

Board of Trustees Meeting Synopsis

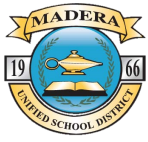
Tuesday, June 8, 2021

By John Rieping, Executive Administrative Assistant for the Superintendent's Office

Below is a brief summary of last 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](#)).

Consent Agenda

1. **TEACHER TRAINING** - The Board unanimously approved an agreement with the [National Center on Education and the Economy](#) (formerly known as NISL) to train teachers at Thomas Jefferson Middle School. The [Teaching for Effective Learning](#) program presents a research-based understanding of how people learn and strategies for how this can be used in instruction, staff said. The cost will be \$55,000 in Comprehensive Support and Improvement funds.
2. **ADULT CLASS** - The Board unanimously okayed a contract enabling the offering of an English as a Second Language class to [Madera County Workforce](#) participants on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from June 16 to July 19. The county agency will reimburse MUSD up to \$7,210 for Madera Adult School's instructional time, supplies and indirect costs.
3. **PERSHING PAINTING** - The Board unanimously approved an agreement with consultant [The Artist in Me](#) to teach painting for After School Program students at Pershing Elementary School. About 75 students will use art kits, supplies, aprons, and table covers during two hours of art instruction. Their creations will be theirs to keep. The cost will be \$2,625 in After School Program funds.
4. **STAFFING CHANGES** - The Board unanimously okayed the filling of 13 certificated and 5 classified job vacancies, including teachers, District Advisory Committee instructors, registrars, and more. The Board also approved the creation of a counselor position at Madera Technical Exploration Center and the hiring for 13 new certificated jobs, including teacher mentors, physical educators, and District Advisory Committee instructors.
5. **NEW JOBS** - The Board unanimously approved the creation of two new certificated job descriptions. The Migrant Resource Teacher will offer supplemental instruction in English and mathematics during the school year and summer and will advocate for migrant students. The wage is \$37 an hour. The Coordinator of Special Services will oversee the Special Services Department and support staff inside the department and at school sites. The annual salary starts at \$105,308.
6. **ADULT EDUCATORS PAY** - The Board unanimously okayed a tentative agreement with the Madera Adult Educators on a salary schedule increase of 2% and a \$500 one-time off salary



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schedule for the 2019-2020 school year. The cost will be \$3,222,486 for 2019-20 and \$3,647,903 for 2020-21.

7. **RESTORATIVE PRACTICES** - The Board unanimously approved an agreement with [National Educator for Restorative Practices](#) to offer staff training during the 2021-22 school year. The training will help staff design opportunities for adults to connect, heal, and better support students, staff said. The cost will be up to \$30,000 of a [S.H. Cowell Foundation](#) grant.

Old Business

1. **TEXTBOOK ADOPTION** - The Board approved the adoption of core textbooks for high school Advanced Placement classes. For microeconomics, staff recommended “[Essentials of Comparative Politics with Cases](#)” with a supplemental workbook of “[AP Comparative Government & Politics: An Essential Coursebook](#).” For comparative government and politics, staff recommended “[Krugman’s Economics for the AP Course](#).” For the core books, the cost would be \$14,657 for the first year at all three high schools. The supplemental books would have a \$2,545 ongoing cost.
2. **BUNDLE CONTRACTS** - The Board okayed an annual bundle of many yearly contracts and service agreements with various vendors for the upcoming school year.

New Business

1. **PREP FOR SCHOOL SITE** - The Board approved an agreement with Crawford & Bowen Planning to provide environmental and geotechnical engineering services needed to obtain state approval of a proposed site for a new elementary school. The 49.52 acre property, valued at \$8.73 million, is on the south side of West Cleveland Avenue between Ave. 16 and N. Westberry Blvd and was donated by BFP Partnership in May. Staff is working with the state’s Department of Education to review the suitability of the site for a school.
2. **FIRST READINGS** - The Board heard several first readings, including proposed core science textbooks, School Plans for Student Achievement, the 2021-22 preliminary budget, the 2021-22 Local Control and Accountability Plan, and revised board policies and administrative regulations on work permits, preschool, education for english learners, and more.

Announcements

1. **PROMOTIONS** - Dixieland, Eastin-Arcola, Howard, and La Vina elementary schools will hold their drive-through Promotion ceremonies at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 10. Our middle



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schools, Desmond, MLK and Thomas Jefferson, will hold their Promotion ceremonies across two days, June 10-11, also at 9 a.m.

2. **GRADUATIONS** - Students from Furman High School, Mt. Vista High School, Madera Adult School, and Ripperdan Community Day School will graduate on Wednesday, June 9. Madera South High School's commencement ceremony will be on Thursday, June 10. Madera High School's ceremony will be on Friday, June 11. All of our commencement ceremonies will be at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Stadium.
3. **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING** - The Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, June 15, at 4:30 p.m. to publicly interview candidates for the seat of the Area 7 trustee.
4. **DAC MEETING** - The District Athletics Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday, June 16, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held virtually.

Advanced Planning

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - The next regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, June 22, in the Madera Unified School District Boardroom at 1902 Howard Road. The meeting will be held virtually.