The Board of Education of the Madera Unified School District convened in a **Special Board Meeting** in the Madera Unified School District Boardroom, 1902 Howard Road, Madera, California on **Tuesday, September 19, 2016,** at 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Al Galvez, President Robert E. Garibay, Clerk

Ricardo Arredondo, Trustee
Brent Fernandes, Trustee
Ed McIntyre, Trustee
Ray Seibert, Trustee – Joined via teleconference from (559) 478-8500
Maria Velarde-Garcia, Trustee - Joined the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

Absent

Ricardo Arredondo, Trustee

Edward C. González, Superintendent Adele Nikkel, Chief Financial Officer Kent Albertson, Chief Human Resources Officer Gladys A. Wilson, Senior Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees

Frank Guillen, Information System Specialist

Dr. Marcheta Williams, Director of Visual and Performing Arts Dr Michael Mueller, Director of Student Services David Hernandez, Director of Community Services

David Holder, MUTA President

There were approximately 25 visitors/District employees in attendance.

1. Call to Order of Public Meeting, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, and Opening

President Galvez opened the Public Meeting by calling the Public Session to order at 12:05 p.m. President Galvez asked Ms. Wilson to call the Roll of Trustees. President Galvez welcomed the visitors and the media and asked Clerk Garibay to lead the flag salute. The meeting was recorded on Audio File No. 7-2016/17.

Superintendent González requested a revision to Cover Page of agenda item No. 2A. Superintendent González requested section Superintendent Recommendation be revised to list "Superintendent will take a neutral position on this item."

President Galvez opened the floor for public comment on a subject on the Board agenda.

David Holder, MUTA President, brought concerns with selection process, cost, and concerns with no participation from students.

Vicky Ray, addressed concerns on the cost of the trip and funding for other district programs for students.

Seeing no others come forward, President Galvez closed public comment.

2. New Business

A. Approval of Conference Request

VAPA Employees to International Music Festival – Yilan, Taiwan, 10/9/16 to 10/17/16

Superintendent González introduced Dr. Marcheta Williams, Director of the Visual and Performing Arts.

Dr. Williams provided information on the invitation received from Conductor Lee, Director of Yilan Festival.

Krystle Kidwell, spoke person for Conductor Lee and Director of the International Music Festival in Taiwan. Mrs. Kidwell informed the Board the City of Yilan had raised \$3,000 to cover the airfare for our staff. Accommodations, meals, and local transportation in the City if Yilan are provided free of charge by the City of Yilan.

Trustee Velarde-Garcia informed the Board she was leaving the meeting at 12:30 p.m. and indicated she did not support the request.

Each Trustee provided their position on this request.

President Galvez opened the floor for public comment.

Lynn Cogdill, Madera, addressed the needs of Oaxacan students.

Rachel Villarreal, Madera, concerned with teachers traveling internationally and missed opportunities for students.

Chuck Genseal, Madera, addressed his nonsupport to this request.

Jack Porter, Madera, concerned with the funding of this trip.

Seeing no others come forward President Galvez closed public comments and brought the item to the Board for questions and comments.

Mr. & Mrs. Kidwell answered questions from the Board. Mrs. Kidwell reiterated the City if Yilan will contribute to the cost of transportation with \$3,000 US dollars.

Dr. Williams answered questions regarding substitutes for traveling teachers.

It was moved by Clerk Garibay, seconded by Trustee McIntyre, to approve the Conference Request as presented.

Ayes: Trustees McIntyre, Clerk Garibay, and President Galvez

Noes: Trustees Fernandes and Seibert

Absent: Trustees Arredondo and Velarde-Garcia

Abstained: None

MOTION FAILED

Trustee McIntyre proposed the Board approve the conference request with the understanding the remaining balance of \$3,350 be paid from private contributions.

It was moved by Trustee McIntyre, seconded by Trustee Seibert, and carried by majority to approve the Conference Request without the use of public funds.

Ayes: Trustees Fernandes, McIntyre, Seibert, Clerk Garibay, and President Galvez

Noes: None

Absent: Trustees Arredondo and Velarde-Garcia

Abstained: None

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Dated: September 19, 2016

16. Adjournment - Motion No. 47-2016/17

President Galvez adjourned the Public Session at 1:03 p.m.

Gladys Wilson, Senior Administrative Assistant

to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees

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EXHIBIT A- CONSENT AGENDA EMPLOYEE CONFERENCES MOTION NO. -2016/17 DOCUMENT NO. -2016/17

Date	Site	Name	Trip Purpose- # of Employees	Location	Cost	Vehicle Type
10/9/16 to 10/17/16	District	Marcheta Williams Matthew Mazzei Marco Paim Diego Zarate Mike Yturralde Savannah Thompson Nick Gilroy	International Music Festival	Yilan, Taiwan	\$6,650- No cost to District	Airplane