

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street
Colusa, CA 95932

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

6:00 P.M. Regular School Board Meeting
CUSD Conference Room

November 13, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular School Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and Board President Lincoln Forry established a quorum was present. Board members present were Don Bransford, Terry Bressler, Cindy Steidlmayer, Charles Yerxa and Lincoln Forry. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dwayne Newman, Business Manager Sheryl Bailey, Principals Brown, Johnston and Tarr, incoming Board Member Kelli Griffith-Garcia, staff, students and public.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Courtney Lemenager led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Lara Kelleher commented she had a chance to attend the FBLA Leadership Development Institute and was impressed with the amount of students Colusa FBLA had attend since CHS is such a small high school.

Tina Gross wanted to acknowledge Pam Giuliano, Lincoln Forry's son Lincoln and Chloe Ferraiuolo because they were recognized in the Chico News & Review for the poetry they had contributed to the Hawk's Eye, a 6th grade publication.

REPORTS:
STUDENT'S REPORT

Mackenzie Bressler reported the student body at CHS is trying to get things in order after the Homecoming activities. She stated the RedHawk winter apparel is in at the student store; the FFA is having their Greenhand competition coming up; elections are going on; and the Snowball dance is December 14. Mackenzie said Taylor Davies, the incoming ASB President (currently running unopposed) will be giving the Board report from now on.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board President Lincoln Forry presented a gift to Cindy Steidlmayer in appreciation for her 25 years of service on the Board of Trustees of CUSD. Cindy thanked the Board and said it has been a privilege and pleasure to serve on the Board. Pam Giuliano, Ed Conrado, and Don Bransford commented on how much they have appreciated Cindy's positiveness and kindness throughout the years.

Lincoln Forry stated he had heard the snack bar at the football stadium had been vandalized and asked Mr. Brown to find out what happened. He also asked that there be traps set for rodents that have been spotted in the snack bar.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE TIME

Cindy Steidlmayer thanked the Board and the educators for the dedication they have for the students of Colusa Unified School District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:
BURCHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
REPORT

Dave Tarr spoke on the new Kindergarten Extended Day program at Burchfield which he hopes will begin when students return from Winter Break, January 7, 2013. He reported the full day kindergarten results in healthier, happier children, is cost effective (early intervention), and better prepares students for 1st grade. The findings also demonstrate that with EL students and socio-economically disadvantaged students an increase in student achievement is shown.

SPECIAL ED. COMPLIANCE
SELF-REVIEW

Mr. Newman reported that CUSD had to conduct a Special Ed. Compliance Self

Review. He said the State reported we were disproportionately identifying EL students as special ed. students and explained the new way to identify the students so we aren't out of compliance in the future.

CEA REPORT

Pam Giuliano said CTA was pleased that Proposition 30 had passed. She also said negotiations were starting soon.

CSEA REPORT

Rosemary Hicks reported CSEA also was glad Proposition 30 passed and they were looking forward to the next classified meeting.

INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION:
KINDERGARTEN TIME
CHANGES

Mr. Tarr is requesting to pilot a kindergarten extended day program beginning in January. He and his kindergarten teachers are in the process of evaluating the program by visiting schools that already have the program and gathering information from those schools.

Mr. Tarr stated research findings which shows the importance of full-day kindergarten programs which is a successful strategy for closing achievement gaps and encourages student success. A discussion was held and ended with Mr. Tarr requesting the kindergarten extended day pilot program proposal be placed on the December Board Meeting Agenda for action.

CHS TARDY POLICY

Mr. Brown explained the tardy policy at Colusa High School. He stated the tardy policy hasn't changed, but the only thing that has changed is the tardies being counted for seniors, which generates absences. He said 21 tardies equal 1 absence. Seniors can accumulate no more than 15 absences to be able to participate in graduation exercises.

Mr. Brown gave a brief outline of the present tardy situation at CHS. The majority of tardies are accumulated during 1st period. He compared last year to this year and, to date, there are 112 less tardies this year than last. He also stated there are 72 more periods this year since they have done away with the block schedule and still the tardy numbers have gone down. He contributes this drop in tardies to teachers and Mr. West for being pro-active with students this year and having a concerted effort made to encourage students to be on time for class.

CHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT TRIP
ITINERARIES

Mr. Phenicie, CHS music teacher, shared exciting news with the Board regarding upcoming out of state trip itineraries for 4 of his students. Alexia Vargas is traveling to Miami, Florida on January 3-8, 2013 to play in the All-Star Invitational Marching Band at the BCS Championship game.

Thomas Critchfield, Efren Fuentes, Lupita Ramos, and Alexia Vargas will be performing at the American Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall in New York City February 7-11, 2013. Mr. Phenicie will be accompanying those students on both trips. The total cost for both trips will be \$16,700. He reported the Friends of Music has given their full support for both ventures, he has gotten the word out through radio and TV, fundraisers are scheduled and he hopes to get donations from the public and businesses in Colusa County. He will keep the Board updated on their fundraising progress.

LETTER FROM CCOE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
REGARDING BUDGET

Mr. Newman reported he had asked CCOE to look at our budget and multi-year projections. The county agrees with our projection and declares "CUSD will not be able to meet its financial obligations for the current and two subsequent fiscal years without the implementation of specific board approved budget reductions and a Budget Reduction Plan." The county agreed that we were doing the right thing by

coming up with a “positive budget”.

To date we will have a \$600,000 revenue shortfall and we need to find out how we’re going to solve it. To start, Mr. Newman will be sending out surveys to the staff for their input. He will then poll the parents/public. He wants to come up with the best set of ideas to solve our problem.

ENROLLMENT REPORT

The enrollment report showed we have 13 more students to date than last year.

ACTION #121312

Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Cindy Steidlmayer to approve the student lunch price increase effective 1/1/2013.

Vote: Unanimous

CONSENT AGENDA:
ACTION #121313

A motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the Consent Agenda without exception.

Consent Agenda: Regular and Customary Business Items:

- a. Minutes of October 11, 2012 Special Board Meeting – CHS visit
- b. Minutes of October 16, 2012 Regular Board Meeting
- c. Minutes of October 24, 2012 Special Board Meeting – BPS visit
- d. November Payroll
- e. November Warrants: Batch #14 - 17
- f. November Financial Statements
- g. Personnel Assignment Order #2012/13.04
- h. Approve 2012-13 1st Interim Report
- i. Approve 2012-13 Budget Revision
- j. Adopt Resolution #2012-2013.05 Agreement Between CUSD and CCOE to Operate a County Community School
- k. Adopt Resolution #2012-2013.06 Agreement Between CUSD and CCOE to Operate an Opportunity Classroom

Vote: Unanimous

HEARING OF PUBLIC FOR
MATTERS ON CLOSED SESSION
AGENDA

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:00 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 Transfer Agreements
2. Personnel Matters:
 - a. Public Employment – New Hires 2012-2013
 - a. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
 - b. Public Employee – Resignations
 - c. Public Employee – Request for Leave of Absence
3. Negotiations:
 - a. Instructions to District Negotiators

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED
SESSION

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 10:00 P.M. Board President Lincoln Forry reported out the Board reviewed the Inter-district Transfer Agreements, the Out of School Suspensions and the Public Employee Leave of Absence Request.

ACTION ITEM #121314 Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Cindy Steidlmayer to approve the Inter-district Transfer Agreements.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #121315 Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Cindy Steidlmayer to approve the Leave of Absence request for Tami Early.

Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Lyttle, Executive Administrative Assistant

APPROVED BY:

