through August. The farthest trip will fly five adults and six [Future Business Leaders of America](#) members from Madera, Madera South, and Torres high schools more than 2,000 miles to the [2023 National Leadership Conference](#) in Atlanta, Georgia, this June. The largest trip will carry 50 THS athletes and eight adults by bus to a football camp in Hume in May. The total costs will be \$51,750 for transportation and \$66,250 for lodging and registration from athletics, THS Football Boosters, band, student fundraising, Associated Student Body, [Title I](#), state FCCLA ([Family, Career and Community Leaders of America](#)), and [Expanded Learning Opportunities Program](#) funds.
14. **STAFF CONFERENCES** - The Board unanimously okayed a potential reimbursement request for three trips between May and December that will fly nine district employees to conferences in Las Vegas, Nevada, and Tacoma, Washington. The largest trip will take six staff to the 2023 Administrative Professionals Conference for professional development. The total cost will be \$25,296 from [Title I](#) and [Supplemental and Concentration grant](#) funds from the state.
15. **RETIREMENT** - The Board unanimously accepted the retirement of **Carol Rocha**, who retired as a Child Nutrition assistant I at Lincoln Elementary School on March 31, 2023, after 40 years of service.
16. **NEW LEADERS** - The Board sanctioned the hiring of the following new leaders.
 - a. Principal **Frank Espinosa** of Madison Elementary School
 - b. Principal **James Jackson** of Ripperdan Community Day School
 - c. Principal **Tina TeNyenhuis** of Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School
 - d. Coordinator **Elizabeth Echeveste** of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports
 - e. Assistant Superintendent **Oracio Rodriguez** of School Leadership
 - f. Director **Brenda Naranjo** of Early Childhood Education
 - g. Supervisor **Robert Hill** of Safety and Security
17. **STAFF CHANGES** - The Board unanimously approved the filling of 9 vacant teaching positions, 5 new Literacy Coach Reading Specialist jobs, 3 vacant principal positions, 2 vacant Child Nutrition assistant I positions, 2 new Intervention Specialist jobs, 2 vacant Cafeteria/Playground Aide positions, 2 Paraprofessional Aide positions, 5 other classified jobs, and 10 other certificated jobs.



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18. **NEW JOBS** - The Board unanimously okayed three new job descriptions and recommended salaries.
- a. The **Expanded Learning Program Manager** (\$85,065-\$108,534) will direct, guide and ensure compliance with requirements for expanded learning and associated programs government grant funds.
 - b. The **Arts Education Student Events Supervisor** (\$70,199-\$89,366) will create and pursue opportunities for student exhibitions of dance, “media arts” (artworks that depend on technology to exist), music, theater, and visual arts.
 - c. The **Dance Research and Development Support Specialist** (\$38,021-\$99,796) will develop and support a districtwide dance curriculum.
19. **CONFERENCE KEYNOTE** - The Board unanimously approved an agreement with [Wise Soul LLC](#) for Felipe Mercado to present a keynote speech in English for a bilingual Mental Health Conference on May 19. The conference for parents will feature speakers and breakout sessions virtually and an in-person resource fair. The cost the speaker will be \$1,500 from a Bureau of Justice Administration’s Mental Health Toolkit Grant.

New Business

1. **KITCHENS UPGRADE** - The Board okayed an agreement with Net Positive Consulting Engineers for upgrades to the district’s central kitchen and at Chavez, Pershing, Parkwood and Nishimoto elementary schools. A new freezer and electrical power will be installed east of the back warehouse building at Child Nutrition, 769 South Pine St., and structural drawings will be created for the new freezer equipment and cold boxes. The project’s cost will be \$17,600 for plumbing and engineering design services from department funds.
2. **PREFAB TK CLASSROOMS** - The Board “piggybacking” on an existing contract for the purchase and installation of prefabricated buildings at various school sites. The buildings will be used for transitional kindergarten classrooms. Staff said the district currently has about 332 TK students and 1,333 kindergarten students, but expects to have the same amount of TK students as kindergarten students by the 2025-2025 school year. To prepare for this, the district will add new classrooms at each elementary school in three phases. The first phase will include adding six classrooms at Lincoln School, four at Pershing, four at Virginia Lee Rose, and four at Alpha. The total cost will be about \$6.7 million from state TK funding and the building fund.



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Announcements

1. **ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS** - Wednesday, April 26, will be Administrative Professionals Day, an unofficial day to celebrate clerical workers.
2. **ACADEMIC PENTATHLON** - The Academic Pentathlon awards ceremony will be Saturday, April 29, at Ranchos Middle School, 12455 Road 35 1/2.
3. **SEAL OF BILITERACY** - Seal of Biliteracy ceremonies will be at 5:30 PM on May 2nd for Torres High School, May 3rd for Madera South High School, and May 11th for Madera High School.
4. **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** - Consultant Michael Hanson, former Fresno Unified School District superintendent, will host a superintendent professional learning meeting in Sacramento.

Advanced Planning

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - The next regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, in the Madera Unified School District Boardroom at 1902 Howard Road. The meeting will be held in person and virtually.