



Board of Trustees Meeting Synopsis

Tuesday, August 9, 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), Ray Seibert (Area 1)

Student and Staff Recognition

[MADERA MINUTES](#) - Staff shared a video summarizing recent student and staff activities.

New Business

1. **NEW MUSD GOAL** - The Board of Trustees unanimously adopted a resolution that set a new district goal of having 80% of students "meet their best growth target, as measured by the [Madera Learning System](#)," by spring of 2025. "Each target is set based upon the student's individual progress on NWEA ([Northwest Evaluation Association](#)) exams and is meant to be fully achievable," said Superintendent Todd Lile, and doing so will require motivated students and a "high degree of collaboration" between parents and school staff. "It will be a real challenge!"
2. **REVISED BUDGET** - The Board unanimously approved a revised budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year that featured major changes since the board first approved it on June 28. As expected, the 2022-2023 state budget raised the base funding for the [Local Control Funding Formula](#), which will provide an additional \$16 million to MUSD and includes half a million for transitional kindergarten. The district's budgeted General Fund spending has also increased since June - by \$13.6 million - due to higher staffing and other expenses and fund transfers. Some revenue is anticipated that has not been budgeted yet. These include \$13 million more from the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program, a 60% reimbursement of past transportation spending minus what the district has already received, and other estimated revenue, some of which are one-time funds.



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Consent Agenda

1. **INMATE EDUCATION** - The Board of Trustees unanimously ratified an annual agreement with Madera County to teach jail inmates through June 30, 2023. A full-time Madera Adult School teacher will help prepare inmates to pass all four exams on the [GED test](#). The county will pay the district \$128,260.20 plus the costs for High School Equivalency Tests.
2. **TK & KINDERGARTEN MUSIC** - The Board unanimously okayed a revised agreement with [QuaverEd](#), which offers online learning software, to expand its elementary music curriculum to accommodate transitional kindergarten and kindergarten. The change will add \$17,150 to the existing contract, which was approved in June of 2022, for a total cost of \$154,350.
3. **STAFF TRAVEL** - The Board unanimously okayed requests for potential reimbursement for two professional development conferences. Three employees and seven trustees will attend the [California School Board Association Annual Education Conference](#) in San Diego in early December for \$2,500-3,000 per person. Four trustees will attend the [California Latino School Boards Association Unity Conference](#) in Monterrey late this month for \$2,100 per person.
4. **STAFF CHANGES** - The Board unanimously approved the filling of 17 vacant certificated positions, 14 new classified jobs, 13 vacant classified positions, and 8 new certificated jobs. The new certificated staff include 23 teachers and California Community School Grant Coordinator Carsten Christiansen. The new classified staff include five school safety officers, five paraprofessional aides, and three student advocates.
5. **EMERGENCY SOFTWARE** - The Board unanimously okayed a revised agreement with Titan Health and Security Technologies to continue to provide emergency services communication via a mobile phone app, Titan HST. The price for the service increased due to a recent upgrade to the company's equipment and staffing. The total cost for the 2022-2023 school year is \$7,624.50 from the safety budget.
6. **DISABILITY ASSESSMENT** - The Board unanimously approved a revised agreement with nonprofit [WestEd](#) this school year to support school psychologists, speech-language therapists, and special education administrators in developing policies, procedures, and guidelines for assessing English learners with a disability. An existing contract for services up to \$20,000 will be used.
7. **CASE MANAGEMENT** - The Board unanimously okayed an agreement with software company [Navigate360](#) to provide a Behavioral Threat & Suicide Case Management system between August 15, 2022, and August 14, 2023. The database software offers a "systematic way of (data) tracking and following up on high risk students," according to staff. Two hundred employees will be trained to use the database for all risk and threat assessments of students. The cost will be \$91,663.01 in [Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief](#) funds.



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8. **INTERVENTION TRAINING** - The Board unanimously approved an agreement with the [Crisis Prevention Institute](#) to train special education staff for six days in [aggression de-escalation and intervention techniques](#) this school year. The cost will be \$209,994 in grant funds.

Old Business

1. **THS STADIUM** - The Board of Trustees approved the awarding of a contract to commercial builder [Bernards Brothers Inc.](#) for the Matilda Torres High School athletic complex project. The base bid includes six buildings, home and visitor bleachers at stadium, and improvements at the varsity baseball and softball fields. The cost will be \$33,118,000.
1. **BP/AR 4119-4319 & BP/AR 5145 - HARASSMENT COMPLAINTS** - The Board unanimously okayed revised board policies, new exhibits, and new and revised administrative regulations for Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures. The update includes posting of the policy online and in posters, and providing a copy of the policy at student orientations.
2. **AR 4112-4312 - DRUG TESTING** - The Board unanimously approved additions to administrative regulations on Employee Drug Testing. The additions “ensure the proper protocol will be conducted properly and in a timely manner after a workplace accident,” staff said.

Announcements

1. **NEW STUDENT TRUSTEES** - New student trustees will be sworn in at the next Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, August 23.
2. **[LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS](#)** - The Madera Chamber of Commerce will present 2022 Lifetime Achievement awards on Thursday evening, August 18. Contact the Superintendent's Office for a seat at the district's table.

Advanced Planning

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - The next regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, August 23, in the Madera Unified School District Boardroom at 1902 Howard Road. The meeting will be held virtually.