

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street

Colusa, CA 95932

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

October 15, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Colusa Unified School District Conference Room by Board President Terry Bressler, and established a quorum was present. Attending were Charles Yerxa, Kelli Griffith-Garcia, Lincoln Forry, Don Bransford and Terry Bressler. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dwayne Newman, School Administrators Jody Johnston and Darren Brown; BPS substitute Principal Ed Conrado, and Business Manager Sheryl Bailey; students and staff.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Terry Bressler led the Pledge of Allegiance.
HEARING OF PUBLIC	None
STUDENT'S REPORT	None
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	<p>Mr. Bressler asked the Board when they wanted to visit Egling Middle School. After consulting their calendars they decided on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. for the middle school visitation. The Board will select a date and time for Burchfield Primary School's visitation at the November meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Bressler reminded the Board of the Colusa High School visitation on October 22, 2013.</p>
BOARD OF TRUSTEE TIME	None
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• District Improvement Plan Progress: Mr. Newman reported that the parent survey was not complete yet. He found out that Cindi Hudgins, who works for Student Support Services at CCOE, offers a Healthy Kids California survey for parents that covers much of the information we need and it also compares the outcome with parents throughout the state. Mr. Newman will be working with Cindy to get her surveys out for parent input, online in both English and Spanish.• District Instructional Feedback Data Report: The Progress Advisor data gathering tool the administration is using when they walk through classrooms throughout the district is very helpful. After doing the walkthroughs the administration is able to give teachers the feedback needed to help them with their teaching strategies. As of 10/4/13, the administration has done 93 walk-throughs. Mr. Newman provided the board with the results of these visits.• Teacher Survey Results: Mr. Newman discussed the results of the teacher survey all teachers took.• Local Control Funding Formula: Mr. Newman reported he and Sheryl attended a conference on LCFF. He stated this is the biggest change in school funding in the state of California in a great while. We won't know until July, 2014 how much of the local control funding our district will end up with, so there's a risk in committing too much of the LCFF money all at one time. The way the LCFF works is there is a base amount and then there are targeted and supplemental funds. Those funds are allocated based on our ELL student population and the percentage who live in

poverty. We will need to be accountable in spending the extra funding that we get on ELL students and students of poverty. To do this it will be very important for us to get back every Free & Reduced price meal application we possibly can because we will get supplemental funding for every student that qualifies. We will be thinking about incentives to encourage students/parents to return their meal applications in a timely manner.

- GFS – Mr. Newman stated there was nothing new with GFS, he has a meeting scheduled 10/17 with them. He wants to keep the conversation open about CUSD possibly going for a bond measure. He met today with a company called Tera Verdi, (CASBO recommendation) who is offering consultant services for districts who are going to pursue the Prop 39 money (California Clean Energy Jobs Act). This is where school districts can get allocations of money if they do energy conservation infrastructure activities, i.e. lighting retrofits, heating/air-conditioning cooling retrofits, insulation, solar, etc. This company will give a free analysis for us of what we should start with in regards to energy efficiency. This could be upwards of \$600,000 for the district and could possibly be tied into a bond effort.

- Report on Progress of SELPA Plan Revision: The district Superintendents in the county, along with Kay Spurgeon, met again as a group,. Ms. Spurgeon expressed she will only support involvement by supporting the management functions (accounting, record keeping). She is not comfortable either being the employer or housing employment records unless the County Superintendent retains the sole authority over employment related issues. The current plan revision would create a single layer of SELPA governance with a Council as the employer, and a director responsible to the Council.

- Student Attire: There was a question about a student at EMS regarding hair color and that student's right to be at school. Mr. Newman researched the topic and found that if that student created a disruption by having colored hair, we could act on it. If there was no disruption created, then that student has a right to be at school. Administration was instructed to change the policy in their student handbooks to reflect this.

- Board Policy Maintenance – GAMUT Online: Mr. Newman explained the new Board Policy Maintenance contract he has entered into with the California School Boards Association.

- Mr. Newman stated our enrollment shows we are up by 1

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Recognitions and Celebrations: This month the following were honored for making the district better in some way: Colusa Rotary Club, Lara Kelleher, Lorie Meyers and Roberta James.

- Jody Johnston reported there were 22 5th graders this summer who attended the Gateway Science Museum camp in Chico. The students had a wonderful time. They had many hands-on activities, logical thinking activities, and field trip activities. She said it was an amazing event for students. She reported the students didn't have to pay for anything; Gateway contracted with our district to provide buses for the students to get to Chico. The entire camp is funded through donations from corporations and partnerships. Ms. Johnston also showed a video made by the students who attended the science camp.

