



Board of Trustees Meeting Synopsis

Tuesday, May 23, 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), Ruben Mendoza (Area 3), Lucy Salazar (Area 5), Frank Jerik Santos (Alternative Education), and Ingrid Sosa Ramirez (Torres High School).

Communications

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

Information and Reports

UNION TIME - David Holder, president of the Madera Unified Teachers Association, said he would be in a Zoom teleconferencing meeting with [Senator Anna Caballero](#) to discuss public school funding and the [Local Control Funding Formula](#). He said MUTA and its educators will strive for more chances to cooperate “in this ever more complex process” as stakeholders.

Consent Agenda

1. **ADULT SCHOOL LEASE** - The Board of Trustees unanimously approved extending an office lease with Creekside Land Company to May 31, 2028, with a 3% increase in rent per year. Madera Adult School shares the office building with [Madera County Workforce Investment Corporation](#) at 2037 W. Cleveland Avenue in the Walmart Shopping Center. The cost will be \$22,375.25 per month plus quarterly fees for common area maintenance.
2. **VIDEO SURVEILLANCE** - The Board unanimously okayed a subscription with [Genetec Inc.](#) for surveillance video management at 12 sites. MUSD currently uses [Ocularis Video Management System](#) and staff said it struggles to meet the district’s security and safety needs. [DCL Technology](#) of Fresno will convert the sites to the Genetec system. The district will use its own computer servers for the software. The costs will be \$145,922.93 for licenses and labor to convert from Ocularis to Genetec and \$20,553 for annual support contracts.



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3. **MADISON EXPANSION** - The Board unanimously approved an agreement that will allow staff to work with [PBK Architects](#) on schematic drawings, design, state approval, bidding, construction and more for the Madison Academic Building Expansion Project. The project would add a second-story building on the east side of Madison School's campus to enable the inclusion of 7th and 8th graders. The estimated cost will be \$687,500 from the building fund.
4. **FIELD TRIPS** - The Board unanimously okayed six high school field trips involving about 75 students and 15 adults in June through December. The farthest trip will bring 4 adults and 15 students from Children and Youth in Transition to [Point Pinole](#) by bus this summer in a trip funded by the [San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust](#). The largest trip will take 17 Madera High School Boys Basketball athletes and 3 adults to a late December tournament in Atascadero. Excluding two trips funded by the parkway and conservation trust, the total costs will be \$2,350 for transportation and \$4,700 for lodging from career technical education, state FCCLA ([Family, Career and Community Leaders of America](#)), Migrant Education, athletics, and boosters funds.
5. **EMPLOYEE CONFERENCES** - The Board unanimously approved a potential reimbursement request for three trips involving 22 district employees in June and July. The largest and farthest trip will fly an updated roster of 18 staff to Oaxaca, Mexico, for a Teacher Residency Program - Study Abroad. The total cost will be \$79,000 from [Supplemental and Concentration grant](#), arts-related discretionary block grant, and [California Community Schools Partnership Program](#) grant funds.
6. **RETIREMENTS** - The Board unanimously accepted the following retirements.
 - a. [Joe Zamilpa](#), safety officer lead at Safety & Security, will retire on July 31, 2023, after 25 years of service.
 - b. [Dorothy Zaragosa](#), office technician for Multilingual Educational Program, will retire on June 16, 2023, after 23 years of service.
 - c. [Sotero Uribe](#), head custodian at Monroe Elementary School, will retire on June 30, 2023, after 20 years of service.
7. **STAFF CHANGES** - The Board unanimously okayed the filling of 9 teaching positions, 2 Child Nutrition Assistant I positions, 4 other classified jobs, and 1 other certificated job.
8. **NEW LEADER** - The Board unanimously sanctioned the hiring of [Sandra Kelly](#) as the new vice principal of Thomas Jefferson Middle School.
9. **NEW & REVISED JOBS** - The Board unanimously approved 5 new supplemental help positions, 4 new classified job descriptions, 2 new certificated job descriptions, and a revised classified job description – as well as their recommended salaries.
 - a. **Instrument Repair Assistant** (\$15.50/hr.) will assist the Instrument Repair Specialist during the summer, when most servicing of musical instruments occurs, by handling less technical duties under close supervision.



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- b. **Performance Piano Accompanist** (\$50/hr.) will play piano for public student performances and any rehearsals immediately beforehand.
 - c. **Visiting Artist** (\$30/hr.) will teach art for specific projects or sessions that cannot be handled by existing staff or partners.
 - d. **Music Tutor** (\$25/hr.) will tutor beginning through advanced musicians.
 - e. **Music Tutor Assistant** (\$15.50/hr.) will tutor beginning musicians in elementary school bands, choirs, orchestras, and mariachi ensembles.
 - f. **Costume, Makeup, and Hair Specialist** (\$55,248-\$72,662/yr.) will support and advise arts participants, draft clothing patterns, cut and construct costumes, research plays, track budgets, and maintain costume work areas and inventories.
 - g. **Executive Administrative Assistant** (\$59,821-\$77,882/yr.) will support an assigned administrator with complex clerical and analytical tasks.
 - h. **Lighting/Sound Specialist** (\$55,248-72,662/yr.) will support and advise arts participants, maintain theaters and performing arts production equipment, and supervise equipment use.
 - i. **Scenic Specialist** (\$55,248-72,662/yr.) will support and advise arts participants, supervise assembly of scenery and stages, maintain high school scene shops, and ensure safe operation of power tools and equipment.
 - j. **Special Services Specialist** (\$53,265-\$70,073/yr.) will support Special Education programs, assign case managers, and manage and update data in Individualized Education Programs and related legal documents.
 - k. **School-Based Mental Health Grant Coordinator** (\$113,859-\$127,732/yr.) will oversee the district's [School-Based Mental Health Services grant program](#), and lead social workers and interns completing their master's degree in Social Work-Pupil Personnel Services.
 - l. **Social Worker - School** (salary unspecified) will counsel students and families, manage intervention and counseling cases, and oversee and ensure interns fulfill their required field placements for Pupil Personnel Services credentialing.
10. **CLASSIFIED CONFERENCE** - The Board unanimously okayed a \$500 total stipend (not per person) for those presenting a workshop at the [4th annual Classified Professional Development Conference](#) set for June 13 at Torres High School.
11. **MIGRANT PROGRAM** - The Board unanimously approved an agreement with GrowthPoint Technologies to provide a two-week MUSD Madera Scholars Program to 50 migrant students hosted at Fresno State University from June 12-23. Participants will engage in English writing and math activities for kindergarten through 6th graders. The cost will be \$50,000 from [Expanded Learning Opportunities program](#) grant funds.



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Old Business

CORE TEXTBOOKS - The Board approved the adoption of core textbooks for two high school courses, “Physics of the Universe” and Advanced Placement “European History.” High school science and European history adoption committees recommended [“Savvas: Experience Physics.”](#) and [“A History of Western Society”](#) by Merry Wiesner-Hanks and others (13th Edition). The cost is not to exceed \$6,000 for history and \$26,000 for physics (first year and recovery each year) from lottery resource funds.

New Business

BERENDA BUS ZONE - The Board accepted the construction bid of Clean Cut Landscaping for a Berenda Bus Loading Zone Project, which includes a paved bus loading zone on Road 27, drive approaches, a walkway, fencing, gates, and off-site improvements on Road 27 and Club Drive. The completion date would be July 31, staff said. The cost will be \$1,034,954.25 from special reserve funds.

Announcements

1. **MADERA METHOD** - The Madera Method Culmination Project will honor the late Sonny Nishimoto tomorrow morning, May 24, at Madera County Courthouse Park.
2. **CSEA** - Local chapter #169 of the California School Employees Association will sponsor its annual Classified Appreciation Lunch at Maintenance and Operations tomorrow.
3. **FFA** - Madera South High School’s [Future Farmers of America](#) will hold its Spring Banquet tomorrow evening.
4. **SERVICE WITH PRIDE** - The Service with Pride dinner, celebrating longstanding district staff, will be Thursday evening, May 25, in San Joaquin Winery.
5. **AMAE** - The Association of Mexican American Educators’ Scholarship Dinner will be at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 26, in Burrito King restaurant.
6. **SAP DAY** - Strategic Academic Planning Day will be Friday, May 26, so students will not be at school.
7. **MEMORIAL DAY** - The district will be closed on Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day.
8. **MTEC** - The Madera Technical Exploration Center will host an Open House at 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 1.



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9. **NETHERTON RELAYS** - The Netherton Relays will be at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 2, at Madera South High School.
10. **GRADUATIONS** - Graduation ceremonies will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Stadium as follows:
 - a. *Alternative and Adult education*: Tuesday, June 6
 - b. *Madera South High School*: Wednesday, June 7
 - c. *Madera High School*: Thursday, June 8
 - d. *Torres High School*: Friday, June 9

Advanced Planning

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - The next regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, June 13, in the Madera Unified School District Boardroom at 1902 Howard Road. The meeting will be held in person and virtually.