

**MINUTE RECORD of Madera Unified School District Board of Education
REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON THE 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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, September 27, 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

Azka Fayyaz, Student Board Representative, Madera High School
Cristal Rivera, Student Board Representative, Madera South High School

Gustavo Balderas, Superintendent
Kelly Porterfield, Associate Superintendent, Business and Operations
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
Julia Reese, Chief Academic Officer
Janet Morgan, Senior Administrative Assistant

Hilda Garnica, Translator
Dana Eckman, Director of Child Care Programs
Sandon Schwartz, Principal, Madera South High School
Rosalind Cox, Director of Facilities Planning and Construction
Brett Moglia, Security Supervisor
Kent Albertson, Principal, Madera High School
Barbara Gonzalez, Interim Director of Transportation, Director of Purchasing and Warehouse
Janet Grossnicklaus, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
Lupe Rodriguez, Director of Maintenance and Operations
Alma DeLuna, Director of English Learners
Marisa DiMauro, Director of Categorical Programs
Marcus Sosa, Director of Student Services
Paul Van Loon, Director of Special Services

Kathy Horn, MUTA President
Andi Albertson, CSEA President
Dana Petty, CSEA, incoming President

There were approximately 50 visitors/District employees in attendance.

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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 6:45 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting by calling the Public Session to order at 7:02 p.m. President Garibay welcomed the visitors and asked Trustee Arredondo to lead the flag salute. President Garibay asked Ron Giovanetti, Coordinator of Youth for Christ, Madera to lead the invocation. President Garibay explained the rules governing the Board meeting. The meeting was recorded on Audio File No. 05-2011/12.

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

Superintendent Balderas announced that in closed session, the Board took action to approve a settlement agreement concerning compensatory behavior intervention services to be provided to a special education student. The vote was as follows:

7 voted in favor
0 voted against
0 abstained

MOTION NO. 39-2011/12
CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT NO. 78-2011/12

5. Adoption of Agenda – Motion No. 40-2011/12

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 Velarde-Garcia asked that Consent Item 8A8 be pulled for separate vote.
- President Garibay asked that Consent Item 8A10 be pulled for a separate vote.
- President Garibay advised that under Consent Item 8B1 the Classified New Position, One Full Time Limited Term Position (7 months) Administrative Assistant III, would be pulled from the Agenda.
- Trustee Cogdill asked that Consent Item 8A4 be pulled for separate discussion and vote.
- Superintendent Balderas asked to add an item under the Consent Agenda, item 8A11 Request Approval of Trustee Essay Contest flyer

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- Clerk Arredondo requested that Consent Item 8A11 be pulled for separate discussion and vote.

It was moved by Trustee Rodriguez, seconded by Trustee Cogdill, 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

6. Student Board Representative Report

Azka Fayyaz Student Board Representative for Madera High School and Cristal Rivera Student Board Representative for Madera South 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.

- Andi Albertson outgoing CSEA president; announced that she will be taking a leave of absence for one year. She thanked the MUSD staff and the Board for their courtesy and cooperation during her tenure as CSEA President. Mrs. Albertson also announced that Dana Petty will assume the presidency on Friday, September 30th.
- Lori Landrin, Oakhurst resident – asked to be put on a future agenda to present her ideas on adding a dance program to the school curriculum. Ms. Landrin left her name and contact information for staff.
- Ralph Pistoressi, 7616 North Monte, Fresno, farms in Madera; went to a game the other day (at a school not within MUSD) it was 103 degrees during the game; kids weren't drinking water, a young cheerleader collapsed from the heat. Wonders if MUSD has a heat stress safety program in place – if not, recommends that they do. Would like to see students learn the physical dangers of heat exhaustion.
- Kathy Horn MUTA president; commented on the wonderful Old Timers parade this past weekend; did a fundraiser "drive-by hot dog" day today for Abby's Crew; MUTA is having ongoing conversations with CAOs and directors.
- Carlos Uranga; talked about a program called The Parent Involvement Committee that they had at MLK a few years ago; talked about an event the district held in conjunction

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with the unions a few years ago to identify outstanding employees and acknowledge their contribution – wonders if that might be brought back.

7B. Student and Staff Recognition

- AMAE Hispanic Heritage Poster Contest Winners

PIO Jake Bragonier introduced Alex Garcia, President of AMAE who presented the winners of the AMAE annual poster contest celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.

3rd place – Crystal Freitas

2nd place – Sabrina Chavez

1st place – Jayna Harford

- Madera Rotary Presentation

Associate Superintendent Deborah Wood introduced President of Noontime Rotary, Christine Richard along with Carol Kennedy who made a presentation of over 100 books to Madera Unified school libraries. Noontime Rotary also presented a matching grant in the amount of \$1800 to purchase books for Family Literacy nights for the Madera Unified Preschool Program.

8. Approval of Consent Agenda – Motion No. 41-452011/12

Document Numbers 79-2011/12 through 89-2011/12

Commercial Warrants, Exhibit A

Staffing Changes, Exhibit B

Field Trip/Employee Conference Requests, Exhibit C

It was moved by Trustee Salvador, seconded by Trustee Velarde-Garcia, 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 September 13, 2011

8A2. Approval to apply for a Field Trip Grant offered by Target Stores for Millview Elementary
DOCUMENT NO. 79-2011/12

8A3. Approval of 2011-12 Parent and Booster Club's Request for Recognition
DOCUMENT NO. 80-2011/12

8A4. Approval to contract with Allied Waste Services to provide Solid Waste and Recycling Services to the District for one year

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Trustee Cogdill asked that this item be pulled in order to ask a question about dollar savings difference in prior discussion and the savings noted in the contract. Kelly Porterfield responded that the higher number mentioned earlier came from looking at the savings year over year. Mr. Porterfield further explained that \$23,058 savings in the current program and \$20,000 in "roll-off" was not included in the savings noted in the new contract which accounts for the difference.

Trustee Cogdill also asked about the percentage of the savings that was discussed earlier and what is now reflected in the contract that is being presented.

Mr. Porterfield explained that the price of the contract is based on 40% recycling.

Trustee Cogdill stated that his purpose in pulling this item for discussion was to point out that the Board is being asked to vote on an item and the numbers have changed.

It was moved by Trustee Seibert, seconded by Trustee Salvador, and carried by majority to approve the contract with Allied Waste Services

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

**MOTION NO. 42-2011/12
DOCUMENT NO. 81-2011/12**

8A5. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Managing Asthma Triggers at Home (MATH) Program between Madera Unified School District and Madera County Public Health Department for the fiscal year 2011-2012.
DOCUMENT NO. 82-2011/12

8A6. Approval of Letter of Understanding (LOU) between Madera Unified School District and the American Lung Association in California (ALAC) to implement the Asthma Management in Schools (AMIS) program. Program will start on September 28, 2011 and conclude at the end of the 2011-2012 school year.
DOCUMENT NO. 83-2011/12

8A7. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Madera Unified School District (MUSD) and Migrant Education Program (MEP), Region 3 with effective date of September 28, 2011. Purpose of this agreement is to improve the administration of programs serving children by facilitating the sharing of data about children being served by the Migrant Program.
DOCUMENT NO. 84-2011/12

8A8. The Governing Board is requested 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)

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- 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: 17646, 5120, 401681, 202599, 997112, 17153, 6759, 997475, 301104, 15521, 200195, 202799, 200074, 17183, 503595, 603143, 11976, 502769, 986945, 7166, 17855, 202873, 11475, 403724, 503795, 402729, 17139, 200385, 202502, 402371, 7824, 5374, 200609, 17141, 16576, 401452, 7142, 7703, 200136, 202700, 15080, 402436, 202744, 303469, 5206 and 4853.

Trustee Velarde-Garcia explained that she must recuse herself from voting on this item due to a conflict of interest.

It was moved by Trustee Salvador, seconded by Trustee Rodriguez, and carried by majority to accept the findings, conclusions and recommendations as stated above.

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

**MOTION NO. 43-2011/12
CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT NO. 85-2011/12**

8A9. Approval of the June 30, 2011 Student Body Statement of Club Trust
Accounts **DOCUMENT NO. 86-2011/12**

8A10. Approval of Commercial Warrant Listing

President Garibay explained that he must recuse himself from voting on this item due to a conflict of interest. He then passed the gavel to Clerk Arredondo who called for the vote.

It was moved by Trustee Seibert, seconded by Trustee Velarde-Garcia, 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: None
Recused: President Garibay

**MOTION NO. 44-2011/12
DOCUMENT NO. 87-2011/12**

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8A11. Request Approval of the Trustees Essay Contest

Trustee Salvador commented that he did not feel the Board could make this decision tonight and referred to Government Code Section 54954.2 calling for the Agenda to be posted 72 hours prior to the meeting unless there is an item that constitutes an emergency and this item was not brought to the Board as an emergency. An emergency item would require a 2/3 vote by the Board to be placed on the Agenda – a vote was not taken to place this item on the Agenda.

Trustee Cogdill explained how this essay contest came about with the support of 6 out of 7 Board members. Trustee Cogdill further explained that the date of the contest runs from September 1st, 20,000 flyers were printed and \$2500 was spent for prizes and there are less than 20 days left in the contest.

Trustee Salvador responded that he is in favor of the essay contest and that his concerns are purely procedural. He further stated that if this item needs Board approval we then need to declare the emergency.

Trustee Rodriguez suggested holding a Special Board Meeting with this item on the agenda to allow for the 72 hours notice. President Garibay responded that we could possibly have a meeting on Friday.

Clerk Arredondo commented that his reservations are centered around the creation of this contest – Madera Unified School District Trustees' Essay Contest – was never a Board item. Clerk Arredondo stated that if it is true that 6 out of 7 Board members agreed to this contest then that is a Brown Act Violation for a serial meeting. Clerk Arredondo asked Trustee Cogdill if that is what he did – Trustee Cogdill responded that he did. Clerk Arredondo then stated that would be a separate item for the Board and that as for the essay contest, it is a “no” for this meeting.

President Garibay added that unless, because of timing as mentioned by Trustee Cogdill that he believes that the Board could declare this item an emergency item to be placed on the Agenda.

The Board discussed the timeline of the contest and other issues surrounding this matter.

Clerk Arredondo argued against making an exception for this item by placing it on the agenda as an emergency item.

Trustee Seibert commented that Trustee Cogdill was trying to do something good with this contest and that we can learn from the missteps and he would like to see us make an exception tonight and then go forward.

President Garibay asked if the Board deems this Agenda Item as an emergency item, and if we do then it would be proper to have it on the Agenda. President Garibay then asked for a motion.

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It was moved by Trustee Cogdill, seconded by Trustee Seibert, and carried by majority to treat this as an emergency item and place the Trustees Essay Contest flyer on the agenda

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

MOTION NO. 45-2011/12

Note: Following President Garibay's call for "all those in favor say Aye", Trustee Rodriguez explained that he would be abstaining because he was concerned about the protocol about the 72 hours and not sure if this would be deemed an emergency and did not have enough legal counsel and would abstain. President Garibay then called for those opposed. No votes as verified on meeting Audio File No. 05-2011/12 were uttered separately as follows: Trustee Salvador, Clerk Arredondo, and Trustee Rodriguez.

President Garibay stated the vote as 4 to 3 and the Agenda Item stands.

President Garibay then called for a motion to approve the Trustees Essay Contest flyer.

It was moved by Trustee Salvador, seconded by Trustee Cogdill, and carried by majority to approve the Trustees Essay Contest flyer

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

MOTION NO. 45a-2011/12

VOTE NULLIFIED

8B. Human Resources Items

8B1. Approval of Staffing Changes & Coaches List **DOCUMENT NO. 88-2011/12**

8C. Field Trip/Employee Conference Requests **DOCUMENT NO. 89-2011/12**

9. Old Business

None

7:15 PM – Public Hearing: Textbook and Instructional Material Compliance and Certification of Provision of Sufficient Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials for Grades K-12

President Garibay opened the Public Hearing at 8:10 pm.

Kathy Horn came forward and asked that MUTA be part of the review system and discussions regarding budgeting for materials.

Seeing no one else come forward, President Garibay closed the Public Hearing at 8:12 pm.

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10. New Business

10A. Adoption of Resolution No. 09-2011/12 for Textbook and Instructional Material Compliance & Certification of Provision of Sufficient Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials for Grades K-12

Janet Grossnicklaus presented a brief recap of this item and requested approval from the Board.

It was moved by Trustee Velarde-Garcia, seconded by Trustee Cogdill, and unanimously carried to Adopt Resolution No. 09-2011/12

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

**MOTION NO.46-2011/12
RESOLUTION NO. 09-2011/12**

10B. Adoption of Resolution No. 10-2011/2012 that approves the transaction between Madera Unified School District and Madera Redevelopment Agency for Madera High School's housing construction project.

Kelly Porterfield presented this item and reminded the Board of approval of the new course offering last year – this would be the purchase of property to move forward with that project. This class is currently in session at Madera High School. Present to answer questions from the Board are Principal Kent Albertson, Vice Principal Alan Hollman, and Jim Taubert, Director of the Redevelopment Agency.

The City of Madera approved a Resolution on June 8th. There are some errors in the documents provided this evening such as DMP being named in the Resolution and dates that are not relevant. Mr. Porterfield advised that this language will be cleaned up prior to the Resolution being proposed this evening is signed. The Exhibits A through E, attached to the Resolution are accurate. Mr. Porterfield addressed the state of the economy when looking at a \$100,000 loan and added that they are optimistic about the selling price if \$125,000 and have overstated the cost of construction. If the project does not come in on budget, the District will have to absorb the difference.

Clerk Arredondo raised his concerns about the total project income of \$18+ being predicated on a sales price of \$125,000. Clerk Arredondo is also concerned about being overly optimistic and conservative at the same time and asked what happens if the house only sells for \$80,000 or \$90,000 and we don't get the anticipated donations that we would like to see. Mr. Porterfield responded that the worst case scenario is that we (MUSD) would be on the hook to pay for the \$30,000-\$40,000 difference. Clerk Arredondo would like to get an appraisal to see how realistic it is to sell at \$125,000. If it is not realistic then tie the new number into the project numbers.

Jim Taubert, Director of the Redevelopment Agency addressed some of Clerk Arredondo's concerns in that we are buying the lot for \$10,000, the Redevelopment Agency is doing the construction financing and the deal is open-ended – there is no penalty for the life of the

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construction loan. Mr. Taubert also pointed out that the house directly across the street from the proposed lot was appraised at and sold for \$125,000 and closed escrow about 3 months ago. Trustee Rodriguez stated he has looked at other homes in that same area larger than our proposed build that sold in the \$80,000- \$101,000 range and expressed the same concerns as Clerk Arredondo because of the current market. Mr. Taubert responded Madera Unified came to the RDA with this project in order to create a program for students to learn residential housing trades – the RDA thought it was a great idea and they have attempted to structure a program that would benefit the District and the students and not put the District at risk. Given that we will have virtually no labor costs, Madera Unified's only risk will be the upfront \$10,000 cost for the lot and the school impact fees. Clerk Arredondo pointed out potential risk in maintaining the property in the event it does not sell quickly. Mr. Taubert pointed out that this is a relatively stable neighborhood which is one reason why it was chosen for this project.

There was additional discussion regarding cost of construction (it was pointed out earlier that nearly all labor will be provided by students enrolled in the program) which Alan Hollman responded to and discussed the variables and donations that are expected.

Following additional discussion by the Board regarding the need to move forward on this project a motion was made to adopt the resolution.

It was moved by Trustee Cogdill, seconded by Trustee Salvador, and carried by majority to Adopt Resolution No. 10-2011/12

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

**MOTION NO.47-2011/12
RESOLUTION NO. 10-2011/12**

10C. Approval of the 2011 Madera Unified Board Governance Handbook

Superintendent Balderas presented this item. The Board met on August 30th and worked on the creation of this handbook during their Board Governance Workshop. Superintendent Balderas asked the Board for approval.

Trustee Cogdill asked a question about the statement in the handbook about those who vote in the minority being allowed to explain their decision. Board discussion centered on this meaning that if you vote no you are allowed to explain why you reached that decision which is the current practice of this Board.

Trustee Cogdill also asked if there was a section regarding the public speaking on agenda items. President Garibay stated that this could be implemented later.

It was moved by Trustee Velarde-Garcia, seconded by Trustee Salvador, and unanimously carried to approve the 2011 Madera Unified Board Governance Handbook.

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

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Absent: None
Abstained: None

**MOTION NO.48-2011/12
DOCUMENT NO. 90-2011/12**

11. Information and Reports

**11A. Educational Services Report
Transitional Kindergarten**

Dana Eckman, Child Development Director who provided a PowerPoint presentation on this item. Mrs. Eckman explained that Transitional Kindergarten is Senate Bill 1381 requiring that students starting kindergarten must turn five by September 1st of the school year. This requirement will be phased in over three years beginning in 2012. For those children turning five from September 2nd through December 2nd whose kindergarten is delayed, the bill creates a transitional kindergarten.

The Board asked clarifying questions and MUTA President Kathy Horn and 1st grade teacher Amanda Wade both spoke in favor of this program.

11B. Business and Operations

Kelly Porterfield introduced Justin Levitt of National Demographics Corp. to review the PowerPoint presentation regarding redistricting.

Mr. Levitt asked for direction from the Board. It was recommended to start with the suggested Traditional Criteria. The Board and the public will then be able to submit their suggestions for redrawing districts.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Carlos Uranga – referred back to the initial drawing of the districts and commented that representing the community is the most important issue; spoke in favor of population adjustment; suggested soliciting public comment via computer rather than at public meetings.
- Kathy Horn – asked that the same information is delivered at each of the public meetings; would like to see another SurveyMonkey go out to employees.

Following Public Comment, Kelly Porterfield summarized. NDC will now work on scenarios based on the Traditional Criteria that will formulate the discussions when they and staff go out to meet with the community.

11C. Human Resources
No report this evening

11D. Superintendent's Time

- Superintendent Balderas commented on the high school football teams and the community being excited about the upcoming Stadium Road Showdown this coming Friday night
- Congratulated Madera South Cross Country for coming in second in the prestigious Nike Pre-National Meet in Portland, Oregon.

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- Commended the public for rallying to help the Abby Needham family and was happy to see the sea of yellow Abby's Crew t-shirts in the stands at Friday night's Madera High School football game.
- On October 18th the Superintendent will host his first community listening session at Thomas Jefferson Middle School from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
- Thanked the board for adopting the Board Governance Handbook that provides a solid framework for effective governance.

Clerk Arredondo asked to be allowed to bring up a point of order before moving on. Clerk Arredondo referred back to the point of order regarding not following protocol. He acknowledged Trustee Cogdill and stated that he knows the essay contest means a lot and that he does not feel that anyone is opposed to the program but felt he must bring this to the attention of the Board. According to Board Bylaws, Section BB9323.2a and then to 9320, Clerk Arredondo stated this item passed by less than a 2/3 vote. Asked that we have a special meeting to consider and approve this item and have the action taken earlier this evening dismissed.

Clerk Arredondo read from BB9323.2a "The Board may take action in a regular meeting on a subject not listed on the published agenda only when it publicly identifies the item to be acted upon in conjunction with one of the following circumstances."

Clerk Arredondo continued by stating that this evening, Item 8A11 was added to our Agenda but one of the circumstances was not met, and quoted, "1. The Board by a majority vote of its members determines that action responds to an emergency situation." An emergency situation defined by our bylaws indicates that, in 9320, that "an emergency situation means one of the following; a work stoppage or any other activity that severely impairs public health, safety or both as determined by the majority of the Board; or 2, a crippling disaster which severely impairs public health, safety or both as determined by the Board." Clerk Arredondo went on to state that this was not the case and continued to quote Board Bylaws, "...Item 2, the Board determined by a majority vote of members present at the meeting or if less, (if the members are not present) by a unanimous vote, that the need to take immediate action came to the District's attention after posting the Agenda." Clerk Arredondo stated that obviously this is what took place. We have a full Board present, 7 members, which means that 2/3 majority vote would be required to deem this an item that should go forward. The vote on that particular item was 4 to 3, less than 2/3. The other item that could satisfy the criteria would be that the matter was properly posted for a previous meeting occurring not more than 5 days earlier – that was not done. So, with respect to the Board's wishes to carry this item forward and to follow our Board Bylaws I would respectfully ask that we have a meeting scheduled as soon as possible, this week, to approve this item and have the action that was taken on this item this evening terminated or discontinued.

Trustee Cogdill responded that he felt Clerk Arredondo was acting on a personal vendetta against him (Cogdill) and further stated that Clerk Arredondo "could hit him with the Brown Act" but asked that he let the essay contest go on.

President Garibay then stopped the conversation on this item.

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12. Announcements

President Garibay made the following announcements:

- The State Center Community College District Board meeting is being held at the Madera Center on Tuesday, October 4th – Superintendent Balderas will be honored at a 3:30 pm reception.
- The annual Fiesta in the Park sponsored by Latinas Unidas will be held on Sunday, October 9th from noon to 4:00 pm at Courthouse Park. Superintendent Balderas will be on hand for a salsa judging event at 1:00 pm. The City of Madera will there to help promote and inform the community about the City's Vision 2025 Plan.
- The Madera County Excellence in Education Awards will be held on Thursday, October 13th. Among the honorees will be Desmond Middle Schools groundskeeper, Celso Tovar as Classified Employee of the Year.
- Superintendent Balderas will be holding a Community meeting on Tuesday, October 18th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

13. Miscellaneous

A. Board Member Committee and Information Reports

Trustee Velarde-Garcia reminded everyone about the Zumba fundraiser this Saturday for the MSHS track team.

Trustee Arredondo advised that the Madera County High Speed Rail taskforce is preparing a letter to comment on the Environmental Impact Report. The deadline is October 13th and they are looking for input from the community, entities or the school district. Comments should be submitted as soon as possible.

14. Advanced Planning

Next Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Madera Unified School District Board Room – 1902 Howard Road, Madera, California 93637

President Garibay noted that because of the vote that was taken tonight on the Essay Flyer it appears that we need to schedule a meeting.

Special Board Meeting

Friday, September 30, 2011 at 12:00 p.m.

Madera Unified School District Board Room – 1902 Howard Road, Madera, California 93637

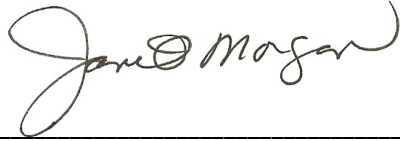
15. Suggested Future Agenda Items

Trustee Salvador said that what happened tonight shows process and suggested having a placeholder on the agenda for emergency items.

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16. Adjournment – Motion No. 49-2011/12

President Garibay adjourned the Public Session at 9:52 p.m.



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

Dated: September 27, 2011