



# Board of Trustees Meeting Synopsis

## Tuesday, July 25, 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), and Ray Seibert (Area 1)

### Consent Agenda

1. **MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER** - The Board of Trustees approved an agreement with [CoolSpeak](#) for motivational speaker [Carlos Ojeda Jr.](#) to lead assemblies of Madera, Madera South, and Torres high school students on Aug. 7, 8, and 11, respectively. The total cost will be \$13,500 (\$4,500 per school) from Categorical Funds.
2. **ZOO CAMPS** - The Board ratified an agreement with [Fresno Chaffee Zoo](#) to provide half-day field trips for summer school elementary students and weeklong Global Zooventure Camps as Summer Enrichment activities. During the week of July 10th, the district's Visual and Performing Arts department would offer a Zoo Theatre Makeup Camp at the zoo. The cost is not to exceed \$124,000 from [Expanded Learning Opportunities Program](#) funds.
3. **ELOP LEASE** - The Board okayed an agreement with Madera Industrial WHSE to lease 3,900 square feet of warehouse space for the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program department. The two suites (#125 and 127) are at 325 S. Schnoor Ave. The base rent of \$3,315 includes water, sewer, and trash service, and will increase 3% per year. A monthly Common Area Maintenance fee of \$50-100 will be charged for the third through fifth years of the lease. The total costs will be covered by [ELOP](#) funds.
4. **FIELD TRIPS** - The Board approved two Madera High School field trips that will take 20 students and a few adults by van to [Pioneer Valley High School](#) in Santa Maria in early September. The MHS boys and girls water polo athletes will compete in a tournament at the school. The total costs will be \$500 for transportation and \$1,600 for lodging from MHS Athletics funds.
5. **STAFF CHANGES** - The Board okayed the filling of 11 vacant paraprofessional aide positions, 10 new paraprofessional aide jobs, 7 vacant teaching positions, 3 new speech and language pathologist jobs, 3 new teaching jobs, 7 other classified jobs, and 3 other certificated jobs.



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6. **NEW LEADERS** - The Board sanctioned the hiring of the following new leaders.
  - a. Vice Principal *Christina Prince* of Madera High School
  - b. Vice Principal *Kelli Spence* of Torres High School
  - c. Program Specialist *Venissia Garcia* of Special Services
7. **NEW JOB** - The Board approved a new job of Facilities Project Manager (\$107,073-\$136,618 per year), which will manage sites, planning, design, funding, and legal compliance for proposed schools.
8. **NEW SHOES** - The Board okayed an agreement with [Soles4Souls](#) to provide 500 new shoes to district students in the Children and Youth in Transition program from July 26, 2023, through July 26, 2026. There will be no cost to MUSD.

### New Business

**HUSEIN SCHOOL SITE** - The Board of Trustees unanimously adopted a Preliminary Environmental Assessment Report for the proposed site for King Husein Elementary School. Soil samples from the site were analyzed and groundwater impacts evaluated. Potential risks were judged to be very trifling (“de minimis”) in the eyes of U.S. law – with the exception of [lead](#), [toxaphene](#), and [arsenic](#). These were present in previously farmed areas at higher than normal rates (perhaps due to past use of pesticides) but would still be seen as safe. Thus no mitigation was needed, according to [Krazan & Associates](#), which prepared the report.

### Announcements

1. **SAP DAY** - A Strategic Action Planning day is set for Tuesday, Aug. 1.
2. **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT** - The Madera Chamber of Commerce will host its 2023 Lifetime Achievement Awards dinner on Thursday, Aug. 3.
3. **SCHOOL STARTS** - The first day of school will be Monday, Aug. 7.

### Advanced Planning

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING** - The next regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, August 8, in the Madera Unified School District Boardroom at 1902 Howard Road. The meeting will be held in person and virtually.