



Board of Trustees Meeting Synopsis

Tuesday, May 14, 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 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

Israel Cortes (Area 6), Gladys Diebert (Area 2), Joetta Fleak (Area 4), Ruben Mendoza (Area 3), Lucy Salazar (Area 5), and Ray Seibert (Area 1)

Communications

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

Consent Agenda

1. **SUMMER ACADEMY** - The Board of Trustees approved an agreement with consultant [Jewel of Justice](#) for a science, technology, engineering, agriculture, arts, and mathematics academy on July 15-19. The academy at Fresno State University will teach 30 black and indigenous students (grades 6-8) about the work of scientist-inventor [George Washington Carver](#). It will also include a day of food science at eatery [Tower Blendz](#) in Fresno. The cost will be \$36,000 from [Expanded Learning Opportunities Program](#) funds.
2. **RAINBOW CHEFS ACADEMY** - The Board okayed obtaining curriculum and online access from [Rainbow Chefs Academy](#), which will also train and support four [California Teaching Fellows Foundation](#) staff. The staff will teach two weeklong cooking camps at Alpha School for up to 80 kindergarten through 5th grade students during Summer Enrichment (July 8-19). Students who are in [foster care](#) or [homeless](#) will be prioritized during registration. The cost will be \$17,250 from [Expanded Learning Opportunities Program](#) funds.
3. **MATH AFTER SCHOOL** - The Board approved obtaining math curriculum and software licenses from [Mindsets Learning](#) for up to 1,500 elementary students (grades 3-6) and 120 middle school students (grades 7-8). The curriculum and software will be used in the After School Program during the summer and the upcoming school year. The cost will be \$160,380 from [Expanded Learning Opportunities Program](#) funds.
4. **FIELD TRIPS** - The Board okayed six high school field trips involving about 70 students and 15 adults. The farthest trip will carry two Madera High School students and an adult by van to



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Garden Grove for the [Fall Leadership Institute](#) of the [Family, Career and Community Leaders of America](#) club in late October. The largest trip will bus 30 students from Madera, Madera South, and Torres high schools and five adults to Santa Barbara for a [Summer Leadership Camp](#) held by the [California Association of Directors of Activities](#) in mid-July. The total costs will be \$12,500 for transportation and \$26,650 for lodging from Arts Education, choir, Associated Student Body, boosters, FCCLA, [California Community Schools Partnership Program](#), [Perkins](#), and athletics funds.

5. **EMPLOYEE TRAVEL** - The Board approved the potential reimbursement requests for two trips involving a total of two district employees. The farthest trip will fly an employee to the [Leaders Retreat](#) held by the not-for-profit [National Center on Education and the Economy](#) at Seattle, Washington, in late June. The total cost will be \$4,982 from general funds.
6. **NEW LEADERS** - The Board sanctioned the hiring of the following district leaders.
 - a. Vice Principal Joseph Daniel Silva of Madera South High School
 - b. Vice Principal Andrea Burton of Howard Elementary School
 - c. Vice Principal Jamiee Ashburn of Cesar Chavez Elementary School
 - d. Vice Principal Guadalupe Zapata of Washington Elementary School
7. **STAFF CHANGES** - The Board okayed the filling of 19 teaching positions, 4 vacant vice principal jobs, 4 transportation positions, 3 School Safety Officer Lead - Therapy Support Dog jobs, and 5 other classified jobs.
8. **CLASSIFIED CONFERENCE** - The Board approved two items for the fifth annual Classified Professional Development Conference set for district staff on June 10 at Torres High School, 16645 Road 26. The total cost for these items is not to exceed \$5,250.
 - a. Those presenting workshops will receive a \$500 total stipend per workshop (not per presenter or per session).
 - b. An agreement with local musician Patrick Contreras of “Violin on Fire” to perform at the conference.
9. **NEW JOB** - The Board okayed a job description and recommended salary for a new position of Paraprofessional - T.O.P.S. (Therapeutic Opportunity Program & Supports) program. Those in this job will earn \$46,249-\$60,489 per year, and will assist one or more students who need more intense aid. The position will require Nonviolent Crisis Prevention Intervention and Registered Behavioral Technician training.
10. **STAFF TRAINING** - The Board approved an agreement with [Boys’ Town National Community Support Services](#) to offer training and coaching in Boys’ Town Teaching Social Skills to Youth curriculum to Student Advocates. The cost will be \$5,798.20 from [California Community Schools Partnership Program](#) funds.



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New Business

FLAG FOOTBALL - The Board of Trustees unanimously approved Girl's Flag Football as a fall sport for secondary schools. The [California Interscholastic Federation officially sanctioned the school sport in spring 2023](#) and it will be [an Olympic sport for men and women in 2028](#). District staff expressed hope that the addition will diversify school athletics by encouraging more girls to participate. The costs will be \$33,00 to establish Girl's Flag Football at three middle schools and three high schools and \$86,250 per year to maintain the program.

Announcements

1. **GRADUATE SHOWCASES** - Graduate Profile Showcases will be held at Mt. Vista High School tomorrow, May 15, and at Madera South High School on Tuesday, May 21. A Junior Graduate Profile Showcase will be at Madera Technical Exploration Center on Tuesday, May 28.
2. **[SELPA](#)** - The Governance Council for the Madera-Mariposa Special Education Local Plan Area will meet tomorrow, May 15.
3. **TEACHER OF THE YEAR** - The Madera City Council will issue a proclamation tomorrow, May 15, honoring teacher Elizabeth Ochoa for her accomplishments as the state's Teacher of the Year.
4. **SAP DAY** - The district will hold a Strategic Academic Planning day on Friday, May 24, so students will not have to attend school and teacher leaders will meet with administrators.
5. **MEMORIAL DAY** - The district will be closed on Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day, which honors U.S. military personnel who died during their service.

Advanced Planning

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - The next regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, May 28, in the Madera Unified School District Boardroom at 1902 Howard Road. The meeting will be held in person and virtually.