



Board of Trustees Meeting Synopsis

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

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Below is a brief summary of a regular meeting of the [MUSD school board](#). It is not comprehensive and is for informational purposes only. Official minutes for the meeting are approved at later meetings and can then be viewed online ([click here](#)). Meeting videos can also be found online ([click here](#)).

Roll Call

Nadeem Ahmad (Area 7), Israel Cortes (Area 6), Gladys Diebert (Area 2), Joetta Fleak (Area 4), Mia Garza (Alternative Education), Daveli Leanos (Madera South High School), Ruben Mendoza (Area 3), Lucy Salazar (Area 5), and Ray Seibert (Area 1)

Communications

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

Consent Agenda

1. **TJ KITCHEN** - The Board of Trustees unanimously agreed to reject Bid No. 072023 for the kitchen remodel project at Thomas Jefferson Middle School. If new construction work on an existing school building surpasses half of its replacement value, the state requires the work to meet current regulations. Because of the extra work and cost of doing this, staff said the district needed to reject the lowest bid to remodel the kitchen (\$3,192,00).
2. **MUSEUM VISITS** - The Board unanimously okayed an agreement with the Madera County Historical Society to lead weekday visits to its [museum](#) for all district third graders. The museum normally is only open on weekend afternoons. The society will also provide lessons and materials for use after the field trips. The cost will be \$7,500 (\$100 per classroom) from [Supplemental and Concentration grant](#) funds from the state.
3. **CAREER FAIR** - The Board unanimously approved a rental agreement with the 21-A District Agricultural Association for a 6th-grade Career Fair at Hatfield Hall. The fair exposes students to the Career Technical Education related programs at district high schools. The cost will be \$1,700 from [Supplemental and Concentration grant](#) funds from the state.
4. **TK TRAINING** - The Board unanimously okayed an agreement with [Lakeshore Learning](#) to train transitional kindergarten teachers on Nov. 14-15 in “Intentional Authentic Assessments” and “Being a Partner in Play.” The cost is not to exceed \$9,000 in California [prekindergarten](#) grant funds.



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5. **AFTERSCHOOL ZOO** - The Board unanimously approved an agreement with [Fresno Chaffee Zoo](#) to provide four Family Days there for students in the afterschool program and their families. The zoo will also provide three middle and four high schools with a week-long program in which students will learn about zoo and field science careers. Families of students who participate will be prioritized for the Family Days. The cost is not to exceed \$74,440 from [Expanded Learning Opportunities Program](#) funds.
6. **FIELD TRIPS** - The Board unanimously okayed nine high school field trips involving more than 75 students and 15 adults. The largest trip will bring 32 Madera High School singers and five adults by bus to Disneyland at Anaheim for a Disneyland workshop in April. The farthest trip will carry 14 Torres High School students and three adults to the 77th annual [Family, Career and Community Leaders of America](#) State Leadership Conference in Riverside this April. The total costs will be \$12,450 for transportation and \$16,050 for lodging from Madera High School athletics and boosters, [Future Farmers of America](#), Visual and Performing Arts, and [AIG Matching Grants Program](#) funds as well as a [Perkins](#) grant for career and technical education.
7. **STAFF CHANGES** - The Board unanimously approved the filling of 3 teaching jobs, 2 vacant school safety officer jobs, 2 vacant licensed vocational nurse jobs, and four other classified jobs.
8. **ELOP STIPENDS** - The Board unanimously okayed Coaching Stipend Guidelines for the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program for this school year and the coming summer session. The stipends break down to about \$60-\$80 per hour based on number of hours worked and the stipend level (1-11).
9. **NEW JOB** - The Board unanimously approved a new job description and salary for Occupational Therapist (\$106,494 to \$138,668 per year), which will serve students with qualifying disabilities and classroom teachers who promote the development of motor skills for students in general.
10. **CLUB WORKSHOPS** - The Board unanimously okayed an agreement with Imani Enterprises Consulting to provide workshops for Black Student Union and Diversity Club students at MUSD middle and high schools this school year. The workshops will be presented by Assistant Professor [Chike Akua](#) of Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia, and his team. The workshops will include a morning speech and three breakout sessions. The cost will be \$40,000 from the General Fund.

Announcements

1. **CVEC** - The Central Valley Education Coalition will meet Wednesday, Oct. 11. The organization of more than 120 school districts and county offices of education advocates for



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policies and funds to meet the needs of valley students in areas such as Career Technical Education or English as a Second Language.

2. **WASHINGTON SCHOOL** - A Back to School event will be Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 4:30 p.m. for Washington School, 509 E. South St.
3. **MTEC TOURS** - Trustees will tour Madera Technical Exploration Center on Wednesdays, Oct. 11 and 25.
4. **MHS HOMECOMING** - Madera High School's Homecoming Parade will be Friday, Oct. 13, at 10:30 a.m.
5. **DELAC** - The District English Language Advisory Committee will meet Monday, Oct. 16. The bilingual group develops recommendations on teaching students whose primary language is not English.
6. **FHS FAIR** - Furman High School's 2nd annual College and Career Fair will be Tuesday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
7. **CSBA ROADSHOW** - The [California School Boards Association](#) Roadshow will be in Fresno (4100 N. Grantland Ave.) on Tuesday, Oct. 17, from 6-8 p.m. The association represents elected officials who govern public school districts and offices of education. CSBA will host the town hall-style meeting to discuss local concerns and state and national developments.
8. **SAC** - The district's Safety Advisory Committee will meet online on Thursday, Oct. 19, at 5 p.m. via Zoom software. The committee advises the MUSD Board of Trustees on safety issues and concerns, including trainings, materials, and programs to promote school safety.

Advanced Planning

1. **REGULAR BOARD MEETING** - The next regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, October 24, in the Madera Unified School District Boardroom at 1902 Howard Road. The meeting will be held in person and virtually.
2. **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING** - A special Board Meeting will be Wednesday, October 18, in the boardroom.