

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street
Colusa, CA 95932

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting

August 11, 2015

- CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. in the District Office Board 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, Sheryl Parker and Terry Biladeau
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Terry Biladeau led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR
ITEMS ON THE AGENDA No members of the public were present.
- HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR
ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA No members of the public were present.
- STUDENT REPORT No student representative was present.
- RECOGNITIONS &
CELEBRATIONS Jody Johnston thanked the district office staff for their hard work and efforts over the summer months.
- PRESIDENT'S REPORT Kathie Whitesell reported that several Colusa Unified FFA students showed their animals in different parts of the country and did very well.
- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
IMPROVING ACHIEVEMENT
 - 15-16 LCAP Activities – Mr. Newman stated that CUSD is well prepared to accomplish the items listed in the LCAP. The three main areas of focus will continue to be: improving achievement, improving and maintaining the atmosphere/communication between home & school, and improving access to technology and updating the infrastructure.
 - Illuminate Software Training – A new data and assessment software is being implemented throughout CUSD.
 - Initial SBAC Results – Mr. Newman reminded the board that the SBAC results will be available sometime in late August or early September. A comparison of result information between the CUSD ELA 2013 STAR and the State 2013 STAR was provided. CUSD is striving towards increasing scores all around.
- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
MANAGEMENT
 - Bond Projects Update – In a recent review of the infrastructure for the fire alarm bond project, it was determined that our cable plant is not equipped to support this type of project and would require an upgrade to our cabling structure. Mr. Newman asked the board for approval to allocate an additional \$23,000 out of the contingency fund to accomplish this. The board gave Mr. Newman their approval to move forward with the cable upgrade and the allocation of the contingency funds for the project.

Mr. Newman asked the board for consideration of adding one additional portable to both BPS and EMS campuses. Planning for these additions during the bond work that is being done will allow us time to carefully consider all aspects of possible growth. Clair Toth will assess the need at BPS with the staff and report back to Mr. Newman with information.

- MOT Summer Work Update – Mr. Newman presented information on the summer work that was completed by the MOT department.
- Purchasing Report (One Time State Funding) – New white boards were purchased for BPS classrooms. Choir risers will be ordered soon. No other spending is currently set to take place as Mr. Newman would like to further evaluate the needs of the district.
- SB77 Funding for Teacher Professional Development – Mr. Newman will be asking for staff input relating to SB77 Funding.
- Hiring – CUSD is still seeking a Math teachers at CHS.
- Student Nutrition Professional Development – Leasa Hill and the CUSD Nutrition Services department in collaboration with Center for Healthy Communities out of Chico lead a very well attended professional development training for districts in the north state. This training was also featured on NPR. In addition, the California Department of Education, made this an accredited training for required professional development of student nutrition employees.
- Title III Plan – Mr. Newman will be updating the Title III plan.
- Enrollment – Enrollment numbers are up.

Rosemary Hicks is looking forward to negotiations and updating job descriptions.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
BUDGET
CSEA REPORT

CEA REPORT

No CEA representative was present.

ACTION ITEM #151601

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve the First Reading of Board Policies and Administrative Regulations as listed on the agenda.

- Whitesell – Aye
- Yerxa – Aye
- Forry – Aye
- Bressler – Aye
- Griffith-Garcia – Aye

Vote: (Unanimous)

ACTION ITEM #151602

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the A&E Agreement for EMS Phase 1A Scope of Work.

- Whitesell – Aye
- Yerxa – Aye
- Forry – Aye
- Bressler – Aye

Griffith-Garcia – Aye

Vote: (Unanimous)

ACTION ITEM #151603

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the Recommendation to Declare Property Surplus – Cafeteria Tables.

Whitesell – Aye

Yerxa – Aye

Forry – Aye

Bressler – Aye

Griffith-Garcia – Aye

Vote: (Unanimous)

ACTION ITEM #151604

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kathie Whitesell authorizing Mr. Newman to send written correspondence to Assemblyman James Gallagher encouraging him to rescind the Reserve Cap.

Whitesell – Aye

Yerxa – Aye

Forry – Aye

Bressler – Aye

Griffith-Garcia – Aye

Vote: (Unanimous)

ACTION ITEM #151605

Motion was made by Kelli Griffith-Garcia, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve Warrants: Batch 2014-15 #47 and 2015-16 #1-5.

Whitesell – Abstain

Yerxa – Aye

Forry – Aye

Bressler – Aye

Griffith-Garcia – Aye

Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Abstain)

ACTION ITEM #151606

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the following consent agenda items:

- a. June 16, 2015 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. June 17, 2015 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- c. June 29, 2015 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- d. June 30, 2015 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- e. July 17, 2015 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- f. July 23, 2015 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- g. June/July Payroll
- h. First 5 Kinder Camp Agreement

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- i. Sutter County MOU for Tri-County ROP
- j. SchoolWorks, Inc. Professional Services Agreement
- k. General Fund 01 Budget Revision
- l. Fund 21 Measure A Bond Fund Budget Revision
- m. Fund 25 Developer Fee Capital Facilities Fund Budget Revision
- n. Personnel Assignment Order #2015-2016 #1
- o. Associated Student Body Fund
- p. Williams Uniform Complaint

Whitesell – Aye

Yerxa – Aye

Forry – Aye

Bressler – Aye

Griffith-Garcia – Aye

Vote: (Unanimous)

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR
MATTERS ON CLOSED
SESSIONS AGENDA
ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

None

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:10 PM 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. 2015-2016 New Hires
 - 2. Leave of Absence Request
 - 3. Superintendent Evaluation

- b. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Resignations

3. Negotiations

Instructions 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).*

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation and Liability Claims

The Board Reconvened from Closed Session 8:00. Board President, Lincoln Forry reported out that the Board reviewed the Out of School Suspensions, Inter District Transfers, the Extended Leave Request and the Superintendent's Evaluation.

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ACTION ITEM #151607

Motion was made by Kathie Whitesell, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to deny the Extended Leave Request.

Whitesell – Aye
Yerxa – Aye
Forry – Aye
Bressler – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Aye

Vote: (Unanimous)

ACTION ITEM #151608

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to extend the Superintendent’s Contract by one additional year.

Whitesell – Aye
Yerxa – Aye
Forry – Aye
Bressler – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Aye

Vote: (Unanimous)

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Zeba Hone,
Executive Administrative Assistant



APPROVED BY:










