



Board of Trustees Meeting Synopsis

Tuesday, June 25, 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

Nadeem Ahmad (Area 7), Israel Cortes (Area 6), Gladys Diebert (Area 2), Joetta Fleak (Area 4), Lucy Salazar (Area 5), and Ray Seibert (Area 1)

Consent Agenda

1. **STAFF TRAINING** - The Board of Trustees unanimously approved a three-year agreement with publisher [Solution Tree](#) for its [Professional Learning Community at Work](#) program, which will be used to assist three elementary schools that will be chosen through a competitive process. The program includes needs assessment, leadership training, on-site visits, and web-based coaching. The leaders trained will be particular teachers, administrators, and others. The cost will be \$1,082,400 from [Supplemental and Concentration grant](#) funds from the state.
2. **AUTOMOBILE PURCHASES** - The Board unanimously okayed a resolution that permits the district to buy up to eight vehicles through local dealerships if unavailable by competitive bidding. The resolution is valid through July 1, 2025.
3. **DONATIONS** - The Board unanimously ratified five donations with a total value of \$9,340.32.
 - a. *Arts Education* - Latinas Unidas de Madera donated \$400 to the Arts Education Department's Mariachi Program.
 - b. *MSHS* - Gary Geist donated a quarter horse valued at \$2,5000 to Madera South High School's Agriculture Department.
 - c. *Ed. Services* - Menasha Corporation donated \$5,400 to the Educational Services Department.
 - d. *Ripperdan* - Panda Restaurant Group donated \$40.32 to Ripperdan Community Day School.
 - e. *Washington* - Ellis Howard donated \$1,000 to Washington Elementary School.
4. **LITTLE LEAGUE** - The Board unanimously ratified a budget increase of \$19,0000 for an agreement with the Madera National Little League due to higher student participation than



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expected. The agreement offered cost-free enrollment in little league for MUSD students. The total cost is not to exceed \$84,000 from [Expanded Learning Opportunities Program](#) funds.

5. **COMMUNITY COLLEGE** - The Board unanimously approved a College and Career Access Partnership agreement with State Center Community College District. The agreement enables high school students to enroll in up to 15 units of college courses (four courses or fewer) on high school campuses with waived tuition fees for dual enrollment. The agreement expires June 30, 2029. There is no cost to the district.
6. **FIELD TRIPS** - The Board unanimously okayed three high school field trips involving 70 students and 15 adults. The largest trip will bring 30 Madera South High School cross country athletes and four adults to Mammoth for a summer camp in late July. The farthest trip will take 26 students and five adults to Indianapolis, Indiana, for the [national convention and expo of Future Farmers of America](#) in late October. The total costs will be \$26,340 for transportation and \$15,404 for lodging from athletics, boosters, FFA, and [Perkins](#) funds.
7. **EMPLOYEE TRAVEL** - The Board unanimously approved a potential reimbursement request for three employees to fly to Tacoma, Washington, for the [Character Strong National Conference](#) in late July. The cost will be \$6,645 from [California Community Schools Partnership Program](#) grant funds.
8. **CONTRACT COSTS** - The Board unanimously ratified a budget increase for previously approved agreements with vendors:
 - a. *Transportation*: Central Valley GPS (up \$29,521.85) and Tyler Technologies (up \$49,847.33)
 - b. *Student Services*: Parchment Inc. (up \$2,240)
 - c. *Maintenance & Operations*: Geil Enterprises (up \$1,300)
 - d. *Health & Wellness*: Jessica Macias (up \$16,000)
 - e. *Human Resources*: California Department of Justice (up \$9,400)
 - f. *Community Athletics*: Madera National Little League (up \$18,790)
 - g. *Security*: City of Madera (up \$38,000)
 - h. *Expanded Learning*: Fresno Chaffee Zoo (up \$20,546)
 - i. *Curriculum & Instruction*: NoRedInk Corp. (up \$102, 141).
9. **RETIREEES** - The Board unanimously accepted the retirement of Amanda Hoover, an office technician from Child Nutrition who will retire on July 15 after 35 years of service.
10. **NEW LEADERS** - The Board unanimously sanctioned the hiring of the following leaders.
 - a. Vice Principal *Noemi Costillas* of Alpha School
 - b. Vice Principal *Timothy Mejia* of Virginia Lee Rose School
 - c. Vice Principal *Christopher Salone* of Torres High School
 - d. Principal *Jill Derkalousdian* of Madera Technical Exploration Center



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11. **STAFF CHANGES** - The Board unanimously okayed the filling of 17 teaching positions, three vacant vice principal positions, two vacant Groundsperson I positions, two vacant school nurse positions, five other classified positions, and two other certificated positions.
12. **NEW JOB** - The Board unanimously approved the job of Child Nutrition Head Custodian - Food Handler (\$43,806-\$57,316 per year). The position will fulfill the duties of a head custodian as well as specific Child Nutrition warehouse needs.
13. **TELE-SERVICES** - The Board unanimously okayed a \$50,000 increase for speech tele-services from [SPG Therapy and Education](#). The district's on-site pathologists and pathologist assistants serve 527 students with disabilities that involve speech, which is a little less than half of those who qualify for legally mandated speech services. Speech teleservices serve the rest of those who qualify. The district closed seven full-time speech-language pathologist positions as of January to offset some of the teleservices cost, which has risen due to growing demand. The total costs are \$350,000 from [Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant](#) funds.

Old Business

1. **KING HUSEIN SCHOOL** - The Board of Trustees unanimously approved an addendum and cost for an existing agreement with Harris Construction, which will build King Husein School. The district has committed to paying \$21,888,405 so that construction can begin on on-site and off-site improvements.
2. **LCAP** - The Board unanimously okayed the three-year Local Control & Accountability Plan 2024-2025, which describes the goals, actions, services, and expenses to meet state and local priorities for students.
3. **BUDGET** - The Board unanimously approved the 2024-2025 Adopted Budget.

New Business

POLICIES REVIEW - The Board of Trustees discussed proposed revisions to most of its board policies to meet state requirements as well as to update practices. The [California School Boards Association](#) is assisting with the changes. Copies of the draft policies can be viewed at the district's main office at 1902 Howard Road.

Announcements

1. **NCEE RETREAT** - Superintendent Todd Lile and other district leaders will attend the [NCEE Superintendents Alliance](#) annual retreat in Seattle, Washington, on June 26-29.



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2. **SUMMER SCHOOL** - The last day of summer school will be Tuesday, July 2. Madera High School will host the summer high school graduation ceremony at 6 p.m. that day.
3. **BOARD WORKSHOP** - The Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting on Saturday, July 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. that will be the second in a series of board governance workshops.
4. **ACADEMY** - The 2024 Academy to prepare our district's leaders for the coming school year will be held July 22-24 at Torres High School.

Advanced Planning

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - The next regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, July 23, in the Madera Unified School District Boardroom at 1902 Howard Road. The meeting will be held in person and virtually.