

Board of Trustees Meeting Synopsis

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

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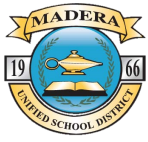
Below is a brief summary of this week's regular meeting of the MUSD school board. It is not comprehensive and is for informational purposes only. Meeting recordings will be uploaded online ([click here for video](#)). Official minutes listing board actions at each meeting are approved at the following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

Board Organizational Items

Superintendent Todd Lile led the recently appointed Area 7 trustee Nahdeem Ahmad in swearing the "Oath of Office" in which support and defense of the national and state constitutions are promised.

Consent Agenda

1. **STUDENT TRACKING** - The Board of Trustees approved an amendment to an agreement with New York-based [Tyler Technologies](#), which in 2019 installed a student tracking system on 35 MUSD buses. The system allows parents and staff to know the GPS location and route of a bus via a smartphone app ([Traversa Ride 360](#)). The amended agreement expands the system to 28 more school buses. A one-time fee of \$33,620 and an annual service fee of \$8,400 will be paid from COVID-19 Relief Funds.
2. **VIDEO SURVEILLANCE** - The Board okayed an agreement with [AMS.Net](#) to maintain MUSD video surveillance cameras for the 2021-2022 school year. The district manages and supports 277 cameras spread over seven sites, staff said. In time, a grant-funded project now underway will add cameras to middle schools and so increase the number of cameras to 370 across 11 sites. These cameras will need annual cleaning and maintenance as well as occasional refocusing or replacement. The annual cost will be \$46,536 from COVID-19 Relief Funds.
3. **MLK TRAINING** - The Board approved a contract with Georgia-based Unfold the Soul for professional development of Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School staff on Aug. 5, 2021, and Jan. 11, 2022. [Kenneth C. Williams](#), a former teacher and administrator, will speak with staff on equity as well as meet with the school's leadership team repeatedly. The cost will be \$8,000 in MLK Comprehensive Support and Improvement funds.
4. **TRAVEL REQUESTS** - The Board okayed a travel request from teacher Johnny Corona of Madera Technical Exploration Center to attend the [Youth Entrepreneurs](#) Empowered conference in Nashville, Tennessee, from July 7-11, 2021, as a selected ambassador. There will be no cost to the district.



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5. **STAFF CHANGES** - The Board approved filling 20 new teaching positions and 24 vacant teaching jobs, and hiring 3 speech language pathologists, 6 other certificated staff, 3 groundspersons, and 8 other classified staff. The new hires included several new leaders:
 - a. **MADISON** - New Principal Nora Guillen for Madison Elementary School
 - b. **MT. VISTA** - New Principal Alejandro Juarez for Mountain Vista High School
 - c. **VAPA** - New Director Brandon Gilles for Visual and Performing Arts

The Board also created a new District Culture and Climate Coach position for Matilda Torres High School, a Custodial Supervisor position for Maintenance and Operations, and an Administrative Assistant II position for Independent Study.

6. **LIBRARY STAFFING** - The Board approved an understanding with the California School Employees Association Chapter #169 to eliminate part-time Library Media technicians. All elementary school Library Media Technicians will become full-time with 204 work days per school year unless an individual prefers layoff to the change.

Old Business

1. **BP/AR 5113.2-6174** - The Board approved various revised board policies and administrative regulations that dealt with work permits, awards for achievement, early childhood education, transitional kindergarten, graduation requirements, high school equivalency, and multilingual students. The Board also okayed the removal of Exhibit 6147 (Education for English Language Learners) and the addition of a new exhibit (EX 6146.2 Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency). The California School Board Association recommended the updates.
2. **SCIENCE TEXTBOOKS** - The Board okayed high school science textbooks. The cost will be \$25,00 for “Living Earth” course material ([Model-Based Educational Resources](#) and [Howard Hughes Medical Institute](#)) annually and up to \$410,000 for “Chemistry in the Earth System” course material, “[Savvas: Experience Chemistry](#).”
3. **BUDGET** - The Board approved the 2021-22 Adopted Budget, which details projections of anticipated income and expenses.
4. **LCAP** - The Board okayed the 2021-22 [Local Control and Accountability Plan](#), which is a three-year plan that focuses on how the district’s budget has helped and will help achieve goals in eight areas prioritized by the state. These are: Basic Services, Implementation of State Standards, Parent Involvement, Student Achievement, Student Engagement, School Climate, Course Access, and Other Student Outcomes.
5. **STUDENT BELIEVER** - The Board approved a “Student Believer” document, which trustees had previously requested be written. The document outlines the district’s expectations for



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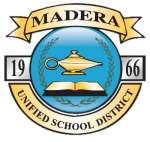
students in connection with the Student Bill of Rights resolution approved by the Board on March 23. Below are the beliefs in the Student Believer document.

- a. WE BELIEVE every student has a right to a socially, emotionally, and physically safe, positive school environment and students have a responsibility to express themselves and behave towards other students and staff with honesty, respect, and kindness.
- b. WE BELIEVE students have the right to be treated with respect and valued by the school community and students have a responsibility to be empathetic and mindful in how they act and show their thoughts and feelings with others.
- c. WE BELIEVE students have the right to inclusive teaching and learning environments in our classrooms and students have a responsibility to embrace their opportunities to learn by keeping open minds and hearts toward others.
- d. WE BELIEVE students have the right to effective teachers that are both knowledgeable and supportive and students have a responsibility to strive to learn, grow, and achieve their best.
- e. WE BELIEVE students have the right to equitable, quality education that prepares them for life beyond high school and students have a responsibility to take risks and explore what they're capable of by seeking variety in what they learn.
- f. WE BELIEVE students have the right to Freedom of Expression within a place of learning that has clear guidelines and expectations and students have a responsibility to reveal their values, creativity, and opinions without harming others and with understanding of differences.
- g. WE BELIEVE students have the right to equitable school disciplinary policies and practices that focus on correction not punishment and students have a responsibility for their actions and will learn how to appropriately react to challenges and conflicts.
- h. WE BELIEVE students have the right to shape decisions that affect their education and students have a responsibility to properly and clearly share their views on such matters when chances arise to do so.

The Bill of Rights and the follow-up Student Believer document were molded by contributions from students from 6th through 12th grade via Student Voice forums.

Announcements

1. **BOND OVERSIGHT** - The Bond Oversight Committee will meet Wednesday, June 23, at 5:30 p.m. at Madera Technical Exploration Center.



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2. **INDEPENDENCE HOLIDAY** - MUSD will observe the holiday of our nation's independence on Monday, July 5.

Advanced Planning

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