



# Board of Trustees Meeting Synopsis

## Tuesday, July 13, 2021

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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](#)).

### Consent Agenda

- 1. SOFTWARE LICENSES** - The Board approved the buying of student licenses so elementary schools can use the classroom app [Seesaw](#) during the 2021-2022 school year. During the pandemic, the district used the software in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade classes to enable students to upload their work, such as writing, drawings, photos, videos, and so on. All 18 MUSD elementary schools expressed some interest in using Seesaw for in-person instruction also, staff said. The cost will be \$19,790.10 from Title 1 Funds.
- 2. FFA TRIPS** - The Board okayed two overnight trips for Madera South High School students who belong to [Madera FFA](#). Adults will chaperone those at the Regional Officer Leadership Conference in Santa Ana on July 24-27 and those at the Sectional Officer Leadership Conference in Fresno on August 13-14. The total cost for both trips will be \$165 for transportation from [AIG Matching Grants Program](#) funds.
- 3. STAFF CHANGES** - The Board approved the filling of 18 vacant teaching positions, 10 vacant custodian positions, 8 new teaching positions, 7 other certificated jobs, and 29 other classified jobs. Those included the following new leaders:
  - a. Robyn Royston, principal of Lincoln Elementary School
  - b. Michelle Angus, principal of the elementary Independent Study Program
  - c. Kristen Anderson, Human Resources officer
- 4. NEW JOB** - The Board okayed a new job position for Migrant Education. The Migrant Specialist (\$21.90-\$28.78/hour) will advise and assist migrant students with graduation requirements and possible careers.
- 5. TEACHER TRAINING** - The Board okayed an agreement with National Educator for Restorative Practices to offer six full-day or 12 half-day sessions of training between August 5, 2021, and June 30, 2022. Each session can include up to 150 participants and will offer strategies to build relationships and manage student behavior, staff said. The cost is not to exceed \$24,000 from an Extended Learning Opportunities grant.



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### Old Business

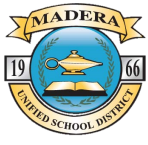
**SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT PLANS** - The Board approved state-required School Plans for Student Achievement for 27 MUSD sites. These are school-level strategic plans to maximize available resources and minimize duplication of effort. Among other things, the plans cover how the state's [Title I allocations](#) (meant to improve opportunities for low-income and disadvantaged students) will be distributed to and used by each school.

### New Business

1. **PRE-ACADEMY EVENING** - The Board approved a professional development evening for the Strategic Executive Cabinet, directors, coordinators, principals, and vice-principals (about 130 in all) on July 19 at Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater. The evening will showcase "the power of art, expression, and human connections through a program of music, theater, and an actors panel discussion" led by former Coyote Drama teacher Dan Passano. The cost is not to exceed \$7,000 from the General Fund.
2. **ELECTRIC BUSES** - The Board okayed the buying of three electric buses by piggybacking onto an existing contract negotiated by Waterford Unified School District. Staff explained that the California Air Resources Board mandated in late 2018 that the state's transit bus fleets must be zero emission by 2040. In response, MUSD bought five electric buses and related infrastructure in 2019 and hopes to gradually replace a total of 53 diesel buses with electric buses by the state's deadline. The cost of the three buses would be \$637,351.11, half of which would come from COVID-19 Relief Funds and half from the state's [Hybrid and Zero Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project \(HVIP\)](#), which issues its vouchers on a first-come first-served basis. If unable to get enough HVIP help, MUSD will not buy the buses, staff said.

### Announcements

1. **STRATEGIC EXECUTIVE CABINET** - The second day of the Strategic Executive Cabinet retreat will be at Madera Technical Exploration Center from 8 a.m. to about 4 p.m. on July 14.
2. **ACADEMY** - The annual Academy that MUSD holds for its leaders will be from Tuesday through Thursday, July 20-22, at Torres High School.



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### Advanced Planning

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING** - The next regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, July 27, in the Madera Unified School District Boardroom at 1902 Howard Road. The meeting will be held virtually.