

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street
Colusa, CA 95932

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

March 15, 2011

6:00 P.M. Open Session with Closed Session to Follow

6:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

The regular board meeting of the Colusa Unified School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room by Board President Don Bransford, and established a quorum was present. Board Members present were Terry Bressler, Lincoln Forry, Charles Yerxa and Don Bransford. Board Member Cindy Steidlmayer was absent. Also in attendance were Larry Yeghoian, District Superintendent; School Administrators Dave Tarr, Jody Johnston and Dave McGrath; staff members and parent, Daniel Bailey.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mary Lyttle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT'S REPORT

Nohemi Padilla and Katelyn Mena reported on activities at Colusa High School that included student body elections, sporting events, Cultural Week, students' trip to Ashland and senior projects.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- During Board of Trustee time Mr. Bressler congratulated the high school girls' soccer team for being Northern Section champions for the 3rd year in a row.
- President Bransford asked what district committee board members would like to serve on. They agreed to the following: Lincoln Forry and Terry Bressler – Stadium and Friends of Ag.; Charles Yerxa – CRAF; Don Bransford – Friends of Music; and since Cindy Steidlmayer had enjoyed being on the SELPA Committee in the past, Mr. Yeghoian thought she would like to continue to be on that committee for the 2011-2012 school year.
- President Bransford polled the board for a date and time for the April Board meeting. It was determined that April 12, 2011 would work for all. The meeting will start at 4:30 p.m. for the Tenured Teacher Reception, adjourn for the Action Team meeting at 5:00 p.m. and reconvene the Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dave McGrath gave a CHS/CAHS review. He thanked Gay Seaver for putting up the Conference Room bulletin board. He stated the WASC accreditation that was held February 27 through March 2 went very well, and the school will know by June if they will continue to be accredited for the next 6 years. Mr. McGrath reported students were doing very well in their competitions throughout the student body clubs. He stated there were 11 State Farmer degrees awarded; the ESA students placed 3 teams in the top 10 when they entered the Caring for Water Sheds competition; there were 19 awards given to students at the State Music competition, 2 students, Lupita Ramos and Efrin Fuentes, were selected Best in Category; Taylor Davies was elected secretary for the North Section FBLA; and CIF awarded the **Spirit of Sport Award** to Mimi Rinzler.
- In his Report of the District Superintendent Mr. Yeghoian reported on the status of the Stadium Restroom Project that is sponsored by the Colusa County Supervisors grant funding. He stated the portable restrooms had

been ordered and the architect is working on approval letters from the Division of State Architect's office.

- Mr. Yeghoian reported there were three different campus beautification projects in the planning stages for this spring at two school sites. The CHS Quad and Campus Beautification Projects are under the lead of parent Lisa Bailey. This project will enhance the landscaping at CHS. The CHS Stadium Project is being supported by parents who would like to participate in the landscaping of the stadium, as well as concrete work between the concession building and new restroom facility. The last project is at Burchfield Primary School. The BPS Parent Club has initiated a project to paint the blacktop areas in different themes and activities. Parents, students and community agencies will be involved with various aspects of the project.
- Mr. Yeghoian reported the Governor is still seeking support for a budget deal that includes placing a tax extension on the June ballot. He stated CUSD's budget projections for 2011-12 have been made without a tax extension passing. Until a budget deal is reached, the district does not know what the final impact will be to our budget.
- Mr. Yeghoian reported that UPS will start using the district's 5th Street "Bag Works" facility on April 1.

CEA REP'S REPORT

Bobbie Weiglein stated 2 teachers from CEA had attended bargaining training in Yuba City. They are very grateful there have been no pink slips issued in Colusa.

CSEA REP'S REPORT

Rosemary Hicks said there will be a general chapter meeting of Colusa's CSEA members next week.

CONSENT AGENDA:
ACTION ITEM #101130

Larry Yeghoian asked that item 'h' be pulled for discussion. Motion was made by Lincoln Forry, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the Consent Agenda with exception of item 'h'.

Consent Agenda: Regular and Customary Business Items:

- a. Minutes of February 15, 2011 Regular Board Meeting
- b. March Payroll
- c. March Warrants: Batch # 30 - 33
- d. March Financial Statements
- e. Personnel Assignment Order #2010-11.08
- f. Approve Injury & Illness Prevention Program Plan
- g. 2011 CUSD Safety and Emergency Procedure Plan
- h. Approve New CHS Course of Study: Sports Management

Vote: Ayes - 4

Noes - 0

Absent - 1 (Steidlmayer)

Discussion was held on the proposed new course of study of Sports Management at CHS. It was determined that the course title was not consistent with the course outline. Sports Leadership was suggested for CHS to consider.

ACTION ITEM: #101131

After discussion, a motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Lincoln Forry to approve item 'h.' New CHS Course of Study: Sports Management.

Vote: Ayes – 3
Noes – 1
Absent – 1 (Steidlmayer)

None

HEARING OF PUBLIC FOR
MATTERS ON CLOSED SESSION
AGENDA

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:55 p.m. to consider and/or take action upon any of the following items:

1. Student Matters:
 - a. Inter-district Transfer Requests
 - b. Out-of-School Suspensions
 - c. Approve Recommendation for Expulsion Case #EH2010-11.05
 - d. Approve Recommendation for Expulsion Case #EH2010-11.06
2. Personnel Matters:
 - a. Public Employee – New Hires 2010/2011
 - b. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
 - c. Public Employee Leave of Absence Requests
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.)
4. Liability Claims:
 - a. Liability Claims pursuant to Government Code section 54956.95
Claimant: Geovanni Avalos
Agency Claimed Against: Colusa Unified School District

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED
SESSION

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 8:25 P.M. Board President Don Bransford reported out the Board reviewed Out-of-School Suspensions, Inter-district Transfer Agreements, Recommendations for Expulsion, the Leave of Absence Request and the Liability Claim.

ACTION ITEM #101132

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Lincoln Forry to approve the Inter-district Transfer Agreements.

Vote: Ayes – 4
Noes – 0
Absent – 1 (Steidlmayer)

ACTION ITEM #101133

Motion was made by Lincoln Forry, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve the action taken by the AHP regarding Expulsion Case #EH 2010-11.05.

Vote: Ayes – 4
Noes – 0
Absent – 1 (Steidlmayer)

ACTION ITEM #101134

Motion was made by Lincoln Forry, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve the action taken by the AHP regarding Expulsion Case #EH 2010-11.06.

Vote: Ayes – 4
Noes – 0
Absent – 1 (Steidlmayer)

ACTION ITEM #101135 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Lincoln Forry to grant an extended Leave of Absence to Becky English through the end of the 2010-11 school year. She will return to work on August 15, 2011.

Vote: Ayes - 4
 Noes - 0
 Absent - 1 (Steidlmayer)

ACTION ITEM #101136 Motion was made by Lincoln Forry, seconded by Terry Bressler to deny the Liability Claim made by Claimant Giovanni Avalos.

Vote: Ayes - 4
 Noes - 0
 Absent - 1 (Steidlmayer)

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Lyttle
Executive Administrative Assistant

APPROVED BY:
