

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street
Colusa, CA 95932

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting

January 20, 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, Kelli Griffith-Garcia and Kathie Whitesell. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dwayne Newman, staff, and community members.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Erika Lemenager led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA Mr. Bressler stated that he had petitions from community members regarding the football program at CHS to bring to Mr. Newman.
- HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA None
- STUDENT'S REPORT ASB President, Jordan Helmer reported on Winterfest and the great feedback that was received from the community about this year's event. Snowball had approximately 170 students in attendance and was a great success. Mr. Helmer also reported out on sports, rallies, and the Silent Night game that occurred in honor of Coach Davis' late wife, Rebecca.
- RECOGNITION & CELEBRATIONS Maria Espinoza recognized Toni Rangel for her hard work at BPS and her strong work ethic. Cristina Rodriguez was also recognized for her daily efforts as well her leadership in coordinating a Science Day event that took place at BPS in collaboration with CSU, Chico and Chico Unified School District.
- PRESIDENTS REPORT The Governing Board elected the representatives for the following committees: CRAF – Charles Yerxa; FOM – Terry Bressler; FOA – Kelli Griffith-Garcia & Kathie Whitesell; SELPA – Terry Bressler; Grounds – Terry Bressler & Lincoln Forry.
- SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT IMPROVING ACHIEVEMENT
- LCAP Progress – Planning for the next school year is underway. Mr. Newman is gathering input from staff for district wide improvement. Community meetings are scheduled to discuss improvement, achievement, and to listen to suggestions from the greater community. Budget discussions are ongoing and the Zero Based Budget process will continue to be a tool for staff to use in building a budget from the bottom up.
- SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT MANAGEMENT
- Modernization Projects Update – Interviews for the Owner's Representative took place on January 9, 2015. The interview process and panel narrowed down the candidates to two. One candidate withdrew their application and the other firm will go before the board on January 21, 2015 for final approval. Mr. Newman and Jim LaGrone called for reference checks and received positive feedback.

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- SELPA Update – Mr. Newman reported that County Superintendent, Mike West has agreements signed by SELPA union representatives that indicate the items that CUSD requested to be completed are indeed getting completed. Mr. West has asked that CUSD consider adjusting the budget in effort to save Colusa County Office of Education from serious financial hardship. SELPA teachers have agreed to forego pay raises for two years until CUSD salaries are equitable with theirs. A formula is being developed to define parity and Mr. West has a signed document from the representatives stating that salary negotiation for this current year and the year after are completed.

Mr. Newman also reported that an agreement has been reached regarding the stipend inequity between SELPA teachers and district teachers. Currently SELPA teachers with a Master's degree receive a 3% stipend, while district teachers with a Master's receive a flat \$800.00. The agreement was made that SELPA teachers receiving a Master's stipend would receive 1.5% for next year and move to a flat \$1,000.00 for the year after.

Mr. Newman reported that Mike West recently discovered that not all districts have been paying for the modulars that house special education classrooms. Further discussion will take place and Mr. Newman will report out as information becomes available.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT BUDGET

- Sheryl Parker reported on a rebounding economy's effect on the District's budget. State budget projections reflect an increase of 8% for an average district. Sheryl also stated that the Governor is proposing a payback of mandated costs that is owed to all districts. Next year, the Governor has proposed a one-time payout for those costs. CUSD could likely see a payout of \$250,000.00 which would be unrestricted funding.
- Enrollment has gone up slightly but ADA is down slightly.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Darren Brown reported on the Winterfest celebration that took place at CHS. The event was a huge success with approximately 700 people in attendance. Many alumni were in attendance and also participated in the event.

CSEA REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Rosemary Hicks reported that dates have not been set for negotiations at this time. Two CSEA member are currently on medical leave and well wishes were given.

CEA REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Pam Giuliano reported that negotiations are set to take place. She also explained CEA's interest based model for bargaining and the process involved with negotiations.

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION
/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

ACTION ITEM #141538 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to name to approve Resolution #2014-15.06 – Signatures of the Board.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141539 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve Resolution #2014-15.07 - Intention to Reimburse Expenditures.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141540 Motion was made by Kelli Griffith-Garcia, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve Resolution #2014-15.08 – Establish Building Fund 21

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141541 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve Resolution #2014-15.09 – SB 858 Local Reserve Cap

ACTION ITEM #141542 Motion was made by Kelli Griffith-Garcia, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141543 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve the members of the Citizen’s Oversight Committee. Larry Yeghoian, Marta Stegall, Cyndi Simmons, Tiffany Sines, Christopher Fantl, Jon James, and Debby Beymer.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141544 Motion was made by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the Part Time MOT position.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141545 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve the CalSTRS Funding Coalition.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141546 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to table the buyout of the SELPA Modular Lease and bring back for further discussion at the February 10, 2015 Board Meeting.

Vote: Unanimous

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ACTION ITEM #141547 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve the First Reading of Board Policies and Administrative Regulations as listed on the agenda.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141548 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve all consent agenda items.

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

- a. Minutes of December 16, 2014 Regular Board Meeting
- b. December Payroll
- c. Personnel Assignment Order # 2014-2015 #6
- d. Warrants: Batch #23-25
- e. Associated Student Body Fund
- f. Approval of Budget Revision
- g. Williams Quarterly Report

Vote: Unanimous

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR
MATTERS ON CLOSED
SESSION AGENDA

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED
SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:35 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
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.*)

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED
SESSION

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 8:50 p.m. Board President, Lincoln Forry reported out that the Board reviewed the Out of School Suspensions, Inter-District Transfers, and New Hires.

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ACTION ITEM #141549 Motion was made by Lincoln Forry, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve the Extended Leave Request until May 29, 2015.

Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Zeba Hone,
Executive Administrative Assistant



APPROVED BY:










