

**MINUTE RECORD of Madera Unified School District Board of Education
REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON THE 22nd DAY OF MARCH, 2011**

The Board of Education of the Madera Unified School District convened in a **Regular Board Meeting** in the Madera Unified School District Boardroom, 1902 Howard Road, Madera, California on **Tuesday, March 22, 2011**, at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Robert E. Garibay, President
Ricardo Arredondo, Clerk

Lynn Cogdill, Trustee
Jose Rodriguez, Trustee
Michael Salvador, Trustee
Ray G. Seibert, Trustee
Maria Velarde-Garcia, Trustee

Vikram Singh, Student Board Representative, Madera High School
Omar Perez, Student Board Representative, Madera South High School

Kelly Porterfield, Acting Superintendent
Deborah A. Wood, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Jake Bragonier, Public Information Officer
Teri Bradshaw, Director, Fiscal Services
Mike Lennemann, Director, Human Resources
Robert Chavez, Chief Academic Officer
Darren Sylvia, Chief Academic Officer
Janet Morgan, Senior Administrative Assistant

Esperanza Cuevas, Spanish Interpreter
Kent Albertson, Principal, Madera High School
Barbara Gonzalez, Director, Purchasing
Carsten Christiansen, Principal, Alpha Elementary
Rosalind Cox, Director, Facilities Planning and Construction
Alberto Felix, Vice Principal, Parkwood Elementary
Raul Lozano, Principal, Nishimoto Elementary
Jennifer Gaviola, Director, Special Services
Marisa DiMauro, Director, Categorical Programs
Janet Grossnicklaus, Director, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
Sandon Schwartz, Principal, Madera South High School
Marcus Sosa, Director, Student Services
Genine Meraz, Teacher on Special Assignment, Student Services
Sandra Perez, Director, Child Nutrition
Rachel Church, Principal, Millview Elementary
Kathleen Nekumanesh, Principal, Sierra Vista Elementary
Andy Beakes, Principal, Pershing Elementary
Lupe Rodriguez, Director, Maintenance and Operations
Lisa Fernandez, Principal, Berenda Elementary

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Kathy Horn, MUTA President
Andi Albertson, CSEA President

There were approximately 100 visitors/District employees in attendance.

1. Call to Order of Public Meeting – Closed Session Immediately Convened

President Garibay called the Public Session of the Board of Education to order at 5:30 p.m. and immediately adjourned to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957, 54957.1, and 54957.6, and Education Code Sections 35146, 44951, 48900, and 48918.

2. Reconvene Public Session/Call to Order Regular Meeting

3. Pledge of Allegiance, Opening, Acknowledgement of Visitors and Media, and Invocation

President Garibay adjourned the Closed Session at 7:01 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting by calling the Public Session to order at 7:08 p.m. President Garibay welcomed the visitors and asked Trustee Cogdill to lead the flag salute. President Garibay asked Chaplain David Simko of Truckstop Ministries to lead the invocation. President Garibay explained the rules governing the Board meeting. The meeting was recorded on Audio File No. 20-2010/11.

4. Closed Session Reportable Actions (Government Code Section 54957.1)

Acting Superintendent Porterfield announced there were no reportable Closed Session actions.

5. Adoption of Agenda – Motion No. 135-2010/11

President Garibay stated that if the Board and/or Administration determined they wished to add to the Agenda under Miscellaneous Items, this would be the appropriate time.

Trustee Cogdill asked for Item 8B3 to be pulled for separate discussion and vote.
President Garibay asked for Item 8A9 to be pulled for separate vote.

It was moved by Trustee Salvador, seconded by Trustee Velarde-Garcia, and unanimously carried to adopt the Agenda as amended.

Ayes:	Trustees Cogdill, Rodriguez, Salvador, Seibert, Velarde-Garcia, Clerk Arredondo and President Garibay
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstained:	None

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6. Student Board Representative Report

Omar Perez, Student Board Representative for Madera South High School and Vikram Singh, Student Board Representative for Madera High School each presented highlights of activities at their respective school sites.

7. Communications

7A. Public Hearing

President Garibay opened the meeting for visitors to speak on a subject not on the Board Agenda.

- Kathy Horn, MUTA President asked about the 5 minutes that MUTA and CSEA requested be on the agenda; MUTA congratulated the students, parents and teachers here for CST 600 recognition; asked that TSAs be funded out of district funds not site funds; teachers/parents want to be on selection committee for principals and vice principals; DPAs should be treated like state testing so they don't run into time issues; wants to see \$1.2 million come out of director/superintendent salaries and use for teachers; want to take things away from the classroom rather than add.
- Linda Noblett, 3rd grade teacher at Adams – presented a letter to the board signed by John Adams staff regarding the vice principal position at Adams.
- Miguel Gonzalez, 3017 Sultana Drive; parent who wants teachers and parents to have a say in administrators at his child's school.
- Casey Austin, Government Relations Director for Sunset Waste Systems; thanked the district for exploring ways of saving money creatively and looks forward to working with the school district in the future.
- Pastor Roger Leach of Valley West Christian Center; wants the district to know about the Got Hope campaign the churches in Madera have put together. They have put up 2000+ yard signs around town with their Got Hope campaign.

7B. Student and Staff Recognition

Madera South High School Pyramid 600 CST Students

CAO Robert Chavez introduced the 47 MSHS feeder students being honored for scoring a perfect 600 in California Standardized Test (CST) categories of mathematics, English language arts or science.

8. Approval of Consent Agenda – Motion Nos. 136-138 - 2010/11

Document Numbers 257-2010/11 through 268-2010/11

Commercial Warrants, Exhibit A

Staffing Changes, Exhibit B

Field Trip/Employee Conference Requests, Exhibit C

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It was moved by Trustee Seibert, seconded by Trustee Salvador, and unanimously carried to Approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Ayes: Trustees Cogdill, Rodriguez, Salvador, Seibert, Velarde-Garcia, Clerk Arredondo and President Garibay
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstained: None

8A. Routine Business Transactions, Annual Renewal of Programs, Bids, Agreements, Notices of Public Hearings, and Proclamations:

- 8A1.** Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2011
- 8A2.** Approval to contract with School Facility Consultants to conduct our required Developer Fee School Facility Needs Analysis **DOCUMENT NO. 257-2010/11**
- 8A3.** Approval to go out to bid for three (3) delivery trucks and one extended height cargo van for Child Nutrition **DOCUMENT NO. 258-2010/11**
- 8A4.** Approval for MUSD Cal-SAFE program to apply for a one time Mini-Grant from First 5 of Madera County **DOCUMENT NO. 259-2010/11**
- 8A5.** Approval to enter into a partnership with University of California Merced and Madera Unified School District from April 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011 to provide a parent educational series **DOCUMENT NO. 260-2010/11**
- 8A6.** Ratification of a Consultant Service Agreement between Madera Unified School District and Barbara Bailey to provide Perkins Outreach Services for Madera High School and Madera South High School effective December 1, 2010 through March 20, 2011 **DOCUMENT NO. 261-2010/11**
- 8A7.** Approval of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Title II Grant application for Madera Adult School for the 2011-2012 school year **DOCUMENT NO. 262-2010/11**
- 8A8.** Approval to adopt the findings, conclusions and recommendations related to the possible expulsion or readmission of pupils as these are presented to the Board in one or more of the following forms of documentation:
- Report(s) of Administrative Hearing Panel(s)
 - Expulsion Status Review Report(s) by the Superintendent's Designee
 - Stipulated Expulsion Agreement(s)

The Governing board is also requested to issue orders consistent with the above referenced findings, conclusions and recommendations related to the possible expulsion or readmission of pupils in the cases of the following students, herein identified by their District-assigned identification numbers: 200323, 603134, 996069, 995835, 997520, 401243, 302344, 17269, 503051, 996187, and 403506

CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT NO. 263-2010/11

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8A9. Approval of Commercial Warrant Listing

President Garibay advised that because several of his clients are included in the Commercial Warrant Listing as payees he must abstain from voting on this item. President Garibay then passed the gavel to Clerk Arredondo who called for a vote.

It was moved by Trustee Seibert, seconded by Trustee Cogdill, and carried by majority to approve the Commercial Warrant Listing.

Ayes: Trustees Cogdill, Rodriguez, Salvador, Seibert, Velarde-Garcia, and Clerk Arredondo
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstained: President Garibay

**MOTION NO. 137-2010/11
DOCUMENT NO. 264-2010/11**

8B. Human Resources Items

8B1. Approval of Revision to the 2011/2012 Certificated Management Salary Schedule Effective July 1, 2011 **DOCUMENT NO. 265-2010/11**

8B2. Approval of Revised Certificated Management Job Description: Secondary Vice Principal **DOCUMENT NO. 266-2010/11**

8B3. Approval of Staffing changes and Coaches

Trustee Cogdill stated his opposition to the transfer of the Vice Principal listed as item #4 under Certificated Other.

It was moved by Trustee Seibert, seconded by Trustee Salvador, and carried by majority to Approve the Staffing changes and Coaches.

Ayes: Trustees Salvador, Seibert, Velarde-Garcia, Clerk Arredondo and President Garibay
Noes: Trustees Cogdill and Rodriguez
Absent: None
Abstained: None

**MOTION NO. 138-2010/11
DOCUMENT NO. 267-2010/11**

President Garibay noted with the passage of this item that the Board accepted the retirement of Mario Cazares of Maintenance and Operations after 26 years of services. President Garibay also noted that at the March 8th meeting there were 5 or 6 certificated retirees who he wished to thank for their years of service.

8C. Approval of Field Trip/Employee Conference Requests

DOCUMENT NO. 268-2010/11

President Garibay announced that Item 10 B would be discussed here.

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9. New Business

- 9A.** Final Approval of 2011-12 student enrollment and staffing projections and associated attendance area adjustments

Rosalind provided this information via a PowerPoint presentation.

The Board made comments and asked clarifying questions.

It was moved by Trustee Seibert, seconded by Trustee Salvador, and unanimously carried to approve the 2011-12 student enrollment and staffing projections and associated attendance area adjustments.

Ayes: Trustees Cogdill, Rodriguez, Salvador, Seibert, Velarde-Garcia, Clerk Arredondo and President Garibay

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

**MOTION NO. 139-2010/11
DOCUMENT NO. 269-2010/11**

- 9B.** Ratification of agreement between Madera Unified School District and Yosemite Unified School District regarding regulating interdistrict transfers

Rosalind Cox explained that this agreement proposes that any student currently attending in each others district be allowed to continue to do so – what that means is that it would align to new Assembly Bill 2444. Kelly Porterfield added that it would place a cap of 10% on the total number of students that can transfer from Yosemite Unified. One of the reasons for that is that Yosemite filed a “qualified” first interim report. Mr. Porterfield further explained that this is an effort from neighboring school districts to try to align with both the law and an effort to work with Yosemite Unified. Mrs. Cox explained that we currently have one student from Yosemite Unified attending Madera Unified, and Yosemite Unified has one Madera Unified student attending in their district.

- Brett Moglia, MUSD employee and North Fork resident spoke against this – feels it is unnecessary and political.
- Tribune reporter Bill Coate asked how AB 2444 affects the Yosemite/Minarets issue (wherein Yosemite wants their students to come back from Minarets). Mr. Porterfield explained that what we’re doing is to simply comply with AB 2444 and codify our agreement with Yosemite and has no affect on any other district.

The Board made comments and asked clarifying questions.

It was moved by Trustee Seibert, seconded by Trustee Salvador, and unanimously carried to ratify the agreement between Madera Unified School

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District and Yosemite Unified School District regarding regulating interdistrict transfers.

Ayes: Trustees Cogdill, Rodriguez, Salvador, Seibert, Velarde-Garcia, Clerk Arredondo
and President Garibay
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstained: None

MOTION NO. 140-2010/11
DOCUMENT NO. 270-2010/11

10. Information and Reports

10A. Educational Services Report

○ Student Services Mid-Year Report

Director of Student Services Marc Sosa presented this item along with TSA Genine Meraz.

Trustee Cogdill would like to see the District reach out to community agencies with information about MUSD's anti-bullying program. Mr. Sosa will follow up on this recommendation.

Clerk Arredondo asked if the goal of 15% reduction in expulsions might cause a student not to be processed for expulsion when they should be and asked if there are safeguards in place to prevent this from happening. Mr. Sosa responded that we will ensure due process and site safety.

President Garibay asked Mr. Sosa to give the Board the process and timeline from expulsion to return to Madera Unified.

The Board made additional comments and asked clarifying questions.

- Kathy Horn asked that teachers be included in this process and also wants to be sure teachers are protected.
- Laura Garibay – teacher at MSHS shared the concerns of Clerk Arredondo regarding the 15% reduction in expulsions from the previous year and said that teachers/students/parents don't know what behaviors are not tolerated. Mr. Sosa responded that at the beginning of each year students/parents receive a handbook given to everyone and it lists all suspendable offenses and mandatory requirements for expulsion.

The Board commented that this information could be communicated more effectively.

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○ DIAP 2011-2012

Associate Superintendent Wood provided a PowerPoint presentation of this item.

The Board made comments and asked clarifying questions.

10B. Business and Operations Update

- 2010-11 2nd Interim Reports for Sherman Thomas Charter, Sherman Thomas Charter High, and Ezequiel Tafoya Alvarado Academy

Acting Superintendent Kelly Porterfield introduced this item and Dr. Nicholas Retana of Ezequiel Tafoya Alvarado Academy who was present to answer any questions from the Board.

Trustee Salvador expressed concern about ETAA's financials over the past few years and asked what their plan was to turn this around. Dr. Retana provided the history of the school and explained their current situation. Mr. Porterfield added that he is meeting with Dr. Retana and his financial people on Thursday to discuss their financial situation. Mr. Porterfield will report back to the Board.

Associate Superintendent Wood answered questions regarding API scores for both ETAA and Sherman Thomas Charter School.

Roger Leach spoke briefly about the positive financial position of Sherman Thomas Charter School.

11. Announcements

12. Miscellaneous

Trustee Cogdill commented that the Transportation Department continued to do well.

President Garibay reported that this past Wednesday night he and Rosalind Cox attended a City Council meeting where the City announced the acceptance of grants for safety measures to fund the installation of sidewalks, crosswalks, and safety signs near Madera schools. These improvements will include flashing lights at crosswalks and automobile speed indicators among other things.

President Garibay also noted that Ralph Hunter was at the City Council meeting to be recognized for his Safety First program which has also benefited several of Madera Unified schools.

Kelly Porterfield reported on the fantastic showing of the Madera High School robotics team at the Robotics competition at UC Davis that past Friday and Saturday.

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13. Advanced Planning

President Garibay made the following announcement:

Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Madera Unified School District Boardroom – 1902 Howard Road, Madera, CA 93637

Next Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Madera Unified School District Boardroom – 1902 Howard Road, Madera, CA 93637

14. Suggested Future Agenda Items

Trustee Cogdill asked for more information about Madera Unified's recycling efforts and wants to start a new sub-committee on bringing the district and community together.

Mr. Porterfield responded that staff is not prepared to present any information on recycling at this time. They have met with 3 vendors and have others yet to meet with. Once they have met with the additional vendors they may bring a recommendation to the Board to issue an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) or an RFP (Request for Proposals).

Trustee Salvador asked about solar – Mr. Porterfield responded that the District has been working with energy management consultant, Spectrum Energy and will be bringing information back to the Board. Staff has also met with Schneider Electric and will report back to the Board on those meetings as well.

15. Adjournment – Motion No. 141-2010/11

President Garibay adjourned the Public Session at 10:11 p.m.



Janet Morgan, Senior Administrative Assistant
to the Superintendent and the Board of Trustees

Dated: March 22, 2011