

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street
Colusa, CA 95932

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

5:00 P.M. Board/Leadership Team Goal Setting Workshop

6:00 P.M. Regular School Board Meeting

CUSD Conference Room

October 16, 2012

WORKSHOP

The Board/Leadership Team Workshop began at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Attending were Board Members Terry Bressler, Charles Yerxa, Cindy Steidlmayer, Don Bransford and Lincoln Forry, Superintendent Dwayne Newman; Management Team members Dave Tarr, Jody Johnston, Sheryl Bailey, Kathy Aplanalp, Lori Tanner, Jim LaGrone, Mike West, Erika Lemenager, Shannon Laux, Barbara Hankins, Lupe Espindola and Mary Lyttle. Darren Brown was absent.

DISCUSSION

Groups were formed and each group provided a Mission Statement, Vision, and Core Values for the District to consider. Mr. Newman collected all ideas and will be combining them for future discussion. The workshop ended at 6 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular School Board meeting was called to order at 6:05 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 Johnston and Tarr, staff and students.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tiffany Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

REPORTS:
STUDENT'S REPORT

Mackenzie Bressler and Taylor Davies reported on the many fun Homecoming activities taking place at the high school which included decorating floats, student/staff dress up days, Powder Puff Volleyball and Football games, dance, etc. Mackenzie stated they were doing a special activity to honor Veterans from Colusa who served in the military by having a Color Guard Flag Ceremony and during halftime ceremonies of both football games there will be an honorary list of names read of men and women who are currently serving or have served in the military from Colusa.

Mackenzie reported that on October 17 there will be a fundraiser activity to raise funds for a new PA system in the gym. The **Drive 4 U** fundraiser is put on by Ford Motor Co. (Hoblit Motors). Basically, the school will receive \$20 from Ford for each person who test drives a Ford vehicle. The fundraiser will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the high school.

Mackenzie also stated that on October 25 Burchfield Primary students will be going to the corn maze and pumpkin patch at the high school.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Forry reported the Board visited Colusa High School on October 11. He stated after they visited classrooms they had a very nice visit with the students during lunch. He thanked cafeteria manager Leasa Hill for the very nice lunch that was provided.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE TIME	Cindy Steidlmayer said she enjoyed the Colusa High School visit. She stated she was impressed there were no negative student comments made during lunch time conversation. Other board members also commented there were many positive comments made throughout their visit.
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: PG&E ENERGY SAVINGS AGREEMENT	Superintendent Newman reported to the Board he has entered into an energy savings agreement with P. G. & E. By purchasing new energy efficient equipment when the need arises P. G. & E. says that will generate an estimated energy savings of approximately \$5,000 a year.
SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY REPORT	Mr. Newman stated the recent sale of district surplus property generated a check for \$6,000. He suggested possibly putting this money towards a sprinkler system at the District Office and purchasing new technology.
API SCORES	Mr. Newman provided the audience with graphs showing test scores over the last five years which showed the history of the district's API scores for all schools. He stated the district grew by 3 points this year. We did not meet our target of 5, but there was growth which is a good thing. A wide range of discussion was held which included whether or not schools made AYP, and if not, which school was in Program Improvement Status. He also provided a five year timeline "consequence" for those schools that do not make AYP.
FFA POLICY UPDATE	<p>The Board reviewed the revised FFA policy requirements on student participation in fairs and shows for students with animal projects. This revised policy is now consistent with the extra-curricular activities policy that students other than FFA members use.</p> <p>Mr. Bransford stated he wanted to make sure FFA advisors clarify rule #3 with the students, which states that ALL first year students and parents must attend the first meeting scheduled on December 4, 2012.</p>
SB 1458 ANALYSIS	Mr. Newman wanted the Board to be aware of SB 1458 Analysis (School Accountability and Academic Performance Index). This bill amends how API scores are calculated. Currently API is calculated on test scores only. The revision uses "other measures" beyond the state tests to calculate the scores, although we don't know yet what the "other measures" are.
CEA REPORT	None
CSEA REPORT	None
DISCUSSION: BUDGET	<p>Mr. Newman shared current budget projections. If the November ballot initiative passes, the District is deficit spending approx. \$600,000 annually. Cuts would have to be made in 13/14 to eliminate deficit spending. The target for cuts under this scenario is \$300,000 to \$600,000 in 13/14.</p> <p>If the November ballot initiative fails to pass, the District will be deficit spending \$1.2 million dollars and drastic cuts will have to be made. If the ballot issue fails, the District will be looking at cuts totaling \$1.5 million dollars to the 13/14 school year.</p>
CHS TARDY POLICY	Since Mr. Brown was not present at this meeting the Board decided to table the CHS Tardy Policy discussion until he could be here for comment. The topic will be listed on the November agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:
ACTION #121309

Mr. Yerxa requested the minutes of the September 18, 2012 meeting pulled for comment from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Yerxa stated that he would like the September 18, 2012 minutes to reflect the following change:

Charles Yerxa stated we had a serious situation which occurred last year and resulted in two outstanding students being unable to attend their first choice of college. In both cases the students ran into a financial aid problem which they could not solve on their own. He suggested that a mechanism be developed to ensure that students who have an opportunity to go to college be offered a financial aid review and support service. If the service were available during the summer, it would help students avoid financial aid problems which might prevent them from attending.

Mr. Yerxa suggested that our existing counseling office could be available to deal with financial aid problems over the course of the summer. He further suggested, the district explore the possibility of asking a group of citizens with knowledge and experience in college financial aid to assist. Charles pointed out that advertizing the availability of the service would be important in helping to avoid future problems for college bound students who receive financial aid. He also asked whether anyone on the board or at the meeting knew of such a mechanism or would help to develop such a mechanism.

A motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve the Consent Agenda to include the revision of the September 18, 2012 minutes.

Consent Agenda: Regular and Customary Business Items:

- a. Minutes of September 18, 2012 Regular Board Meeting
- b. October Payroll
- c. October Warrants: Batch #10-13
- d. October Financial Statements
- e. Personnel Assignment Order #2012-2013.03
- f. Approve Williams Uniform Complaint Procedure Quarterly Report for July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012

Vote: Unanimous

HEARING OF PUBLIC FOR
MATTERS ON CLOSED SESSION
AGENDA

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:45 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
 - c. Consider Approval of AHP Recommendation for Expulsion Case #2012-13.01
2. Personnel Matters:
 - a. Public Employment – New Hires 2012-2013
 - a. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
 - b. Public Employee – Superintendent’s Calendar
3. Negotiations:
 - a. Instructions to District Negotiators

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 10:10 P.M. Board President Lincoln

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- SESSION Forry reported out the Board reviewed the Inter-district Transfer Agreements, the Out of School Suspensions and the AHP recommendation for expulsion.
- ACTION ITEM #121310 Motion was made by Cindy Steidlmayer, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the Inter-district Transfer Agreements.
- Vote: Unanimous
- ACTION ITEM #121311 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the AHP Recommendation for Expulsion Case #2012-13.01.
- Vote: Unanimous
- ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Lyttle, Executive Administrative Assistant

APPROVED BY:

