

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street
Colusa, CA 95932

OFFICIAL MINUTES Board of Trustees Board Meeting

February 14, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. in the District Office Board Room by Kathie Whitesell, who established a quorum was present. Attending were Charles Yerxa, Michael Phenicie and Melissa Ortiz. Also in attendance was Superintendent Dwayne Newman and various CUSD staff members.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No information was presented.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Chris Huffman, a long term sub for Colusa Unified spoke to the board regarding the long term pay rate. Mrs. Huffman requested that the board consider changing when the long term pay rate begins from the eleventh day to the first day. The board asked that the issue be brought back to the March meeting for possible action.

RECOGNITIONS & CELEBRATIONS

Mr. Brown recognized Lori Tanner for her hard work and dedication. FBLA Officers Adrianna Abele, Grace Boeger, and Alex Mercado thanked the board for the support with their recent travel to Susanville, CA. Mr. Newman thanked his Administration team, Barbara Reece, and Lupe Espindola for their collaborative efforts with the recent emergency school closure.

STUDENT REPORT

Grace Boeger provided information on past and future events at CHS.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Jim Imhoff reported on the Physical Education program at BPS. Clair Toth provided information on various events coming up for BPS.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

CRAF – Charles Yerxa reported that CRAF recently purchased items for various sporting groups.

FOM – Mike Phenicie reported that Alec Schantz and Josh Arce performed at Carnegie Hall in NYC and the performance was incredible. The solo ensemble in Chico went very well.

FOA – None.

SELPA – Kathie Whitesell reported that the next meeting will take place on February 28th.

DELAC – Melissa Ortiz attended the January meeting and reported that the meeting was much like a brainstorming session. Parents were engaged and very excited. Topics such as safety on campus and communication between school and home were discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for February 15th.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT IMPROVING ACHIEVEMENT

2017-2018 LCAP Improvement Discussion

Review Eight State Priorities - Mr. Newman provided information on a website that can be used as a guide for the eight state priorities. The website www.ed-data.org can be used to compare CUSD with other surrounding districts. <http://capta.org/focus-areas/lcflcap/priority-areas/> has a good description and explanation of the eight state improvement priorities. Mr. Newman also used

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the following web site to show how board members could find, view, and analyze the CAASPP test results data: <http://caaspp.cde.ca.gov/sb2016/Search>

- Closing the Achievement Gap Committee Report – A committee has been formed and conversations are still in progress. Mr. Newman expressed that the committee felt strongly that additional coaching was not necessary at this time. He added that he still felt strongly that an outside analysis would benefit the district and was going to add that idea as part of the ongoing discussions. Bobbi Weiglein thanked Mr. Newman for his leadership with this process.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
BUDGET**

Budget Update

- Review Mid Year Projection (MYP) – A review of the MYP occurred. The addition of a staff member is necessary at Egling Middle School for the upcoming 2017-18 school year. The board stated they are comfortable with the addition.
- 2017-18 Budget Development Timeline – Mr. Newman reviewed the 2017-18 timeline with the board.

**CSEA REPRESENTATIVE'S
REPORT
CEA REPRESENTATIVE'S
REPORT**

No information was presented.

Bobbi Weiglein reported that the last negotiation session went very well and they are looking forward to meeting again. They approved the school calendars which will come before the board for approval at the March meeting. Mrs. Weiglein also thanked Mr. Brown for allowing BPS to use the CHS gym for their upcoming performance.

**INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION/
POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS
DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY**

Agenda item H.1. – CHS Spanish Students to Travel to Spain in June of 2018 – Melissa Michalk, CHS Spanish Teacher, presented information from Worldstrides regarding a possible eight day trip to Spain for CHS Spanish Class Students. The board informed Mrs. Michalk that this would not be considered a school sponsored activity, but believes these kinds of events are important to student learning.

DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY

Agenda item H.2. – Safe Haven Resolution – Mr. Newman presented a letter from the California Department of Education regarding Safe Have Schools. The board asked that this item be brought back during the March board meeting.

BREAK

A five minute break occurred.

ACTION ITEM #1617113

Motion was made by Michael Phenicie, seconded by Melissa Ortiz to approve the Ag Science Portables.

Ortiz– Aye
Whitesell – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Absent
Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye

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Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Absent)

- NO ACTION TAKEN Agenda item H.4. – Administrative Spending Limit Increase – No formal action occurred for this item. Mr. Newman presented a draft Administrative Regulation for the board to review and provide input on. The board asked that this item be brought back during the March board meeting.
- NO FORMAL ACTION Agenda item H.5. – College Readiness Block Grant – No formal action occurred for this agenda item. This item requires board review at two meetings. This item will be brought back during the March Board Meeting.
- NO FORMAL ACTION Agenda item H.6. – Benchmark Advance English Language Arts Curriculum (TK-6) – The instructional materials are on display for public inspection in the district office. It was suggested that the materials also be displayed at Burchfield and Egling – where they might have more parents interested in viewing them. No formal action occurred for this agenda item. This item will be brought back during the March Board Meeting for final approval.
- NO FORMAL ACTION Agenda item H.7. – Formal Opposition to City Approval of Marijuana Growing Operation – No formal action occurred for this item.
- ACTION ITEM #1617114 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Michael Phenicie to vote for Paul Broughton on the Official 2017 Delegate Assembly Ballot.
- Ortiz– Aye
Whitesell – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Absent
Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye
- Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Absent)
- ACTION ITEM #1617115 Motion was made by Melissa Ortiz, seconded by Michael Phenicie to approve the Prop 39 HVAC at Burchfield Primary, Egling Middle School, and Colusa High School – Requested Budget of \$200,000.
- Ortiz– Aye
Whitesell – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Absent
Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye
- Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Absent)
- ACTION ITEM #1617116 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Melissa Ortiz to approve the District Office Community Theater Repair.

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Ortiz– Aye
Whitesell – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Absent
Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye

Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Absent)

ACTION ITEM #1617117

Motion was made by Melissa Ortiz, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the Ag Barn Plumbing project.

Ortiz– Aye
Whitesell – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Absent
Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye

Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Absent)

ACTION ITEM #1617118

Motion was Charles Yerxa, seconded by Michael Phenicie to approve the AMS.NET Change Order for \$47,446.00.

Ortiz– Aye
Whitesell – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Absent
Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye

Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Absent)

ACTION ITEM #1617119

Agenda item H.13. – Colusa County Office of Education/Colusa Unified School District Land & Building Transfer. No formal action occurred for this item. The Board requested to review the value of the land, the leases involved, and would also like to see a better offer for the trade.

ACTION ITEM #1617120

Motion was made by Michael Phenicie, seconded by Melissa Ortiz to approve the Phase III Bond Funded Projects as follows:

1. Roof replacement on gym, cafeteria, and kitchen at CHS.
2. Roof repairs at Egling Middle School & Burchfield Primary.
3. Asphalt at Burchfield Primary.
4. Asphalt area between P-28 and the playground at Burchfield Primary.
5. Replace multi zone HVAC unit in the 100 wing at Egling Middle School with split systems.

The remainder of the items listed (#6 - #15) were not approved and the board directed any remaining funds go towards roof replacements throughout the district.

Ortiz– Aye

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Whitesell – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Absent
Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye

Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Absent)

ACTION ITEM #1617121

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Melissa Ortiz to approve the Warrants: Batch #26-30

Ortiz– Aye
Whitesell – Abstain
Griffith-Garcia – Absent
Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye

Vote: (3 Ayes, 1 Absent, 1 Abstain)

ACTION ITEM #1617122

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Melissa Ortiz to approve the first reading of the board policies and administrative regulations as listed on the agenda.

Ortiz– Aye
Whitesell – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Absent
Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye

Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Absent)

ACTION ITEM #1617123

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Melissa Ortiz to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. January 10, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Personnel Assignment Order 2016-2017 #7
3. January Payroll
4. Inland Agreement
5. Fund 01 Budget Revision
6. 2nd Interim Report
7. 2016-17 Consolidated Application for Federal Funds
8. 2015-16 School Accountability Report Card for Colusa High School
9. 2015-16 School Accountability Report Card for Colusa Alternative High School
10. 2015-16 School Accountability Report Card for Colusa Alternative Home School

Ortiz– Aye
Whitesell – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Absent

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Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye

Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Absent)

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR
MATTERS ON THE CLOSED
SESSION AGENDA

None.

The board adjourned to Closes Session at 9:30 PM to consider and/or take action upon any of the following items:

1. Personnel Matters Pursuant to Government Code 54957
Administration Representatives: Dwayne Newman, Superintendent;
Sheryl Parker, Chief Business Official
 - a. Consider Approval of Maternity Leave Request
 - b. Consider Approval of Extended Leave Request
 - c. Discussion of Superintendent Evaluation Process

2. Negotiations Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6
Agency Designated Representatives: Dwayne Newman,
Superintendent; Sheryl Parker, Chief Business Official

Employee Organizations: California Teachers Association,
California State Employees Association, and Unrepresented
Employees (All)

*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)*

3. Student Matters Pursuant to Government Code 48918
Administration Representative: Dwayne Newman, Superintendent
 - a. Consider Approval of AHP Recommendation Regarding
EH #2016-17.01
 - b. Consider Approval of AHP Recommendation Regarding
EH #2016-17.02
 - c. Consider Approval of AHP Recommendation Regarding
EH #2016-17.03
 - d. Consider Approval of AHP Recommendation Regarding
EH #2016-17.04
 - e. Consider Approval of AHP Recommendation Regarding
EH #2016-17.05

The reconvened from Closed Session at 10:40 PM. Board President, Kathie Whitesell.

ACTION ITEM #1617124

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Melissa Ortiz to approve the Maternity Leave Request.

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Ortiz– Aye
Whitesell – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Absent
Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye

Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Absent)

ACTION ITEM #1617125

Motion was made by Melissa Ortiz, seconded by Michael Phenicie to deny the Extended Leave Request.

Ortiz– Aye
Whitesell – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Absent
Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye

Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Absent)

ACTION ITEM #1617126

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Melissa Ortiz to approve the AHP Recommendation for EH #2016-17.01.

Ortiz– Aye
Whitesell – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Absent
Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye

Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Absent)

ACTION ITEM #1617127

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Melissa Ortiz to approve the AHP Recommendation for EH #2016-17.02.

Ortiz– Aye
Whitesell – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Absent
Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye

Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Absent)

ACTION ITEM #1617128

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Melissa Ortiz to approve the AHP Recommendation for EH #2016-17.03.

Ortiz– Aye
Whitesell – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Absent

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Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye

Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Absent)

ACTION ITEM #1617129

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Melissa Ortiz to approve the AHP Recommendation for EH #2016-17.04.

Ortiz– Aye
Whitesell – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Absent
Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye

Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Absent)

ACTION ITEM #1617130

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Melissa Ortiz to approve the AHP Recommendation for EH #2016-17.05.

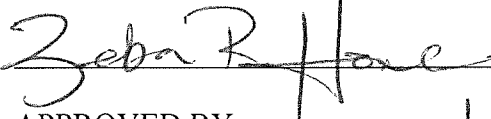
Ortiz– Aye
Whitesell – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Absent
Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye

Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Absent)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by Zeba Hone,
Executive Administrative Assistant



APPROVED BY:

