



Board of Trustees Meeting Synopsis

Tuesday, September 13, 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), Ingrid Sosa Ramirez (Torres High School), and Sebastian Zavala (Madera High School).

Student and Staff Recognition

1. [MADERA MINUTES](#) - Staff shared a video summarizing recent student and staff activities.
2. **EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR** - Staff presented the Classified Employee of the Year Award to paraprofessional-special needs Kimberly Stickler of [Madera Technical Exploration Center](#).

Information and Reports

UNION TIME - David Holder, president of the Madera Unified Teachers Association, reported attending the Madera Chamber of Commerce's Salute to Education awards night, which he praised.

Consent Agenda

1. **FIELD TRIPS** - The Board unanimously approved nine high school field trips, each of which involved between 5-18 students and 1-7 adults traveling by van. All the trips are for sports competitions (cross country, water polo, and wrestling) with the exception of a Family, Career and Community Leaders of America state leadership conference in late April. The farthest trip will take 7 Madera South High School runners and an adult to the annual [Nike Portland Cross Country Invitational](#) in Oregon later this month. The total costs will be \$14,035 for transportation and \$13,730 for lodging from high school athletic and booster funds.
2. **TRAVEL REQUESTS** - The Board unanimously okayed an employee's request to fly to Chicago, Illinois, for the [National PBIS Leadership Conference](#) in late October.



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3. **STAFF CHANGES** - The Board unanimously approved the filling of 16 new classified jobs, 12 new vacant classified jobs, 9 vacant certificated jobs, 3 new certificated jobs, and an “administrative placement” of a Health & Wellness office assistant. The certificated hires include 8 teachers. The classified hires include 7 paraprofessional aides, 6 behavior intervention technicians, 3 preschool classroom aides, 3 student advocates.
4. **NEW JOBS** - The Board unanimously okayed two new classified management positions.
 - a. The **Director of Continuous Improvement** (\$119,473-\$152,688 a year) will collaboratively lead and support the development and execution of processes to collect and act on information about student learning and graduation rates. The goal will be to increase student success.
 - b. The **Director of Communications** (\$107,923-\$138,336 a year) will coordinate the district’s sharing of information both internally and with the public, and will also organize programs and events as assigned by the Superintendent’s Office.
5. **NEW LEADERS** - Superintendent Todd Lile announced the following new leaders.
 - a. Principal *Megan Imperatrice* of Dixieland Elementary School
 - b. Dean *Heather Clary-Wheeler* of Curriculum and Instruction at Torres High School
 - c. Director *Adam Bonilla* of Continuous Improvement
 - d. Director *George Garnica* of Communications
6. **RETIREMENTS** - The Board unanimously accepted the retirement of Lincoln Elementary School teachers Kari Christiansen (34 years) and Tammara Packard (9 years), both effective on June 9, 2023.
7. **WAIVER** - The Board unanimously approved a waiver allowing Karen Mendoza to continue to coordinate the Dual Language and Teacher Residency program. A “variable term” waiver is an option for school districts if an applicant lacks the proper credential for an assignment, staff said. Mendoza is enrolled in a program to earn a Administrative Service Credential.
8. **COVID SUPPORT** - The Board unanimously okayed a nonbinding yet serious agreement with the Madera County Department of Public Health, which will continue to provide COVID-19 testing support, contact tracing, and case investigation services from Sept. 14, 2022, through Sept. 14, 2023. The cost will be \$228,395.84 in state [Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III](#) funds.

Old Business

DEVELOPER FEES - The Board approved resolutions adopting a Fee Justification Study (Level I), an increase of statutory school facilities fees (Level I), and approving a School Facility Needs Analysis authorizing the levying of alternative school facility fees on residential development.



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New Business

FINANCIAL REPORT - The Board unanimously approved the [2021-22 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report](#), which covers the district's financial status for the most recent fiscal year.

Announcements

1. **ARTS GALA** - The Madera County Arts Gala will be held Friday, Sept. 16, at 5:30 p.m.
2. **ELD & AVID CELEBRATION** - Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School will host their first English Language Development and Advancement Via Individual Determination Celebration on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 6 p.m.
3. **EDUCATION AWARDS** - The [Madera County Excellence in Education Awards](#) will be held Thursday, Sept. 29, at 5:30 p.m.
4. **RESCUE MISSION BANQUET** - [Madera Rescue Mission](#)'s annual banquet will be Thursday, Oct. 6, from 6-8 p.m. at Hatfield Hall on the Madera District Fairgrounds, 1850 Cleveland Ave. The rescue mission houses, feeds, clothes, and helps those in need.

Advanced Planning

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