



Board of Trustees Meeting Synopsis

Tuesday, October 25, 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), Joetta Fleak (Area 4), Genesis Guillen (Madera South High School), Ed McIntyre (Area 2), Ruben Mendoza (Area 3), Lucy Salazar (Area 5), Ray Seibert (Area 1), and Sebastian Zavalza (Madera High School)

Student and Staff Recognition

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

Information and Reports

UNION TIME - David Holder, president of the Madera Unified Teachers Association, praised staff at Furman High School for its "extremely" well attended and enthusiastic career fair. He also spoke at length about the creative fall and Halloween decorations at various district schools.

Consent Agenda

1. **VIRTUAL MEETINGS** - The Board of Trustees unanimously okayed continuing to hold its public meetings virtually via Zoom in November to safeguard attendee health amid the pandemic.
2. **ENERGY CREDITS** - The Board unanimously approved an agreement with ARC Alternatives to manage the district's solar power system and market [renewable energy certificates](#) for five years. Each certificate is proof that a megawatt-hour of electricity has been generated in an environmentally friendly way. Others purchase the certificates either to support clean energy or to meet legal requirements. Annual revenue may be between \$80,000-\$140,000 depending on the market for them. ARC Alternatives will net 15.0% from all certificate sales.
3. **NEW THS CLUBS** - The Board unanimously okayed six new clubs for Torres High School. The *Chess Club* will help students learn how to play, strategize, and compete in the two-player



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board game. The *Iron Club* will encourage a healthy lifestyle that includes weight lifting. The *Criminal Justice Club* will promote the law enforcement career pathway, raise money for equipment and field trips, and offer information on THS programs and classes. The *THS Rock Climbers* club will foster friendship, problem-solving, and fitness through indoor climbing. The *Fellowship of Christian Athletes* (FCA) club will impact the world by uniting student passions for the Christian faith and athletics.

4. **INCLUSION WORKSHOP** - The Board unanimously approved an agreement with speaker and podcast host [Lucca Petrucci](#), who will talk to five Madera South High School leadership groups and their student leaders on Wednesday, Nov. 2. These groups, which total about 170 students, are the Associated Student Body, Link Crew, Peer Counseling, Youth Leadership Institute, and Future Farmers of America. Petrucci, a MSHS alumnus, will speak on how the groups can work together to celebrate the accomplishments of all students and lift them up “no matter who they are,” staff said. The cost will be \$3,000 from the school’s federal [Title I funds](#) to boost the academic achievement of disadvantaged students.
5. **BMX STUNT SHOWS** - The Board unanimously okayed an agreement with [StuntMasters Inc.](#) for the performance of bicycle and scooter stunt shows during elementary school assemblies this school year. The riders share motivational messages with students. The cost will be \$765 per assembly from school site funds.
6. **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** - The Board unanimously approved an agreement with Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1981 to use the group’s hall on Friday, Dec. 2, for the fourth gathering of the Professional Learning Opportunity Enseñamos Institute led by Fresno State University. The 120 participants, staff, and guests include future and current educators, advisors, and “emerging leaders” who serve historically underrepresented students. The costs, which will be paid from the Teacher Residency Fund, will be a venue fee of \$75 and a deposit of \$500.
7. **WINTER & SUMMER PROGRAMS** - The Board unanimously okayed an agreement with the nonprofit UnaMesa Association (doing business as [InPlay](#)) to handle student registrations for the 2022-2023 winter intersession and summer enrichment Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P). InPlay will provide parents with text invitations and reminders, offer bilingual registration, track enrollment, and train administrators. The cost is not to exceed \$90,000 in [ELO-P funds](#).
8. **FIELD TRIPS** - The Board unanimously approved two overnight field trips for upcoming high school competitions. A hundred Madera High School Band students and 10 adults will travel by bus to the two-day [Western Band Association Championships](#) in Ontario this November. Thirty Torre High School robotics students and six adults will journey by van to the [2023 FIRST Robotics Competition Monterey Bay Regional](#) at Seaside High School this spring. The



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total cost will be \$6,500 for transportation and \$12,200 for lodging from General Funds, Associated Student Body funds, and fundraising.

9. **EMPLOYEE TRAVEL** - The Board unanimously okayed an employee flying to the [National Conference on Child Health and Well-Being 2022](#) in Chicago, Illinois, to do a presentation this November. The cost will be \$2,400 from [Action for Healthy Kids](#) and MUSD funds.
10. **STAFF CHANGES** - The Board approved the filling of 14 vacant classified jobs, two new Child Nutrition Assistants I, a new Relief Bus Driver, and a new Elementary Itinerant Music Teacher. The vacant jobs filled include five Cafeteria/Playground Aides, two Office Assistants, two Paraprofessional Aides, and two Preschool Classroom Aides.
11. **NEW LEADER** - The Board announced the hiring of Aprille Meza to be the new Human Resources Officer at the District Office.
12. **LEAD NURSE STIPEND** - The Board unanimously okayed a stipend for the Lead School Nurse, who will assist the Coordinator of Health Services with monitoring, legal compliance, new staff orientations, training, staffing assignments, and more. The cost will be \$500 per month for a total of 10 months this school year.
13. **REVISED JOBS** - The Board unanimously approved three heavily revised job descriptions: the CALPADS Data Technician, Research and Systems Improvement Analyst, and Communications Analyst.
14. **RESCHEDULED FOLLOW-UPS** - The Board unanimously okayed four quarterly follow-up meetings that were originally to follow a Torres High School assembly this past winter, but the assembly didn't take place until late April 2022. The student listening sessions will be held this school year instead.
15. **STUDENT CHAMPION COURSE, PART 2** - The Board unanimously approved agreements with Freestyle Event Services, Inc., Windsong Productions, and ISET Consulting Firm to assist with the second day of the Student Champion Course, which will be in the second week of January 2023. Freestyle Event Services will provide audio-visual services and support. Windsong Productions will develop and produce videos. ISET Consulting Firm will provide training. The total cost will be \$225,047.50 in [Local Control Funding Formula](#) money from the General Fund.
16. **CHILDREN & YOUTH IN TRANSITION** - The Board unanimously okayed an agreement with the Madera County Superintendent of Schools to reimburse MUSD \$15,000 for part of the services that will be provided by [Children and Youth in Transition Program](#) consultant Sandra Serna from Oct. 26, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Serna will support high school seniors with college and [Federal Student Aid](#) applications, and will work with counselors for credit evaluations.
17. **PROBATION SERVICES** - The Board unanimously approved a serious yet nonbinding agreement with the Madera County Probation Department. The department will provide a



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probation officer, a drug and alcohol counselor, and a Behavioral Health group facilitator for Ripperdan Community Day School from Oct. 26, 2022, through June 30, 2023. The counselor and facilitator will visit two days a week. The three positions will cost MUSD \$80,000 in [Local Control Funding Formula](#) supplemental and concentration grants.

New Business

1. **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PLANS** - The Board of Trustees listened to a “first reading” (introduction) of the School Plan for Student Achievement, which will be voted on at a future meeting. The school plans are required by the state to receive [Title I funding](#), which was approved for the district two weeks ago.
2. **SPORTS LIVE STREAMING** - The Board listened to a first reading of the [Pixellot Free-For-All](#) offer from the [NFHS Network](#), which will be voted on at a future meeting. The school broadcast company is offering up to two free Pixellot automated video production systems to eligible high schools, staff said. The weatherproof cameras automatically pan and zoom to follow the game, display scores synchronized with the gym or stadium’s scoreboard, and live stream the video on the NFHS Network website. Viewers can subscribe to the website or buy tickets to watch sports events. NFHS would install two systems at each high schools: one in the main basketball gym and the other in the football stadium. The district would earn a share of the NFHS Network’s revenue for MUSD games, including 20% of each local monthly subscription and more for local annual subscriptions.

Advanced Planning

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - The next regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, November 8, in the Madera Unified School District Boardroom at 1902 Howard Road. The meeting will be held virtually.