

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street
Colusa, CA 95932

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

December 18, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the CUSD Conference Room by Board President Lincoln Forry, and established a quorum was present. Attending were Charles Yerxa, Terry Bressler, Don Bransford, and Lincoln Forry. Incoming Board Member Kelli Griffith-Garcia was absent. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dwayne Newman, Principals Johnston, Tarr and Brown, Business Manager Sheryl Bailey, CPA Paul Messner, staff, students and public.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Melissa Slocum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Jim Pingrey asked that the district look into the costs of the city's water & sewer bill for the district. He suggested the district possibly hire someone to better manage the watering of the school grounds. He stated CUSD has a water/sewer bill of \$80,000 yr. and thought the cost could be cut significantly with a properly managed watering system. Don Bransford said it would be worth looking into, but the district had no money to hire a new employee. Mr. Bransford suggested a report be made by the administration at the next meeting regarding the strategy to reduce these costs.

INFORMATION: 2011-2012 AUDIT REPORT

Agenda item E.1 2011-2012 Audit Report was reordered on the agenda to follow item C. Hearing of the Public.

Auditor Paul Messner from the firm of Messner & Hadley, LLP gave the District's Audit Report for 2011-2012. He stated the District has sufficient cash and is in a relatively strong financial position, although the District did have deficit spending in 2011-2012, as well as two years ago in 2010-2011 in the general fund. The District is budgeting deficit spending in 2012-2013 and is coming closer to getting into the reserves. Outside of that, the auditors did not find any significant problems. He stated the district is compliant with both State and Federal regulations.

STUDENT'S REPORT

MacKenzie Bressler stated this was her last night to give the student's report. New ASB president Taylor Davies will be at the meetings in the future. MacKenzie reported on activities taking place at CHS which included the Snowball dance and the new Winterfest activity taking place on December 20.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Forry said that since there is a new, younger, administration in place (Mr. Newman & Mr. Brown) he would like the district to look into the feasibility and the cost of new technology in the classrooms – iPads instead of textbooks.

Mr. Forry wanted to clarify a comment that was made to him regarding the new CCOE Special Education classrooms in Williams, which was that not all employees and their offices were being moved there. Sheryl Bailey stated that in Phase I of their building project there was never a plan for the County Office

to move. It's just the Special Ed. office and classes who were moving.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE TIME

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- ◆ Superintendent Newman reported the Colusa Alternative Home School was almost at maximum enrollment capacity, with 89 students currently enrolled. He stated two home school teachers had moved to the high school to gain more instructional space, which they report is working out well.
In October Mr. Newman approved the purchase of an iPad for the Home School. Home School teacher Roberta James volunteered to investigate available programs and use the iPad with her students. Roberta reported that with such a variety of students and subjects, grades K through 12, and a wide span of skill levels in all subjects, the iPad has already shown tremendous value. She stated the iPad gives her classroom instant access to countless instructional applications, documentaries and tutorials. Her high school students use it for research, the art students use it for inspiration, and reading and math students use it for skills practice. Roberta stated the iPad was purchased keeping in mind the budget crisis. There were items she did not purchase this year to make up for the expense of the iPad. The older version was purchased and there was a donation made for the purchase of the protective stand.
- ◆ Sheryl Bailey reported that the 20 ADA that was originally projected while determining the budget for this year, will be much lower, more like 12 or 13 ADA.

CEA REP'S REPORT

Pam Giuliano, CEA President, thanked the Board for the retirement incentive proposal for the certificated personnel. She said there were a few teachers who were seriously considering it.
Pam was concerned about the earlier conversation regarding purchasing new technology for the district when we're considering lay-offs. She encouraged the Board to look at absolutely everything before personnel were cut.

CSEA REP'S REPORT

Rosemary Hicks thanked the Board for the retirement incentive they proposed to the classified employees. Rosemary said their classified group met and voted 39-1 to turn down the proposal.
Rosemary reported CSEA will respond to the coaching contract proposal in January.

SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBERS

Superintendent Newman delivered the Oath of Office for newly elected Board members Forry and Bressler. Kelli Griffith-Garcia, who was absent, will be sworn in at a later date.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD: PRESIDENT ACTION #121316

A motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Charles Yerxa to nominate Terry Bressler as President of the Board.

Vote: Ayes – 3
Noes – 0

Absent – 1 (Griffith-Garcia)

BOARD CLERK
ACTION #121317

A motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Lincoln Forry to nominate Charles Yerxa as Clerk to the Board.

Vote: Ayes – 3
Noes – 0
Absent – 1 (Griffith-Garcia)

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD
ACTION #121318

A motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Charles Yerxa to nominate the office of the Superintendent as Secretary to the Board.

Vote: Ayes – 4
Noes – 0
Absent – 1 (Griffith-Garcia)

ESTABLISH BOARD MEETING
DATES AND TIMES FOR
2013
ACTION #121319

A motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Charles Yerxa to set the third Tuesday of the month with a start time of 6 p.m. as the board meeting date and start time for 2013.

Vote: Ayes – 4
Noes – 0
Absent – 1 (Griffith-Garcia)

2011-2012 AUDIT REPORT
ACTION #121320

A motion was made by Lincoln Forry, seconded by Don Bransford to accept and approve the 2011-2012 Audit Report.

Vote: Ayes – 4
Noes – 0
Absent – 1 (Griffith-Garcia)

KINDERGARTEN EXTENDED
DAY PILOT PROGRAM
ACTION #121321

A motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Don Bransford to approve the Kindergarten Extended Day Pilot Program, 8:13 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. beginning January 7, 2013 through May 31, 2013. At the end of that time period the administration will measure the growth of the students, and determine if all students can handle the extended day. The Board will consider a recommendation for 2013-2014 at that time.

Vote: Ayes – 4
Noes – 0
Absent – 1 (Griffith-Garcia)

CONSENT AGENDA
ACTION ITEM #121322

Lincoln Forry stated a correction needed to be made to the minutes of the November 7, 2012 Special Board Meeting. He said Erika Lemenager had attended that meeting and her name should be added to those in attendance.

Motion was made by Lincoln Forry, seconded by Don Bransford to approve the Consent Agenda with the correction noted above.

1. Consent Agenda: Regular and Customary Business Items:
 - a. Minutes of November 7, 2012 Special Board Meeting EMS Visit
 - b. Minutes of November 13, 2012 Regular Board Meeting
 - c. December Payroll
 - d. December Warrants: Batch #18 – 20
 - e. December Financial Statements
 - f. Personnel Assignment Order #2012/13.05
 - g. Consider Approval of CHS Friday Night Live Club Request for Overnight Travel to Richardson’s Springs, March 7 – 9, 2013 and EMS Club Live Overnight Travel to Richardson’s Springs, February 28 – March 2, 2013

Vote: Ayes – 4
 Noes – 0
 Absent – 1 (Griffith-Garcia)

HEARING OF PUBLIC FOR
MATTERS ON CLOSED
SESSION AGENDA

The Board opened the floor to discussion of budget matters and heard the concerns of staff members who were present.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED
SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:45 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 Agreements
 - c. Consider Approval of AHP Recommendation for Expulsion Case #2012-13.02
 - d. Consider Approval of AHP Recommendation for Expulsion Case #2012-13.03
2. Personnel Matters:
 - a. Public Employment – New Hires 2012-2013
 - b. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
 - c. Public Employee - Resignations
3. Negotiations:
 - a. Instruction to District Negotiators
4. Liability Claims:
 - a. Liability Claims pursuit to Government Code Section 54956.95
Claimant: Kjersti Stallard
Agency Claimed Against: Colusa Unified School District

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED
SESSION

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 9:40 p.m. Board President Terry Bressler reported out the Board reviewed the Inter-district Transfer Agreements, the Out of School Suspension Report, the AHP recommendations and the Liability Claim.

ACTION ITEM #121323

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

Vote: Ayes – 4

Noes – 0
Absent – 1 (Griffith-Garcia)

ACTION ITEM #121324 Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Lincoln Forry to approve the AHP recommendation of Expulsion Case #EH 2012-13.02.

Vote: Ayes – 4
 Noes – 0
 Absent – 1 (Griffith-Garcia)

ACTION ITEM #121325 Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Lincoln Forry to approve the AHP recommendation of Expulsion Case #EH 2012-13.03.

Vote: Ayes – 4
 Noes – 0
 Absent – 1 (Griffith-Garcia)

ACTION ITEM #121326 No action was taken regarding the Liability Claim from Claimant: Kjersti Stallard.

ACTION ITEM #121327 No action was taken regarding CSEA Colusa Riverbenders Chapter #574 2012-2013 Retirement Incentive.

ACTION ITEM #121328 No action was taken to ratify the Side Letter of Agreement with CSEA Colusa Riverbenders Chapter #574 and CUSD with Regards to Classified Athletic Coaching Contracts.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Lyttle,
Executive Administrative Assistant

APPROVED BY:

