

MADERA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Madera: Unified For Student Success

Board of Trustees Meeting
MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
Friday, March 27, 2020

The meeting will be held via Zoom, a cloud-based video conference service.
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5:00 PM - Closed Session

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 the item listed on the agenda at the time the item is addressed during the meeting.

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

President Mendoza called the Public Session of the Board of Education to order at 5:15 p.m. President Mendoza opened the floor for public comment on any item listed in the Closed Session Agenda.

Amanda Wade, MUTA Vice President, Madera, expressed concerns with language in Resolution No. 28-2019/20 in regards to granting all authority to the Superintendent on future decisions for the district.

Michael Owens, Fresno, expressed concerns with employees working conditions.

Cheri Giddens, CSEA President, Fresno, stated CSEA had the same concerns as MUTA Vice President and requested the district works as a team with the unions.

Seeing no others come forward, President Mendoza closed public comment. The Board adjourned to Closed Session to discuss the following matters:

A. Threat To Public Services Or Facilities (Government Code section 54957)
Consultation with: Superintendent

2. Reconvene Public Session

President Mendoza adjourned the Closed Session at 7:08 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting by calling the Public Session to order at 7:16 p.m. President Mendoza welcomed the visitors and the media. Superintendent Lile read the Vision and Mission of the district.

3. Roll call and Pledge of Allegiance

President Mendoza asked Gladys Diebert to call the Roll of Trustees. President Mendoza asked Clerk Fernandes to lead the flag salute. The meeting was recorded on Audio File No. 35-2019/20.

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

Board Members Absent

None.

Superintendent's Executive Cabinet Present

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

Union Representatives Present

David Holder, MUTA President
Cheri Giddens, CSEA President

There were approximately 275 visitors and District employees present online.

4. Request Adoption of Resolution No. 28-2019/20 regarding Extension Of School Closures And Delegating Authority To Superintendent To Take Necessary Actions In Response To Covid-19

Superintendent Lile presented the item to the Board. Superintendent Lile read a document that contained consensus language from Madera County Superintendents and from Madera County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Cecilia Massetti in regard to extending the closure of schools to May 1st.

President Mendoza read a statement from the Board which addressed the importance for the superintendent to have the power and authority to make critical decisions in the months to come and in the event COVID-19 affects any Board members, or a quorum of Board members are not available to make these decisions. President Mendoza stated that decisions made must be in accordance with the law and with any directives issued by federal and state authorities. President Mendoza assured the actions contained in the resolution did not change the normalized operations of the district unless during a state of emergency where clear lines of authority could be interrupted. President Mendoza indicated the Governing Board will continue to monitor and guide the work of the district

on behalf of the community, staff and students and plans to remain engaged in their elected roles through this challenging period.

The trustees supported the statement of President Mendoza and the clauses included in the resolution.

President Mendoza opened the item for public comment.

Sarah Colomer, Madera, cited various government codes regarding collective bargaining, distant learning, directive language and MOU presented by MUTA.

Amanda Wade, Madera, MUTA Vice President, stated MUTA will continue protecting their members and collaborate with district administration.

David Holder, MUTA President, stated MUTA will be open to collaborative work with district administration.

Melissa Fuentes, Chowchilla, supported MUTA's position and asked their voices be heard.

Jackie Young, Fresno, supported a collaboration between MUTA and district administration.

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

It was moved by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Fleak, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 28-2019/20 regarding Extension Of School Closures And Delegating Authority To Superintendent To Take Necessary Actions In Response To Covid-19.

The vote was as follows:

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

**MOTION NO. 154-2019/20
RESOLUTION NO. 28-2019/20**

Superintendent Lile provided closing remarks by thanking staff for their support and prayers during these difficult times. Superintendent Lile thanked CSEA President Giddens and MUTA leadership team, Holder and Wade for their support and engagement in various meetings. Superintendent Lile indicated their input is valuable as we keep our district together.

5. Adjournment

MOTION NO. 155-2019/20

President Mendoza adjourned the regular meeting at 7:47p.m.



Dated: March 27, 2020

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