

MADERA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Madera: Unified For Student Success

Board of Trustees Meeting

MINUTES

Special Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2021

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

6:00 PM Public Meeting

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.

1. 6:00 PM: Call to Order of Public Meeting

President Mendoza called the Regular Meeting of the MUSD Board of Trustees to order at 6:08 p.m. President Mendoza welcomed visitors. President Mendoza asked Senior Executive Assistant Elizondo to call the Roll of Trustees. President Mendoza asked Trustee Salazar to lead the flag salute. The meeting was recorded on Audio File No. 10-2021/22.

Board Members Present

Ruben Mendoza, President
Joetta Fleak, Clerk
Nadeem Ahmad, Trustee
Israel Cortes, Trustee
Ed McIntyre, Trustee
Lucy Salazar, Trustee
Ray Seibert, Trustee

Board Members Absent

None

Senior Executive Cabinet Present & Online

Todd Lile, Superintendent
Sandon Schwartz, Deputy Superintendent
Sheryl Sisil, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services
Joseph Aiello, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Arelis Garcia, Chief Financial Officer
Lalo Lopez, Area Assistant Superintendent
Jesse Carrasco, Area Assistant Superintendent
Oracio Rodriguez, Area Assistant Superintendent
Prince Marshall, Executive Director of Student & Family Support Services
Babatunde Illori, Executive Director of Accountability and Communications
Maria Elizondo, Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and the Board of Trustees

There were approximately 30 members of the public and District staff present and online.

2. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Trustee Salazar, seconded by Trustee McIntyre, and unanimously carried to adopt the Agenda as presented/with the modifications noted.

Ayes: Trustees Ahmad, Cortes, McIntyre, Salazar, Seibert, Clerk Fleak, and President Mendoza

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

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3. Budget Workshop

- A. Review and discuss the district's current facility needs, available funding sources, and request direction from the MUSD Governing Board.

Chief Financial Officer Arelis Garcia presented the item to the Board. CFO Garcia presented the presentation titled "Madera Unified School District Budget Workshop 10/20/2021" which can be seen [here](#).

The presentation contained the following information:

- The Budget Cycle
- LCFF - Calculation and Funding
- 10% Reserve Trigger - Beginning in 2022-23
- General Fund
 - Unrestricted
 - Restricted
- Certificate of Participation (COP)
- Section 115 - OPEB Trust
- Review Available Funds
- Review District Needs
- Recommendations
- Discussion & Direction

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

The Board had questions regarding modernizations of schools, our current bonding capacity, overcrowding at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, and more.

The Board discussed the following proposed directions.

- Build a new comprehensive high school for the blue pyramid or modernize Madera High School
- Turn Thomas Jefferson into an elementary school to reduce overcrowding
- Build an elementary school on the west side of Madera
- Create a new master (building) plan
- Reserve a site earmarked by a developer for a school at a new development project approved by the city and plan to use it for a new high school campus
- Move the overage on reserves to Fund 41, in the retirement account
- Rebuild Washington elementary school and build a new concurrent middle school

President Mendoza said the topic will be revisited as an action item at a later meeting after the Board has had more time to reflect.

The Board asked for a report on overcrowding in the schools and how any new proposed schools would eliminate overcrowding. Superintendent Lile said this would be communicated.

The Board thanked CFO Garcia and other staff for the presentation and the information that was provided. The Board thanked Superintendent Lile for his help in providing explanations.

4. **Adjournment**

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President Mendoza adjourned the special meeting at 8:45 p.m.



Joetta Fleak
Clerk of the Board of Trustees

Dated: October 20, 2021