



Board of Trustees Meeting Synopsis

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

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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](#)).

Roll Call

Nadeem Ahmad (Area 7), Israel Cortes (Area 6), Joetta Fleak (Area 4), Genesis Guillen (Madera South High School), Ruben Mendoza (Area 3), Lucy Salazar (Area 5), Ray Seibert (Area 1), and Sebastian Zavalza (Madera High School)

Board Reorganization Items

STUDENT TRUSTEES - Six MUSD high school students swore an oath Tuesday to support and defend the U.S. and California constitutions following their appointment as 2022-2023 advisory members of the Board of Trustees. The new members are:

- ★ **Alternative Education:** Frank Jerik Santos
- ★ **Madera High School:** Sebastian Zavalza and alternate Jossen Garcia
- ★ **Madera South High School:** Genesis Guillen and alternate Bianca Reyes-Ruiz
- ★ **Matilda Torres High School:** Ingrid Sosa Ramirez

Only two students will be officially seated as trustees on the dais at any regular Board meeting, and they will exit around 9:30 p.m. Student trustees can make motions, serve on subcommittees, and vote on agenda items, but those "preferential votes" won't affect whether items pass or fail. Each student will also lead a Student Voice forum with peers and will meet quarterly with the superintendent.

Student Board Member Information and Report

MSHS - Student Trustee Genesis Guillen of Madera South High School said the first week of school was fantastic with fun lunchtime activities. She said she hopes to have a positive impact, listen to peers, discuss topics at meetings, and defend the students' point of view.

MHS - Student Trustee Sebastian Zavalza of Madera High School said the first two weeks of school were amazing, and last Friday's football games against Torres High School were great. He said he plans to hear out our students and ultimately build towards a beneficial change for our student body.



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Student and Staff Recognition

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

Consent Agenda

1. **VIRTUAL MEETINGS** - The Board of Trustees okayed continuing to hold its public meetings virtually via [Zoom](#) in September to safeguard attendee health amid the pandemic.
2. **BACKUP SOFTWARE** - The Board approved the renewing of the district's license for [Veeam Support Software](#) for this school year. The [virtual machine](#) software can backup and restore files and servers if needed. The cost is \$16,647.40 from Information Technology Department funds.
3. **FIELD TRIPS** - The Board okayed 10 field trips, all but three of which involve agricultural club Madera [FFA](#), for the current school year. The three largest trips will each bring 20 Madera FFA members and about a handful of adults to 2023 competitions in California, including the State FFA Judging Finals in San Luis Obispo this May. The farthest trip will fly four Madera FFA students and three adults to the [95th National FFA Convention & Expo](#) in late October at Indianapolis, Indiana. A total of 21 high school students and six adults will participate in the three non-FFA trips. The 10 field trips will cost \$42,495 for transportation and lodging, which will be covered by "[Be the Match](#)" [HOSA](#), the Madera High School Athletic Fund and Boosters, [Madera FFA](#), a [Perkins](#) grant for career technical education, and the [AIG Matching Grants Program](#).
4. **STAFF CHANGES** - The Board approved the filling of 11 vacant classified positions, 10 new classified jobs, 8 vacant certificated positions, and 6 new certificated jobs. The new certificated staff included 10 teachers, 3 school nurses, and a district administrative coach for English language development. The new classified staff include 3 administrative assistants, 3 cafeteria/playground aides, 3 community support specialists, and various other positions.

New Business

DEVELOPMENT FEES - Staff presented a School Facilities Needs Analysis for home development and a Fee Justification Study for commercial and industrial development to the Board of Trustees for their review and discussion. Both will be voted on in a September meeting of the Board of Trustees.



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1. **HISTORY AND PURPOSE** - In 1986, the state legislature authorized school districts to levy school impact or developer fees to fund the construction or reconstruction of school facilities. In 1998, the state legislature also gave districts the option of adopting alternative school fees.
2. **TYPE OF FEES** - A Level 1 developer fee is determined by the State Allocation Board, which has set it at \$4.79 per square foot for homes and \$0.78 per square foot for commercial development. It can be assessed if the district can establish a reasonable relationship between the new development and the fees required to pay for facilities to accommodate future students. Level 2 developer fees are meant to cover half of the cost of providing new school facilities due to growing population, though in practice it more often only covers a quarter of the cost, staff said. The fees are calculated based on the amount of new residential square footage projected to be built in the next five years. The greater the expected development the lower the fee. Level 2 fees require eligibility for state funding of new school construction, adoption of a School Facility Needs Analysis yearly, and meeting at least two of four state requirements.
3. **SCHOOL FACILITY NEEDS ANALYSIS** - The analysis summarizes and calculates the fee the district can collect on residential development projects using a method set by state law.
4. **CURRENT & PROPOSED FEES** - The district's current Level 2 developer fee for homes is \$5.25 per square foot. The maximum calculated fee is \$7.18 per square foot, according to the 2022 School Facility Needs Analysis. The current Level 2 developer fee for commercial and industrial buildings is \$0.66 per square foot. The calculated fee is \$0.78 per square foot, according to the 2022 Fee Justification Study. MUSD is currently the only district in the area that is levying fees lower than it is authorized to do by the state, staff said.

Advanced Planning

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