

**COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

745 Tenth Street  
Colusa, CA 95932

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting

February 10, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. in the CUSD Conference Room by Board President Lincoln Forry, who established a quorum was present. Attending were Charles Yerxa, Terry Bressler, Kelli Griffith-Garcia and Kathie Whitesell. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dwayne Newman, County Superintendent Mike West, Steven McGuckin and Wally Browe of Capital Program Management, Lori Raineri of Government Financial Strategies, staff, and community members.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jeremy Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR  
ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR  
ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Amy Manville had a concern regarding an issue involving the high school yearbook. She stated that she attempted to buy a senior page for her student and was denied. She brought forward an issue of inconsistency such that in years past, students of both the Alternative Home School and the Alternative High School were allowed to be in the yearbook. She also pointed out that students from the Alternative High School are being recognized in the school bulletins for birthdays and feels as though they should be considered as part of CUSD for yearbook purposes as well. More importantly, she would like to see consistency for the years to come.

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Jessica Phillips, Lane Davis, Mike Herrick, and Jim Pingrey each addressed the Board to advocate for reinstatement of Paul Theriault's position as Varsity Football Head Coach.

STUDENT'S REPORT

ASB President Jordan Helmer was not present at the meeting but did send out a text message to Mr. Brown to be relayed to the Board. Jordan reported that planning for the basketball homecoming game is well under way and is set to be very well attended. Other upcoming events are also in the planning stages and will be brought to the Board during the March meeting.

RECOGNITION &  
CELEBRATIONS

Jody Johnston recognized Mindy Lederer for her commitment to the community and Colusa Unified School District. Darren Brown recognized Perry Taylor for his hard work and his excellent communication skills.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Kathie Whitesell requested to be added to the SELPA committee. She will be listed as a first alternate. Mr. Forry reported that the grounds had recently been irrigated. No other members reported out on their respective committees.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT  
IMPROVING ACHIEVEMENT

- LCAP Progress Update – Mr. Newman reported that ideas are continuously being gathered for the district improvement plan. Site level administrators and Mr. Newman met with a representative from a group

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called Solution Tree to discuss program improvement needs. The cost for Solution Tree services far exceeded what funds CUSD has available. Mr. Newman and the site level administrators will continue their efforts at obtaining guidance relating to program improvement.

- Board Retreats will be scheduled for March.
- Summer School Planning – Mr. Newman met with Migrant Education and a program similar to what has happened in years past will take place. Priority will be need based. K-6 will run as usual; however, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade program is considering offering an on-line program similar to what CHS has used in the past to give students an opportunity to receive remediation in the areas in which they have the greatest need. High School students will continue to be offered a credit recovery program during the summer. The funding contribution from Migrant Education will continue to remain the same with a possibility of a slight increase due to additional curriculum that is needed to be purchased as part of an effort to improve the quality of the Summer School Program.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT  
MANAGEMENT

- Modernization Projects Update – Mr. Newman will be holding a community meeting on February 18, 2015 at 6:30 PM at the community theater.
- Crosswalk Safety – Mr. LaGrone stated that he is waiting to receive several quotes from crosswalk companies. He recently met with another company that highly discouraged the crosswalk indicators that go into the concrete. He is looking more closely at the option for a wireless solar application that is both timer and push button activated.

- SELPA Update – Mr. Neman did not report on SELPA during this time.
- Staff Retirement Dinner – No retirements have been received.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT  
BUDGET

- Zero Based Budgeting – Mr. Newman gave a presentation on the Zero Based Budgeting process and how it aids with prioritizing a budget while also creating efficiency. Additional training has taken place for this process and efforts will continue. Mr. Newman took this time to also remind those attending that the Modernization Bond funds can only be used for items as listed in the bond language.

- Enrollment is holding steady.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The principal report for Home School was tabled until the March Board Meeting.

CSEA REPRESENTATIVE'S  
REPORT

Rosemary Hicks reported that no further negotiations have taken place due to one member being out on leave. CSEA will request a date to resume negotiations as soon as possible.

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CEA REPRESENTATIVE'S  
REPORT

Pam Giuliano stated that several good meetings have taken place. She is pleased to be working among quality people that work towards the greater good.

**INFORMATION / DISCUSSION  
/ POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

Government Financial Strategies Presentation on Selling General Obligation Bonds – Lori Raineri presented on the bond process and what is to come. Interest rates are lower than planned which will allow for one issuance rather than two. This will also reduce the cost of issuance. Due to a larger tax base and less interest costs, GFS is proposing the board opt to shorten the term of the bonds from thirty years to twenty five or twenty six years without exceeding the expected tax rates. A decision would not be necessary until the date of sale. Once the sale is complete, the district will continue to maintain normal invoicing and fiscal control as it relates to projects.

ACTION ITEM #141551 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to direct the Superintendent to assist FBLA with the transportation needs as necessary.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141552 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the buyout to SELPA Modular Lease for \$12,500.00 to be paid out of developer fees.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141553 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve the Capital Program Management Service Agreement.

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Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141554 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve the SELPA Support Agreement.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141555 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the Revised Frontier Internet Subscription Agreement.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141556 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve and adopt BP 0420 – School Plans/Site Councils

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141557 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve and adopt AR 0420 – School Plans/Site Councils.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141558 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve and adopt AR 0520.2 – Title I Program Improvement Schools.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141559 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve and adopt BP 1431 - Waivers

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141560 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve and adopt BP 3311 - Bids

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141561 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve and adopt AR 3311 – Bids

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141562 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve and adopt BP 3350 – Travel Expenses.

Vote: Unanimous

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ACTION ITEM #141563 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve and adopt AR 3514 – Environmental Safety

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141564 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve and adopt AR 3542 - School Bus Drivers.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM # 141565 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve and adopt BP 4112.42, 4212.42, 4312.42 – Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers.

Vote: Unanimous

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Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141567 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve and adopt AR 4161.11, 4261.11, 4361.11 – Industrial Accident/Illness Leave.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141568 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve and adopt 4161.8, 4261.8, 4361.8 – Family Care & Medical Leave.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141569 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve and adopt AR 5111.2 – Nonresident Foreign Students

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141570 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve and adopt BP 5131.61 – Drug Testing

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141571 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve and adopt BP 5141.27 – Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141572 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve and adopt AR 5141.27 – Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141573 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve and adopt BP 6144 – Controversial Issues.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141574 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve and adopt BP 6162.6 – Use of Copyrighted Materials

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141575 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve and adopt AR 6162.6 – Use of Copyrighted Materials

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141576 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve and adopt BB 9010 – Public Statements.

Vote: Unanimous

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ACTION ITEM #141577 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve and adopt BB 9250 – Remuneration, Reimbursement & Other Benefits.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141578 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve all consent agenda items.

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

- a. Minutes of January 20, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Minutes of January 21, 2015 Special Board Meeting
- c. Minutes of January 29, 2015 Special Board Meeting
- d. January Payroll
- e. Personnel Assignment Order # 2014-2015 #7
- f. Budget Revision
- g. 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Budget Reports
- h. Consolidated Application
- i. Associated Student Body Fund
- j. Approval of travel to NYC for Thomas Critchfield and Alec Schantz to play at Carnegie Hall from February 18, 2015 – February 23, 2015
- k. Warrants: Batch 26-27

Vote: Unanimous

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR  
MATTERS ON CLOSED  
SESSION AGENDA None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED  
SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:40 p.m. to consider and/or take action upon any of the following items:

1. Student Matters:
  - a. Out of School Suspensions
  - b. Inter-District Transfers
2. Personnel Matters:
  - a. Public Employment
    1. New Hires 2014/2015
  - b. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Resignations
    1. Recommendation of Probationary Teacher non-reelection in accordance with California Education Code provisions including but not limited to §44929.21 and §44954.
3. Negotiations
  - a. Instruction to District Negotiators (*Executive Session of School Board and its designated representatives for the purpose of discussing its position regarding matters within the scope of representation and instructing its designated representatives.*)

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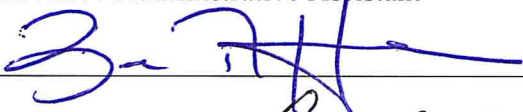
The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 9:30 p.m. Board President, Lincoln Forry reported out that the Board reviewed the Out of School Suspensions, Inter-District Transfers, and New Hires.

No action was taken on item 2.b.1 – Recommendation of Probationary Teacher non-reelection in accordance with California Education Code provisions including but not limited to §44929.21 and §44954.

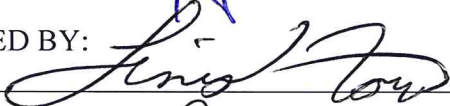
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.


Respectfully submitted by Zeba Hone,  
Executive Administrative Assistant

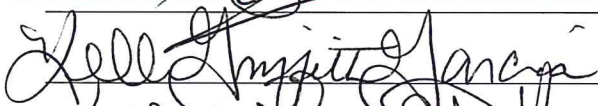

  
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