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MADERA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Madera: Unified For Student Success

Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes
Special Meeting

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

5:00 PM Closed Session - 5:30 PM - Public Meeting

Meeting will be held via Zoom, a cloud-based video communication to hold virtual meetings.

For the 5:00 PM Closed Session Public Meeting, click [here](#) to access the Zoom meeting.

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OUR MISSION

We are committed to creating and sustaining a culture enabling Madera Unified students to experience an unparalleled educational journey that is intellectually, socially, and personally transformative.

The public is welcome to comment on any item listed on the Closed Session agenda immediately following the Call to Order of Public Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

1. 5:00 PM: Call to Order of Public Meeting

President Mendoza called the Regular Meeting of the MUSD Board of Trustees to order at 5:05 p.m. President Mendoza opened the floor for public comment on any item listed in the Closed Session Agenda. Seeing no one come forward, President Mendoza closed public comment. The Board adjourned to Closed Session to discuss the following matters:

A. Personnel

1. Public Employee Appointment/Employment—Staffing List (Government Code Section 54957)

B. Conference With Labor Negotiator

1. District Representative: Kent Albertson; Employee Organizations: MUTA, CSEA (Government Code section 54957.6)

C. Adjournment of Closed Session

5:30 PM - Public Meeting Begins

2. Reconvene Public Session

President Mendoza adjourned the Closed Session at 7:20 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting by calling the Public Session to order at 7:25 p.m. President Mendoza welcomed the visitors. Superintendent Lile read the Vision and Mission of the district.

3. Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, Opening and Acknowledgement of Visitors and Media

President Mendoza welcomed the media. President Mendoza asked Gladys Diebert to call the Roll of Trustees. President Mendoza asked Trustee Fleak to lead the flag salute. The meeting was recorded on Audio File No. 1-2020/21.

Board Members Present

Ruben Mendoza, President
Brent Fernandes, Clerk
Joetta Fleak, Trustee
J. Gordon Kennedy, Trustee
Ed McIntyre, Trustee
Lucy Salazar, Trustee
Ray Seibert, Trustee

Superintendent's Executive Cabinet Present & Online

Todd Lile, Superintendent
Sandon Schwart, Deputy Superintendent
Sheryl Sisil, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services
Kent Albertson, Chief Human Resources Officer
Arelis Garcia, Chief Financial Officer
Linda Monreal, Area Assistant Superintendent
Jesse Carrasco, Area Assistant Superintendent
Rebecca Malmo, Executive Director of Family and Student Support Services
Babatunde Ilori, Executive Director of Accountability and Communications
Gladys A. Diebert, Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees

Union Representatives Present Online

David Holder, MUTA President
Cheri Giddens, CSEA President

There were approximately 315 members of the public and District employees in the Zoom meeting.

4. Closed Session Reportable Actions *(Government Code Section 54957.1)*

Superintendent Lile informed the Board there were no reportable action items from Closed Session.

5. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION NO. 1-2020/21

Action to add or delete items from any portion of the agenda or to discuss any consent agenda items must be taken prior to adoption of the agenda (Board Bylaw 9323.2).

No modifications to the agenda.

It was moved by Trustee Salazar, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, and unanimously carried to adopt the Agenda as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Fleak, Kennedy, McIntyre, Salazar, Seibert, Clerk Fernandes and President Mendoza
Noes: None
Absent: None

Abstained: None

6. New Business

A. Human Resources

1. Request Approval of Madera Unified School District's Staffing List

Chief Human Resources Officer, Kent Albertson presented the item to the Board.

President Mendoza opened the meeting for public comment. Seeing no one come forward, President Mendoza closed public comment and brought the item back to the Board for questions and comments.

It was moved by Trustee Salazar, seconded by Trustee Fleak, and unanimously carried to approve the Madera Unified School District's Staffing List.

Ayes: Trustees Fleak, Kennedy, McIntyre, Salazar, Seibert, Clerk Fernandes and President Mendoza

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

President Mendoza acknowledged and congratulated the following employees who are retiring this school year:

Esther Preis-Smith, Rtl teacher at Lincoln School, retiring after 5 years of service.

Annette Katz, teacher at Berenda School, retiring after 24 years of service.

Leslie Scott, teacher at Sierra Vista School, retiring after 27 years of service.

Superintendent Lile made the following new administrative announcements:

MTEC Dean of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, Laura Quiroz, who was officially approved at the June 23rd Board meeting.

Thomas Jefferson Middle School Vice Principal, Brandon St Lucia

Madera High School Vice Principal - Alejandro Suarez

Madera High School Dean of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment - Patrick Nolan

Human Resources Officer - Anna Maldonado

**MOTION NO. 2-2020/21
DOCUMENT NO. 1-2020/21**

B. Educational Services

1. Request Approval of Student Enrollment Options for the 2020/21 School Year as part of the Reopening of Schools Plan

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Sheryl Sisil presented the item to the Board. Assistant Superintendent Sisil provided a presentation titled [MUSD Reopening Schools Plan](#). (A copy of the presentation is included in the title link).

Assistant Superintendent Sisil address the following items from the presentation:

Response and Planning for the 2020-2021 School Year
Reopening Our Schools
Proposed Instructional Models

**The entire presentation and comments can be viewed from the link included in the header of the minutes.*

President Mendoza opened the meeting for public comment.

David Holder and Amanda Wade, MUTA President and Vice President praised Assistant Superintendent Sisil for the collaborative work with MUTA. MUTA President and Vice President stated MUTA is committed to re-open school in full distance learning.

Cheri Giddens, CSEA President stated CSEA is in agreement with the distance learning model and will be collaborating with district administration.

Jason Rogers stated he did not receive the 24-hour notification of the meeting. Jason Rogers requested staff and the board re-assess the full school year model. Jason Rogers stated concerns regarding distance learning and children in Special Education, students in abusive environments at home and working parents.

Monica Wilson, Washington State, advocated for distance learning and concerns with infrastructures at schools not adequately ventilated.

Seeing no others come forward, President Mendoza closed public comment and brought the item back to the Board for questions and comments.

The Board asked questions and expressed concerns with Distance Learning specifically with screen hours, meal schedules, transportation for blended learning model. The Board expressed concerns with the timeline for COVID-19 test results. These take too long.

The Board thanked the district leadership team and MUTA leadership for their collaborative work and praised the presentation provided to the Board by stating it is one of the best Distance Learning program they have ever seen.

Superintendent Lile stated the district needs to provide parents and families with choices for their children's education. Superintendent Lile expressed concerns with the rising COVID-19 positive cases within the city limits.

President Mendoza stated the three options for the Reopening of Schools:

Blended program
Independent Study Program
Distance Learning

Superintendent Lile indicated staff will be bringing the Reopening School Plan to the Board for their consideration and approval at the July 21 Board meeting.

It was moved by Trustee Seibert, seconded by Trustee Fleak, and unanimously carried to approve the Student Enrollment Options for the 2020/21 School Year as part of the Reopening of Schools Plan

Ayes: Trustees Fleak, Kennedy, McIntyre, Salazar, Seibert, Clerk Fernandes
and President Mendoza
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstained: None

MOTION NO. 3-2020/21
DOCUMENT NO. 2-2020/21

7. Adjournment - MOTION NO. 4-2020/21

President Mendoza adjourned the special meeting at 9:05 p.m.



Mrs. Gladys A. Diebert
Senior Executive Assistant to the
Superintendent and Board of Trustees

Dated: July 15, 2020