

# COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street  
Colusa, CA 95932

## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

February 15, 2012

4:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. Special Meeting for Superintendent Search

6:30 P.M. Regular Meeting, Open Session with Closed Session to Follow

4:30 P.M. SPECIAL BOARD MEETING FOR SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH	Board President Lincoln Forry called to order the Special Board Meeting at 4:30 p.m. Board members present were Cindy Steidlmayer, Terry Bressler, Charles Yerxa, and Lincoln Forry. Don Bransford was absent. Also in attendance was Barry Reed, superintendent search consultant from Dave Long & Associates.
HEARING OF PUBLIC FOR MATTERS ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA	None
ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION	The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:31 p.m. to consider and take action on Personnel Matters: Public Employment – Superintendent.
RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION	The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 6:30 p.m. Board President Lincoln Forry reported out the Board met with consultant Barry Reed, and discussed the applicants for the new superintendent. No action was taken.
6:35 P.M. CALL TO ORDER	The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room by Board President Lincoln Forry, and established a quorum was present. Attending were Lincoln Forry, Terry Bressler, Charles Yerxa and Cindy Steidlmayer; Don Bransford was absent. Also in attendance were Larry Yeghoian, District Superintendent; School Administrators Dave Tarr, Jody Johnston and Dave McGrath; Business Manager Sheryl Bailey; students and staff members.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Lincoln Forry led the Pledge of Allegiance.
HEARING OF THE PUBLIC	None
STUDENT'S REPORT	McKenzie Bressler reported on activities at Colusa High School including homecoming, winter banquet, and the egg hunt.
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	None
BOARD OF TRUSTEE TIME	None
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr. Yeghoian asked Jody Johnston, Principal of Egling Middle School, to give a school report. Ms. Johnston introduced Pam Giuliano who talked about her students who write poetry for the Hawk's Eye publication she and her classes have been producing for over 20 years. The Hawk's Eye is full of poetry, art work and short stories written by 6<sup>th</sup> graders and other Egling students. She stated this year the Chico News &amp; Review newspaper had a poetry contest and some of her 6<sup>th</sup> graders entered the contest and did very well. Two of Ms. Giuliano's 6<sup>th</sup> grade students were present and read their poetry to the board. Mason Hone, who received a 2<sup>nd</sup> Place award from the Chico News and Review, read his poem "Black", and Ivet Madrigal read her poem "Moonlight". Some students were also asked to read their poetry at a bookstore in Chico.</li></ul>

Ms. Johnston reported on future activities at Egling such as the Parent Education Night on Feb. 29 regarding drugs and parent awareness.

- Principal Dave Tarr from BPS introduced Marsha Vernoga who is a nutrition education specialist from Chico State. Ms. Vernoga has been helping teachers at Burchfield with teaching proper nutrition to their students. Mr. Tarr wanted to honor her hard work with a special recognition from the school board. President Forry presented Ms. Vernoga with a plaque for her work at Burchfield.
- Mr. Yeghoian showed the Board a slideshow taken by Mike Phenicie while he and two of his students, Alexia Vargas and Lupita Ramos were in New York City for their Carnegie Hall performance.
- In his Report of the District Superintendent Mr. Yeghoian stated the Governor signed SB81 which rescinds the current year trigger cut to transportation and instead spreads the cut to all districts through an increase in the 2011-12 deficit factors. He stated the financial impact to CUSD is an additional \$40,000 cut to this year's budget.
- Mr. Yeghoian provided the board and audience with a selection procedure and timeline for the new High School Principal.
- Mr. Yeghoian reported he attended the Colusa County Office of Education's groundbreaking ceremony for their new office and school complex in Williams. He stated the new facility should be open by June, 2013.

CEA REP'S REPORT

Pam Giuliano stated the teachers were grateful for the retirement incentive that was offered by the district and five teachers have accepted it.

CSEA REP'S REPORT

Rosemary Hicks reported CSEA had no February meeting and everything was okay.

ACTION #111247  
FIRST READING OF BP  
5127

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve the First Reading of Board Policy 5127 Graduation Ceremonies and Activities providing it includes the following amendment in the first sentence of the policy: "*All* school graduation ceremonies shall be held to recognize those students who have earned a diploma..."

Vote: Ayes – 3  
Noes – 1 (Steidlmayer)  
Absent – 1 (Bransford)

ACTION #11248 NEW CHS  
COURSE – FOOD  
TECHNOLOGY

Motion was made by Cindy Steidlmayer, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve the new CHS Course – Food Technology.

Vote: Ayes – 4  
Noes – 0  
Absent – 1 (Bransford)

ACTION #11249 NEW CHS  
COURSE – BRIDGE TO  
ALGEBRA II

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Cindy Steidlmayer to approve the New CHS Course – Bridge to Algebra II.

Vote: Ayes – 4  
Noes – 0  
Absent – 1 (Bransford)

CONSENT AGENDA:  
ACTION ITEM #111250

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 January 17, 2012 Regular Board Meeting
- b. February Payroll
- c. February Warrants: Batch #26 - 29
- d. February Financial Statements
- e. 2011-12 Budget Revision
- f. 2011-2012 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report
- g. Personnel Assignment Order #2011-12.07
- h. LEA Plan Addendum Title III Year 4 Action Plan
- i. 2010-2011 School Accountability Report Card for Burchfield Primary School
- j. 2010-2011 School Accountability Report Card for Egling Middle School
- k. 2010-2011 School Accountability Report Card for Colusa High School

Vote: Ayes – 4  
Noes – 0  
Absent – 1 (Bransford)

HEARING OF PUBLIC FOR  
MATTERS ON CLOSED  
SESSION AGENDA

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED  
SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 7:17 p.m. to consider and/or take action upon any of the following items:

1. Student Matters:
  - a. Uniform Complaint Procedure - Student Discipline Appeal
  - b. Interdistrict Transfer Agreements
  - c. Out-of-School Suspensions
  - d. Consider Approval of Recommendation for Expulsion Case #EH2011-12.11
  - e. Consider Approval of Recommendation for Expulsion Case #EH2011-12.12
2. Personnel Matters:
  - a. Public Employment – New Hires 2011/2012
  - b. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
  - c. Public Employee Resignation
3. Negotiations:  
Instructions to District Negotiators

RECONVENE AND ANNOUNCE  
ACTION TAKEN

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 9:00 p.m. Board President Lincoln Forry reported out the Board reviewed the Out of School Suspensions and the Inter-district Agreements, the Student Discipline Appeal and the AHP Recommendations for Expulsions.

ACTION ITEM #111251

Motion was made by Cindy Steidlmayer, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the Student Discipline Appeal.

Vote: Ayes – 4  
Noes – 0  
Absent – 1 (Bransford)

ACTION ITEM #111252

Motion was made by Cindy Steidlmayer, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the

Interdistrict Transfer Agreements.

Vote: Ayes – 4  
      Noes – 0  
      Absent – 1 (Bransford)

ACTION ITEM #111253      Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the AHP recommendation for Expulsion Case #2011-12.11.

Vote: Ayes – 4  
      Noes – 0  
      Absent – 1 (Bransford)

ACTION ITEM #111254      Motion was made by Cindy Steidlmayer, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve the AHP recommendation for Expulsion Case #2011-12.12.

Vote: Ayes – 4  
      Noes – 0  
      Absent – 1 (Bransford)

ADJOURNMENT              The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Mary Lyttle, Executive Administrative Assistant

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APPROVED BY:

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