

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street
Colusa, CA 95932

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting

May 19, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the CUSD Conference Room by Board President Lincoln Forry, who established a quorum was present. Attending were Charles Yerxa, Terry Bressler, and Kathie Whitesell. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dwayne Newman, Steven McGuckin of Capital Program Management, Lori Raineri and Stacie Frerichs of Government Financial Strategies Inc, staff, parents and community members.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lincoln Forry 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

Lara Kelleher spoke as member of the community regarding the need for a PE Specialist at the K-6 level. She expressed that she did not believe a female 7/8 PE teacher was particularly necessary.

STUDENT'S REPORT

Incoming ASB President Anne Kalisuch presented information on the Senior Awards Dinner, election, sports, prom, and the end of year rally. The students at CHS are very excited for the 2015-16 school year.

Ben Gutierrez presented his senior project and provided information in support of developing a Teen Center in Colusa.

RECOGNITION & CELEBRATIONS

Jody Johnston recognized St. Stephen's Episcopal Church for their efforts in providing academic support to Egling Middle School students after school. Darren Brown recognized Mr. Kirkman Jr. and the CHS ASB students for their act of kindness towards Peirce students, faculty and coaches during a very difficult time.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

- CRAF – Charles Yerxa reported that the projector system has been installed and looks great.
- FOM – Terry Bressler took this opportunity to recognize Mr. Phenicie and the countless hours he puts into the music program at CUSD.
- FOAg – Kathie Whitesell reported that the FFA Banquet held on April 29th was very well attended. Don Bransford was selected as the Colusa 2015 Honorary FFA membership. Approximately 50 students will be taking animals to the Colusa County Fair.
- SELPA – Terry Bressler inquired about funds being spent at the SELPA level. Mr. Newman clarified that County Superintendent Mike West recently hired a new SELPA Director without much discussion between district Superintendents. Additional funds were incorporated into the SELPA budget for mentorship of the new hire. Mr. Newman also informed the board that the SELPA governance plan will be rewritten to

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include language which prohibits any additional costs incurred by SELPA without prior discussion and agreement between districts.

- Grounds – None

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT
 IMPROVING ACHIEVEMENT

- 15-16 LCAP Draft – Mr. Newman reported that the district will likely have additional funds to spend after the May revise. Mr. Newman also presented information on CUSD’s continued focus towards increasing student achievement, closing achievement gaps, atmosphere, communication, technology, and facilities.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT
 MANAGEMENT

- Introduction of New MOT Director – Terry Biladeau was introduced as the new MOT Director. Terry comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience and CUSD is looking very forward to working with him.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
 BUDGET
 PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- Enrollment – Enrollment is holding steady.

Jody Johnston reported that the Math committee has settled on and seeking approval of the Bridges curriculum for K-5. She is also seeking approval for the Connected Mathematics by Pearson curriculum for grades 6-8 which dovetails nicely into the high school curriculum. Mrs. Johnston also reported that nearly every aspect of testing has gone very well and has received positive reports from Kathy Aplanalp about testing at BPS. The state solo festival in Sacramento was a huge success. 21 CUSD students participated in the festival and all of the students performed exceptionally well.

CSEA REPRESENTATIVE’S
 REPORT

Rosemary Hicks reported that CSEA is looking forward to negotiations for next year. BPS will be holding their open house on Thursday, May 21, 2015.

CEA REPRESENTATIVE’S
 REPORT

Bobbi Weiglein thanked the board for the approval of the salary increases and is looking forward to the upcoming year.

PUBLIC HEARING

- SB858 and GASB54 Reserve Level/Resolution #2014-15.14. – No public comment.
- 2015-16 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) – No public comment.
- 2015-16 Budget (LCFF) – No public comment.

**INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION/
 POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

NO ACTION TAKEN

Lori Raineri of Government Financial Strategies (GFS) presented information on the recent bond sale. CUSD will pay approximately \$3.9 million less in debt services due to better than expected AV growth and interest rates which will in turn mean more dollars towards projects. No action was taken for this agenda item.

ACTION ITEM #1415110

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve the first phase (1a) scope of work which includes the following: replacement of fire alarm system, intercom, clock/bell, speaker systems, phone system and security improvements (window tint/film, security cameras, fencing/gates).

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Whitesell – Aye
Yerxa – Aye
Forry – Aye
Bressler – Aye

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #1415111

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve of Clark & Sullivan as the lease-leaseback Construction Services Consultants.

Whitesell – Aye
Yerxa – Aye
Forry – Aye
Bressler – Aye

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #1415112

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve the 15-16 Budget Assumptions.

Whitesell – Aye
Yerxa – Aye
Forry – Aye
Bressler – Aye

Vote: Unanimous

NO ACTION TAKEN

No action was taken on agenda item I.5 – ELAC/DLAC
Juana Gonzales and Maria Robles provided information on the responsibilities of the district’s ELAC/DLAC. Mrs. Gonzales is hoping to see more options and support for students at the high school level that are entering our district with little to no English language skills. Mr. Newman assured those attending that the district will continue to provide appropriate support in building and maintaining both ELAC and DLAC. Hector Morales presented information regarding a grant that was awarded to Plaza Comunitaria Valentina in an effort to provide a variety of services to the Hispanic community in Colusa. He thanked both Mr. Newman and Mrs. Johnston for their ongoing support.

ACTION ITEM #1415113

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve the hiring of a K-6 PE Specialist Teacher.

Whitesell – Aye
Yerxa – Aye
Forry – Aye
Bressler – Nay

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Vote: (3 Ayes, 1 Nay)

ACTION ITEM #1415114

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve the adoption of Connected Mathematics Pearson 3 for grades 6, 7, 8.

Whitesell – Aye
Yerxa – Aye
Forry – Aye
Bressler – Aye

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #1415115

Motion was made by Kathie Whitesell, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the adoption of Bridges by Math Learning Center for grades K-5.

Whitesell – Aye
Yerxa – Aye
Forry – Aye
Bressler – Aye

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #1415116

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the Warrants: Batch #39-42.

Whitesell – Abstain
Yerxa – Aye
Forry – Aye
Bressler – Aye

Vote: (1 Abstain, 3 Ayes)

ACTION ITEM #1415117

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve consent agenda items a – n.

Consent Agenda Items Approved:

- a. April 20, 2015 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- b. April 21, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes
- c. April Payroll
- d. 2014-2015 Budget Revision
- e. Resolution #2014-15.14 Regarding Committed Fund Balance
- f. 2014-2015 Miscellaneous Funds Budget Revision
- g. Personnel Assignment Order # 2014-2015 #9
- h. Approve Out of State Travel for 6 Kindergarten Teachers to Las Vegas July 7-July 10.
- i. Associated Student Body Fund
- j. 2015-2016 Designation of CIF Representatives to League

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- k. James Marta & Company LLP Certified Public Accountants 2015-16 through 2017-18 Engagement Letter
- l. Revised 15-16 School Calendar to Indicate Legal Holidays
- m. Revised 16-17 School Calendar to Indicate Legal Holidays
- n. Interquest Detection Agreement

Whitesell – Aye

Yerxa – Aye

Forry – Aye

Bressler – Aye

Vote: Unanimous

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR
MATTERS ON CLOSED SESSION
AGENDA

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 9:20 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
 - c. Consider approval of AHP Recommendation of Expulsion Case #2014-15.04.
 - d. Consider approval of AHP Recommendation of Expulsion Case #2014-15.05

- 2. Personnel Matters:
 - a. Public Employment
 - 1. New Hires 2014/2015
 - 2. Extended Leave Requests

 - b. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Resignations

- 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.*)
 - 1. Consider approval of MOT Stipends

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 9:35. Board President, Lincoln Forry reported out that the Board reviewed the Out of School Suspensions, Inter-District Transfers, EH #2014-15.04, EH #2014-15.05, Extended Leave Requests and the receipt of a claim pursuant to the Tort Claims Act.

ACTION ITEM #1415118

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve the recommendation of the Administrative Hearing Panel for EH #2014-15.04

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Whitesell – Aye
Yerxa – Aye
Forry – Aye
Bressler – Aye

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #1415119

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve the recommendation of the Administrative Hearing Panel for EH #2014-15.05.

Whitesell – Aye
Yerxa – Aye
Forry – Aye
Bressler – Aye

Vote: (Unanimous)

ACTION ITEM #1415120

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve Extended Leave Requests.

Whitesell – Aye
Yerxa – Aye
Forry – Aye
Bressler – Aye

Vote: (Unanimous)

ACTION ITEM #1415121

Motion was made by Kathie Whitesell, seconded by Terry Bressler to reject the claim pursuant to the Tort Claims Act and Government Code Section 900-915.4.

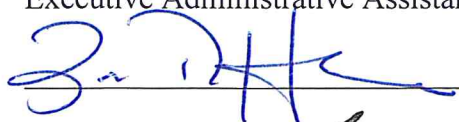
Whitesell – Aye
Yerxa – Aye
Forry – Aye
Bressler – Aye

Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Zeba Hone,
Executive Administrative Assistant



APPROVED BY: 

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Mary Busch

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Kathie A. [Signature]
