



Board of Trustees Meeting Synopsis

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

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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](#)).

Roll Call

Nadeem Ahmad (Area 7), Israel Cortes (Area 6), Joetta Fleak (Area 4), Ed McIntyre (Area 2), Ruben Mendoza (Area 3), Lucy Salazar (Area 5), and Ray Seibert (Area 1)

Information and Reports

UNION TIME - David Holder, president of the Madera Unified Teachers Association, expressed the concerns of union members who have asked him about "masking protocols" amid "rising" COVID-19 cases. Holder cited indoor masking policies set this year by [San Diego Unified School District](#) and [University of California, Los Angeles](#). He said he has spoken with Superintendent Todd Lile and Assistant Superintendent Joe Aiello of Human Resources about the topic.

Consent Agenda

1. **VIRTUAL MEETINGS** - The Board of Trustees okayed continuing to hold its public meetings virtually via [Zoom](#) in August to safeguard attendee health amid the pandemic.
2. **STUDENT TRUSTEE TRAINING** - The Board approved agreements with MUSD alumni Jeremiah Goodman and Kiyana Granados to share their experiences as student board members during an annual training of student trustees on August 3. Goodman, who attends [Morehouse College](#), and Granados, who attends [Louisiana State University](#), belonged to the Board of Trustees in 2020-2021. The total cost will be \$600 from the General Fund.
3. **DONATIONS** - The Board okayed donations valued at \$7,865.65 to the school district.
 - a. Valley State Prison in Chowchilla donated \$500 to the Department of School Culture and Climate.
 - b. Schafer Ranch donated \$1,500 to the Transportation Shop at Madera High School.
 - c. Sheila Ottenson donated books worth \$465.65 to Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA).
 - d. Joy Cunningham donated an oboe worth \$5,400 to VAPA.



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4. **HIGH SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES** - The Board approved an agreement with [The Amazing Tei Street](#) for motivational assemblies at Madera and Madera South high schools on August 9-10. The talks are meant to inspire students and staff “to be the best version of themselves,” staff said. The total cost will be \$8,000 from the General Fund.
5. **FIELD TRIPS** - The Board okayed two Madera South High School club field trips. Fifteen [Family, Career and Community Leaders of America](#) members and three adults will compete in the [2022 FCCLA State Leadership Conference](#) this spring in southern California. Two [National FFA Organization](#) members and two adults will attend the Sectional Officer Leadership Conference in Fresno in mid-August. The total costs will be \$450 for transportation and \$3,000 for lodging from [AIG Matching Grants Program](#), [San Joaquin Region](#) FFA, Career Technical Education, and Associated Student Body - FCCLA funds.
6. **STAFF CHANGES** - The Board approved the hiring of four new cafeteria/playground aides, two new Torres High School teachers, a new safety officer at THS, and a new student advocate at Thomas Jefferson Middle School. The Board also okayed the filling of 25 vacant teaching positions, nine vacant Child Nutrition assistant I positions, seven other vacant certificated jobs, and five other vacant classified jobs.
7. **NEW LEADER** - The Board approved Patricia Cooper to be the new vice principal of Alpha Elementary School. Cooper has previously served as an English teacher and a learning director with Washington Unified School District.
8. **SUBSTITUTE TEACHER RATE** - The Board agreed to keep the daily pay rate for substitute teachers that it first okayed on October 12, 2021, as a temporary incentive amid a labor shortage. For the 2022-2023 school year, the district will continue to pay substitutes \$220 per day for short-term coverage and \$250 per day for long-term help.
9. **MTEC MUTA WAIVER** - The Board approved a waiver of the Madera Unified Teachers Association Collective Bargaining Agreement regarding Article X, Section 10.1.3 (teaching hours and extra-curricular duties), at Madera Technical Exploration Center for the 2022-2023 school year. On June 7, teachers at the site unanimously requested the flexibility for professional development meetings before school and between sessions.
10. **WEBSITE CHATBOT** - The Board okayed an agreement with AlwaysOn in [Corona Del Mar](#) to provide an automated [chatbot](#) that can be used to navigate the district’s website. Besides navigation aid, the chatbot can answer questions in multiple languages, and can help visitors to search the website and contact staff. The cost of the software package, which includes updates, is not to exceed \$15,500 from the General Fund.
11. **RECESS ACTIVITIES** - The Board approved an agreement with [Playworks Education Energized](#) to design and implement [social-emotional learning](#) structured recess activities for the five elementary schools in the Red Pyramid between July 27, 2022, and June 10, 2023. Requested by MUSD principals, the activities will be designed to “reduce chaos and conflict”



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and also help students to work out disagreements and differences at recess, staff said. The cost will be \$99,000 in 2022 [California Community Schools Partnership Program](#) grant funds.

Old Business

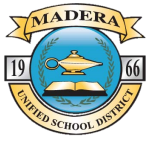
BP & AR 5116.1 AND 5117 - The Board of Trustees unanimously approved a revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5116.1 and 5117 as well the removal of Exhibit 5116.1. The revisions amend the conditions that prioritize a transfer request during Open Enrollment, change the Open Enrollment window for transfers of high school students to the first three weeks of each semester, and obligate the district to provide help with transportation upon request for any student who transfers schools due to being a victim of bullying and who is eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

New Business

1. **TRAUMA PROGRAM** - The Board unanimously approved an agreement with [ParentPowered Public Benefit Corporation](#) to implement the [Ready4K Trauma-Informed](#) program for grades 3 and 4 between July 27, 2022, and August 31, 2024. Ready4K is a texting platform that sends a stream of messages meant to build parenting skills, staff said. The cost will be \$11,985 in [California Community Schools Partnership Program](#) grant funds.
2. **FATHERHOOD PROGRAM** - The Board unanimously okayed an agreement with the Fresno-based [California Health Collaborative](#) to offer the Project Dad program to MUSD families between August 1, 2022, and June 7, 2023 at no cost. The Department of Community Services and Parent Resource Centers will host monthly Fatherhood Support groups in a pilot Parent Resource Center to make it available to all fathers with childrens in MUSD schools, staff said. A 12-week “24/7 Dad” course will be planned for spring of 2023. The program also includes brief counseling, case management support, community resources, and a bidirectional referrals to local community agencies.

Announcements

1. **STUDENT CHAMPION COURSE** - Student Champion will take place at Torres High School on Monday, August 1, for classified staff and Wednesday, August 3, for certificated staff.
2. **NEW TEACHER ORIENTATION** - Teacher support mentors and Human Resources staff will hold a new teacher orientation at Madera High School on Monday, August 1.



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Advanced Planning

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - The next regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, August 9, in the Madera Unified School District Boardroom at 1902 Howard Road. The meeting will be held virtually.