

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street
Colusa, CA 95932

OFFICIAL MINUTES
Board of Trustees Board Meeting

January 12, 2016

- CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room by Board President Kelli Griffith-Garcia, who established a quorum was present. Attending were Charles Yerxa, Terry Bressler, and Kathie Whitesell. Also in attendance was Superintendent Dwayne Newman, staff and community members.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Ann Kalisuch led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- STUDENT REPORT Ann Kalisuch reported on upcoming CHS events.
- HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR
ITEMS ON THE AGENDA No information was presented.
- HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR
ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA Barbara Hankins urged the board to continue the school nurse position upon her retirement.
- A CUSD parent expressed her concern regarding the process that was used to implement the new safety procedures at Burchfield Primary School. She is in support of the process, but feels as though some of the reasons behind the decision should have been more clearly relayed to parents. She thought the information that was provided was too vague.
- RECOGNITIONS &
CELEBRATIONS Jody Johnston recognized Jeremy Miller, Brian Coppin and Teia Miller for their efforts with technology at the EMS campus.
- PRESIDENT’S REPORT The board established their committees as follows:
CRAF – Charles Yerxa
FOM – Lincoln Forry & Terry Bressler
FOA – Kathie Whitesell & Kelli Griffith-Garcia
SELPA – Kathie Whitesell & Terry Bressler
Grounds – Lincoln Forry
- Kelli Griffith-Garcia asked that the issue of site visits be brought back to the February board meeting.
- SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
IMPROVING ACHIEVEMENT
 - LCAP Update – Mr. Newman presented a five year strategic plan for CUSD. The district will continue to focus on closing the achievement gap.
 - Discussion of CSBA Trainings – Mr. Newman encouraged the board to attend the trainings and workshops made available to them from CSBA.
- SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
MANAGEMENT
 - Bond Projects Update – Mr. Newman reported that the bond projects are progressing well. Lori Raineri of Government Financial Strategies presented information regarding a possible 2016 bond measure.

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- BPS Safety Procedure Update – Mr. Newman presented information on the new BPS Safety measures. He expressed a desire to be proactive versus reactive and emphasized that the district will continue practicing for emergency situations.
- Computer Network Update – The leadership team has been discussing the switching of our student information system; however, with the various projects taking place throughout the district, the team has decided to postpone the implementation of a new system for one year.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
BUDGET

Enrollment – Mr. Newman stated that enrollment numbers are stable and ADA is actually up from last year.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Jody Johnston reported on the use of technology at EMS. She stated that the computer labs have been transformed into an even greater educational space due to Teia Miller’s forward thinking vision. All EMS students have allocated times working with technology both in the labs and in the classrooms.

CSEA REPORT

Rosemary Hicks reported that CSEA’s negotiating team will be meeting to go over job descriptions and hoping to come to an agreement at their next meeting.

CEA REPORT

Pam Giuliano reported that CEA is appreciative of retirement incentive that was offered and is pleased to hear about the upcoming budget.

**INFORMATION / DISCUSSION /
POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**
ACTION ITEM #1516115

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to appoint Ramon Silva as CUSD’s SELPA Advisory Committee Member.

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

Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Absent)

ACTION ITEM #1516116

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve Resolution #2015-16.04 – Signatures of the Board.

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

Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Absent)

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- NO ACTION TAKEN Discussion regarding security cameras occurred. The board asked Mr. Newman to look at what policies are currently in place as it relates to the security cameras on our buses and bring the item back for a future board meeting.
- ACTION ITEM #1516117 Motion was made by Kathie Whitesell, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the Architectural Engineering Services Contract for the CHS Ag Barn.
- Whitesell – Aye
Yerxa – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Aye
Bressler – Aye
Forry – Absent
- Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Absent)
- ACTION ITEM #1516118 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded Charles Yerxa to approve the Architectural Engineering Services Contract for the CHS Restroom & HVAC.
- Whitesell – Aye
Yerxa – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Aye
Bressler – Aye
Forry – Absent
- Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Absent)
- NO ACTION TAKEN Discussion regarding the CTE Grant occurred. Mr. Newman stated that CUSD will receive approximately \$480,000 over the course of 3 years. The grant does not require board approval.
- ACTION ITEM #1516119 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the Warrants: Batch #22-24.
- Whitesell – Abstain
Yerxa – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Aye
Bressler – Aye
Forry – Absent
- Vote: (3 Ayes, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent)
- ACTION ITEM #1516120 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve the following consent agenda items:
- a. December 8, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes
 - b. Williams Uniform Complaint Procedure
 - c. General Fund 01 Budget Revision
 - d. Cafeteria Fund 13 Budget Revision
 - e. Contract with James Marta & Company for Bond Audit

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- f. Revised CEA Tentative Agreement
- g. Personnel Assignment Order #2015-2016 #7
- h. December Payroll
- i. ASB Financial Statement
- j. 2014-15 School Accountability Report Card for Burchfield Primary School
- k. 2014-15 School Accountability Report Card for Egling Middle School
- l. 2014-15 School Accountability Report Card for Colusa High School
- m. 2014-15 School Accountability Report Card for Colusa Alternative High School
- n. 2014-15 School Accountability Report Card for Colusa Alternative Home School

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

Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Absent)

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR
MATTER ON CLOSED SESSION
AGENDA

None.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:45 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. Probationary Teacher Review
- b. Public Employee Discipline/ Dismissal/Release/Resignations
 - 1. 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).*

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 8:45 PM. Board President, Kelli Griffith-Garcia reported out that the Board reviewed the Out of School Suspensions and Inter-District Transfers.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted by Zeba Hone,

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Executive Administrative Assistant



APPROVED BY:








