

**COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
745 Tenth Street
Colusa, CA 95932**

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
CUSD Conference Room
May 17, 2011 5:00 P.M.**

- CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the CUSD Conference Room by Board President Don Bransford, and established a quorum was present. Attending were Don Bransford, Lincoln Forry, Charles Yerxa, Cindy Steidlmayer and Terry Bressler. Also in attendance were Larry Yeghoian, District Superintendent; School Administrators Dave Tarr, Jody Johnston and Dave McGrath; Sheryl Bailey, Business Manager; staff members and parents.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Katelyn Mena led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- HEARING OF THE PUBLIC None
- STUDENT'S REPORT Katey Mobley and MacKensie Bressler reported on activities at Colusa High School that included a cultural fair that raised \$600 in cash and supplies for the tsunami victims in Japan. They also reported on Taylor Herrick's senior project that was tailored around the transition to the new RedHawk mascot. Taylor's project raised \$1,000 which was used to purchase a new RedHawk mascot suit for the student body. Katey and MacKensie also said high school students will be able to purchase new mascot apparel starting on August 9 for the 2011-2012 school year. The girls informed the board of a leadership class project to beautify the school during the summer. Many plants, shrubs and trees will be purchased and planted before the new school year begins.
- PRESIDENT'S REPORT President Bransford stated the Board needed to schedule the annual Board/Management Workshop. A discussion was held and it was decided to set Monday, August 8, 2011 as the Board/Management Goal Setting Workshop date. The workshop will be from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. with a dinner following that includes spouses from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Charles Yerxa volunteered to host the Workshop and dinner.
- President Bransford stated he was at a State Food and Ag. meeting in Sacramento and one of the topics on the agenda were the problems in the school breakfast and lunch programs in California. As a CUSD Board member he was surprised there was a problem, so he researched CUSD's numbers of students who ate breakfast and lunch. He found that out of the 68% of Colusa's students who qualify for free and reduced lunches, 22% of the students are eating breakfast and 61% are eating lunch. Mr. Bransford expressed concern over the low percentage of students eating breakfast. He stated Mr. Tarr had conducted a survey at Burchfield Primary School that included questions on whether or not students ate breakfast and lunch and the reasons why and why not; he looked forward to seeing the results of the survey.
- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ➤ In his Report of the District Superintendent Mr. Yeghoian stated the Governor's May Revision was released yesterday. The Governor acknowledges \$6.6 billion in new revenue, which leaves a deficit of \$9.6 billion. He said the Governor will propose a tax extension to eliminate the adjusted deficit, which still leaves education in a wait and see mode for additional cuts. The Governor

proposes to use \$2.5 billion to repay deferrals to education. Although that proposal helps cash flow, it doesn't add spending capacity. For now, we will continue using the \$349 per ADA cut for budget development. The good news is we're not going into deeper cuts at this point. The Governor is still proposing a tax extension, just not as deep.

- D'Ann Bressler, President of the Colusa Redskins Athletic Foundation presented a \$25,000 check donation to the district to go towards the district's athletic programs. The Board thanked Mrs. Bressler for the donation and said they appreciated all the hard work done by the CRAF Board of Directors.
- Mike Phenicie introduced band students who qualified for the State competition at Sacramento State University on May 13 & 14. The results of the competition are as follows: HS sophomore Alexia Vargas and senior Emanuel Ramirez on Trumpet, sophomore Lupita Ramos on Alto Sax, Egling Middle School 8th grader Cai Dunham on Trombone, and CHS junior Josh Rector on Tuba combined forces as the Colusa Brass Quintet to earn a silver medal, as did the Colusa Saxophone Quartet with Lupita Ramos and sophomore Sidney Wills on Alto Sax, eighth grader Thomas Critchfield on Tenor Sax, and sophomore Efren Fuentes on Baritone Saxophone. Lupita Ramos and Thomas Critchfield then teamed up as an Oboe duet, winning the gold medal. In the solo competition, Sidney Wills earned a silver medal on Alto Sax as did sophomore flautist Nancy Lopez, Alexia Vargas on Trumpet, and Egling 6th grader Raphael Delgado on Snare Drum. CHS junior Crystal Garcia, soprano, sang her way to the gold medal, along with Efren Fuentes on Bari Sax and Thomas Critchfield on Tenor Sax. Lupita Ramos earned top honors for the State with a Gold Medal and Command Performance on her Oboe. At the end of his presentation Mr. Phenicie and President Bransford presented awards to 9 soloists and 3 ensemble students. Two students, Lupita Ramos and Efran Fuentes, played a solo for the Board. Mr. Bransford congratulated Mr. Phenicie who Mr. Bransford said was tireless in his efforts with his band/music students and who does a wonderful job each year.
- Mr. McGrath introduced the ESA students who won awards at the Environmental Science Academy (ESA) Agrium Watershed Contest in Sacramento on Saturday. These students researched and wrote a 1,000 word proposal for a watershed improvement project to be completed in the Colusa area. Out of 140 entries, including 16 schools, all three Colusa teams placed in the top ten. The students placed 3rd, 4th and 7th and received \$500, \$300 and \$150 respectively. The Colusa ESA gets a match of all cash awards won. The recipients of the awards were Katelyn Mena, Tori Noah and Taylor Herrick, 3rd place; Drake Fusaro and David Goodman, 4th place; and Mimi Rinzler, Eli Barrera and Tenile Tauscher, 7th place.

CEA REP'S REPORT

No one in attendance. Mr. Yeghoian received emails from Bobbi Weiglein and Pam Giuliano saying thank you and they appreciated working with the Board this year. Also a special thank you from Bobbi for all the support she received from the Board and Mr. Yeghoian during her tenure as CEA President.

CSEA REP'S REPORT

None

ACTION #101146
2011-2012 BUDGET
REDUCTION ASSUMPTIONS

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Cindy Steidlmayer to approve the 2011-2012 Budget Reduction Assumptions.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION #101147

Motion was made by Lincoln Forry, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve the authorization to proceed with the Modernization Bond Survey (at no cost to the district) using the Isom Advisors firm.

Vote: Unanimous

CONSENT AGENDA
ACTION ITEM #101148

Motion was made by Lincoln Forry, seconded by Cindy Steidlmayer to approve the Consent Agenda without exception.

- a. Minutes of April 12, 2011 Regular Meeting
- b. May Payroll
- c. Personnel Assignment Order #2010-2011/#10
- d. May Warrants: Batch #38 - 42
- e. May Financial Statements
- f. 2010-11 Budget Revision
- g. Approve Resolution #2010-11.09 Increase Revolving Cash Fund
- h. Approve Resolution #2010-11.10 Classification of Fund Balances in Governmental Funds
- i. Approve Retirement Resolution #2010-11.11 for Vicky Harbison
- j. Approve Retirement Resolution #2010-11.12 for Kandy Yeghoian

Vote: Unanimous

HEARING OF PUBLIC FOR
MATTERS ON CLOSED
SESSION AGENDA

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED
SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:50 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 Requests
 - c. Recommendation for Expulsion Case EH #2010-11.12
 - d. Recommendation for Expulsion Case EH #2010-11.13
 - e. Recommendation for Expulsion Case EH #2010-11.14
2. Personnel Matters:
 - a. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
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.)

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED
SESSION

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 7:45 p.m. Board President Don Bransford reported out the Board reviewed the Out of School Suspensions, the Inter-district Transfer Agreements, and the AHP recommendations for Expulsion Case EH #2010-11.12, EH#2010-11.13 and EH #2010-11.14.

- ACTION ITEM #101149 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa seconded by Terry Bressler to approve the Inter-district Transfer Agreements.

Vote: Unanimous
- ACTION ITEM #101150 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Lincoln Forry to accept the AHP's recommendation for expulsion case EH#2010-11.12.

Vote: Unanimous
- ACTION ITEM #101151 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Lincoln Forry to accept the AHP's recommendation for expulsion case EH#2010-11.13

Vote: Unanimous
- ACTION ITEM #101152 Motion was made by Lincoln Forry, seconded by Cindy Steidlmayer to accept the AHP's recommendation for expulsion case EH#2010-11.14

Vote: Unanimous
- ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Lyttle
Executive Administrative Assistant

APPROVED BY:
