

MADERA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Madera: Unified For Student Success

Board of Trustees Meeting

MINUTES

Special Meeting
Tuesday, June 15, 2021

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

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. 4:30 PM: Call to Order of Public Meeting

President Mendoza called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 5:10 p.m.

President Mendoza welcomed visitors. Superintendent Lile read the Vision and Mission of the district.

2. Roll call and Pledge of Allegiance

President Mendoza asked Senior Executive Assistant Elizondo to call the Roll of Trustees. President Mendoza asked Clerk Fleak to lead the flag salute. The meeting was recorded on Audio File No. 32-2020/21.

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

None

Superintendent's Executive Cabinet Present & Online

Todd Lile, Superintendent
Maria Elizondo, Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and the Board of Trustees

Union Representatives Present Online

None

There were approximately 20 members of the public and District staff present and online.

3. Interview of Candidate for Trustee Area 7

- **Anali Manzano**
- ~~**Dana Lennemann**~~

- **Nahdeem Ahmad**

President Mendoza opened the item by addressing the interview process for candidates for Board Vacancy in Trustee Area 7.

Two candidates were interviewed individually by the Trustees: Anali Manzano and Nahdeem Ahmad. Candidates were asked to step into the lobby after their individual interview. Each candidate was allowed 3 minutes to introduce themselves. Each candidate had 20-30 minutes to answer seven (7) questions from the Board.

4. **Appointment of Candidate to Board Vacancy - Area 7**

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

The Board engaged in a discussion prior to nominating a candidate for Trustee Area 7.

President Mendoza called for nominations of candidates for Trustee Area 7.

It was moved by Trustee Cortes, seconded by Trustee McIntyre, and motion failed due to lack of supporting votes to appoint Anali Manzano to the Board Vacancy in Trustee Area 7.

Ayes: Trustees Cortes and McIntyre

Noes: Trustee Salazar, Clerk Fleak, and President Mendoza

Absent: None

Abstained: Trustee Seibert

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It was moved by Trustee Salazar, seconded by Clerk Fleak, and carried by majority vote to appoint Nahdeem Ahmad to the Board Vacancy in Trustee Area 7.

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

Noes: Trustee Cortes

Absent: None

Abstained: None

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5. **First Reading of the Student Believer**

Director of Student Services, Alyson Crafton, presented the item to the Board. Director Crafton informed the Board that various students from grades 6 through 12 volunteered their time to work on this document. Director of Culture and Climate, Karen DeOrian, suggested looking at the Student Champion and suggested that this document created by students be called "Student Believer". For the rollout, Director DeOrian suggested teaching the eight rights included in the Student Bill of Rights as their classroom constitution (also known as classrooms norms) and the Student Believer (if approved by the Board of Trustees) and making grade-level appropriate brochures or pamphlets and having the students sign this document on constitution day.

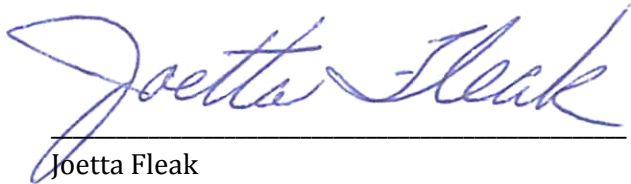
The item will come back to the Board for their approval at the next meeting.

13. **Adjournment**

MOTION NO. 183-2020/21

President Mendoza adjourned the special meeting at 6:32 p.m.

This meeting was held via Zoom. The video of this meeting can be viewed/listened to by clicking [here](#), or in the Zoom Video Recording section of the Board page on our website at www.madera.k12.ca.us



Joetta Fleak
Clerk of the Board of Trustees

Dated: June 15, 2021