



# Board of Trustees Meeting Synopsis

## Tuesday, September 27, 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), Frank Jerik Santos (Alternative Education), Ray Seibert (Area 1), and Ingrid Sosa Ramirez (Torres High School)

### Student and Staff Recognition

1. [MADERA MINUTES](#) - Staff shared a video summarizing recent student and staff activities.
2. **CONTEST WINNERS** - Alex Garcia, president of the [Association of Mexican American Educators](#), presented the Madera High School students who won the 2022 Hispanic Heritage Month poster contest: Yanely Medina (1st), Emily Rico (2nd), and Araceli Santiago Cruz (3rd).

### Consent Agenda

1. **VIRTUAL MEETINGS** - The Board of Trustees unanimously okayed continuing to hold its public meetings virtually via Zoom in October to safeguard attendee health amid the pandemic.
2. **MSHS STADIUM DRAINAGE** - The Board unanimously approved the installation of a drainage system for the new concrete bleacher pads at the Madera South High School stadium. The system was needed due to the slope of the grass area, which would have resulted in rainwater ponding on the new pads. The cost will be \$1,765.41 from Fund 40 (special reserve funds).
3. **THS POOL BLEACHERS** - The Board unanimously okayed using a piggyback cooperative contract from the Texas [BuyBoard](#) organization for the purchase and installation of new, roughly 736-seat bleachers for the aquatic complex at Torres High School. The cost will be \$10,400 from Fund 40 (special reserve funds) for the design services of the [Southern Bleacher Company](#). (Cooperative contracts are purchase agreements shared between government



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agencies, and “piggyback” contracts allow other agencies to use the agreements’ terms and prices as a way to save time and money.)

4. **STUDENT HOTSPOTS** - The Board unanimously approved the continued use of AT&T mobile hotspots for month-to-month student internet access. The Information Technology Department owns about 1,200 hotspot devices for use by students under quarantine or in the Independent Study program. The devices are loaned to students who wouldn’t otherwise be able to access the internet well from home. The cost, covered by COVID-19 Relief Funds, will be about \$28,500 per month depending on student internet usage. Fees associated with the hotspots will be reimbursed by the federal [Emergency Connectivity Fund](#) program.
5. **CHILD NUTRITION APP** - The Board unanimously okayed an agreement with [Optima Mobile App Design](#) for the creation of a mobile app that will track and monitor Child Nutrition equipment. The iOS and Android apps will provide information on every piece of equipment owned by Child Nutrition as well as service logs, cost of service, and forecasts of what will need to be purchased next. Covered by department funds, the cost will be \$4,500 with an additional \$130 per month after the first three months.
6. **TK TEACHER TRAINING** - The Board unanimously approved a nonbinding yet serious agreement with Kings County Office of Education for a one-day training for MUSD transitional kindergarten teachers. Consultants will coach staff in [social and emotional learning](#) on Jan. 9, 2023. The focus will be how to proactively teach social-emotional literacy, rather than react to unwanted behaviors, staff said. The cost is not to exceed \$1,800 in state Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds.
7. **FIELD TRIPS** - The Board unanimously okayed six high school trips to Anaheim for leadership development and a Disneyland band tour. All but one of the van trips will be in October and involve Future Business Leaders of America students. The exception is a Disney tour by the Madera South High School Jazz Band in mid-November. Each trip will involve between 7-25 students and 1-4 adults. The total costs will be \$6,500 for transportation and \$24,350 for lodging covered by a [Perkins](#) grant for career technical education, Associated Student Body, MSHS Band, and MSHS Band Boosters funds.
8. **STAFF CHANGES** - The Board unanimously approved the filling of 15 vacant classified jobs and 6 new classified jobs. These included 7 custodians, 3 preschool classroom aides, 2 paraprofessional aides, and 2 licensed vocational nurses.
9. **NEW & REVISED JOBS** - The Board unanimously okayed three new and revised job descriptions.
  - a. The **Senior District Registrar** (\$44,248-\$72,662 a year) will be able to advise other registrars and will research and help carry out the digitization of paper records in the context of legal requirements.



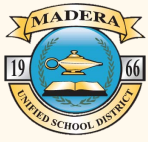
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- b. The **Supervisor-Payroll** (\$77,360-\$98,700 a year) will help with training, troubleshooting, creating a transparent payroll process, and continuously look for and enact improvements in the process.
  - c. Candidates for **Human Resources Officer** (\$107,923-\$138,336 a year) will now need a minimum of three years of experience in a school district with at least 10,000 students.
10. **ADULT SCHOOL SALARIES** - The Board unanimously okayed a tentative agreement with the Madera Adult Educators ([American Federation of Teachers Local 6180](#)) for a salary schedule increase of 6% for the current school year and 4% for 2023-2024. The combined cost of the salary increases for both years will be \$57,181.
11. **SELF-CARE TRAINING** - The Board unanimously approved an agreement with consultant [Felipe Mercado](#), who will train site leaders in mindfulness practices such as self-compassion during five quarterly sessions this school year. The cost will be \$9,000 from a [Cowell Grant](#) to provide [social and emotional learning](#) support to staff.

### New Business

- 1. **CYBER SECURITY** - The Board unanimously approved an annual subscription agreement for [Palo Alto Networks'](#) [PAN Cortex XDR Pro](#) software. The cloud-based product detects and blocks malware, exploits, and other cyber attacks. It also helps staff investigate and respond to incidents that occur. The cost will be \$136,660.96 from the Software Maintenance Account.
- 2. **FREEZER PROJECT** - The Board okayed an agreement with Mangini Associates Inc. for mechanical, electrical, and structural services for a new freezer that would be installed to the east east of a back warehouse at Child Nutrition, 769 South Pine St. The additional freezer space would expand food storage, which staff said helps the district better handle current and potential supply chain disruptions, shortages, and inflation. The new freezer will increase efficiency, reduce costs, and boost revenue. The cost will be \$2,345,000 in department funds. Of that total, \$185,000 would be for architecture and engineering design services.
- 3. **GRADUATE PROFILES** - The Board approved an agreement with Fresno-based educational software company [Imago](#) for the creation of new 6th grade Madera Unified Graduate Profile lessons. The seven lessons, which will be required for all 6th graders, would be on the web-based Imago platform as well as on a parent and community facing web page on the district's website, staff said. The one-time development fee for the lessons as well as multimedia "reels" in English and Spanish is not to exceed \$84,000 from [Every Student Succeeds Act](#) Title 1, Part A, funds.
- 4. **3RD GRADE TRIPS** - The Board okayed an agreement with the Madera County Historical Society for hands-on, guided field trips to the [county museum](#) for all district third graders. A teacher open house will offer 3rd grade educators a chance to grow more familiar with the



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museum prior to their trips. The society will also provide lessons and materials for continued learning after the trips. Sixty-five classrooms are expected to participate. The cost, which will be about \$150 per class, is not to exceed \$10,500 from [Local Control Funding Formula](#) supplemental and concentration funds, which is additional state funding contingent on the district having students with high needs.

### Announcements

1. **MSHS SKIT NIGHT** - A Homecoming Skit Night with food vendors, music, and live performances will be held Wednesday, Sept. 28, at Madera South High School from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
2. **EDUCATION AWARDS** - The [Madera County Excellence in Education Awards](#) night will be Thursday, Sept. 29, at 5:30 p.m.
3. **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.
4. **STATE OF THE DISTRICT** - [Madera Linkage Foundation](#)'s State of the District event, which will include inductions into the Student Champion Hall of Fame, will be Wednesday, Oct. 19, at Torres High School.

### Advanced Planning

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING** - The next regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, October 11, in the Madera Unified School District Boardroom at 1902 Howard Road. The meeting will be held virtually.