Erika Lemenager spoke about her 7th grade science classes having a presentation by Cindy DeWoody, a representative from the District Attorney's office, on bullying, cyber bullying, and sexting. She spoke on the

responsibilities, the laws and consequences that pertain to that type of activity. Ms. DeWoody gave the students a lot of information on keeping themselves safe and being able to recognize when things are not right. Ms. Johnston reported Ms. DeWoody also presented the same information to parents in the evening.

CEA REPORT

Pam Giuliano reported a negotiation session was held and the results were positive. Since that session the CEA group has been taking a closer look at their salary schedule and they will be discussing the schedule at the next meeting. Pam also stated she was happy with the teacher survey results and was very happy to be working with the people in our district.

CSEA REPORT

None

PUBLIC HEARING
INTERNET SAFETY PRACTICES:
BP/AR 6163.4 STUDENT USE OF
TECHNOLOGY

To qualify for e-rate, the district must have an annual public hearing regarding Internet Safety Practices: BP/AR 6163.4 Student Use of Technology. The hearing opened at 7:20 p.m. There being no comments from the public the hearing closed at 7:21 p.m.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/
POSSIBLE ACTION:

- Tech Planning and Common Core Implementation Grant: Mr. Newman reported he has 6 quotes for laptop computers. He stated some teachers want desk top computers. The decision by the tech committee has not been made yet as to what to purchase. He's thinking desktops for the computer labs, laptops for teachers. He received information from consultant group TRS (Tim Salveson) regarding the purchase of DELL or HP computers. Mr. Salveson highly recommends the DELL. Mr. Newman researched the cost and it should not exceed \$37,000 for the purchase of laptops for all teachers and administration, which would be 77 in all.

ACTION #131413

Motion was made by Kelli Griffith-Garcia and seconded by Lincoln Forry for Mr. Newman to purchase laptops for teachers and administration. The cost not to exceed \$37,000.

Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Newman asked the Board for permission to advertise for a tech support person for the district. After discussion, the Board gave their permission to advertise for this position.

- Bullying Prevention: Barbara Hankins, school nurse, spoke to the board regarding bullying prevention and what CUSD is doing about it. She stated October is Bullying Prevention month. There are lots of site activities taking place, instead of one person coming in for one day to schools to talk to students about bullying. We are training different groups of people at each site to create a positive school climate. All schools have lots of information for students and parents provided by the District Attorney's office with regards to bullying and what to do about it. Ms. Hankins also reported that Challenge Day was recently held at CHS and it was a very successful day for all involved.

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- ACTION ITEM #131414 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Don Bransford to approve the First Reading of BP/AR 1113 District and School Web Sites.
- Vote: Unanimous
- ACTION ITEM #131415 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the First Reading of BP/AR 1114 District Sponsored Social Media.
- Vote: Unanimous
- CONSENT AGENDA
ACTION ITEM #131416 Consider Approval of Consent Agenda: Regular and Customary Business Items:
- a. Minutes of September 17, 2013 Regular Board Meeting
 - b. October Payroll
 - c. October Warrants: Batch # 11 - 14
 - d. October Financial Statements
 - e. Personnel Assignment Order #2013/2014.03
 - f. Approve FBLA 2013-2014 Travel Requests
 - g. 1st Quarter Williams Uniform Complaint Procedure for July 1, 2013 to September 30, 2013
- Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the Consent Agenda without exception.
- Vote: Unanimous
- HEARING OF PUBLIC FOR MATTERS
ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA None
- ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:55 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. Consider Approval of AHP Recommendation for Expulsion Case #Eh2013-14.02
 - d. Consider Approval of AHP Recommendation for Expulsion Case #EH2013-14.03
 2. Personnel Matters:
 - a. Public Employment – New Hires 2013-2014
 - b. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
 - c. Public Employee – Maternity Leave Request
 3. Negotiations
- RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 9:00 P.M. Board President Terry Bressler reported out the Board reviewed the Out of School Suspension Report, the Inter-district Transfer Requests, the Maternity Leave Request, and the AHP Panel's recommendations for Expulsion Cases #EH2013-14.02 and #EH2013-14.03.
- ACTION ITEM # 131417 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the Inter-district Transfer Agreement requests.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #131418

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the AHP's Recommendation for Expulsion Case #EH2013-14.02.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #131419

Motion was made by Kelli Griffith-Garcia, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the AHP's Recommendation for Expulsion Case #EH2013-14.03.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #131420

Motion was made by Kelli Griffith-Garcia, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the Maternity Leave Request.

Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Lyttle, Executive Administrative Assistant

APPROVED BY:
