

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street
Colusa, CA 95932

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

January 17, 2012

5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. Board – Management Team Workshop
6:00 P.M. Open Session with Closed Session to Follow

5:00 P.M.
BOARD/MANAGEMENT
TEAM WORKSHOP

Board President Lincoln Forry opened the Board/Management Team Workshop at 5:00 p.m. Board members present were Cindy Steidlmayer, Terry Bressler, Charles Yerxa, and Lincoln Forry. Don Bransford was absent. Action Team members present were Dave McGrath, Dave Tarr, Jody Johnston, Kathy Aplanalp, Sheryl Bailey, Lori Tanner, Rosa Bautista, Erika Lemenager, Barbara Hankins, Mary Lyttle, Mike West and Larry Yeghoian.

The purpose of this workshop was for the Action Teams to report on the continuing progress of goals focused at school sites that were set in June, 2011 at the Board/Management Team Workshop. The Chairperson/Principal of each team brought the Board up to date on their team’s development. The teams will meet again in April to update action plans. The workshop concluded at 5:55 p.m.

6:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Barbara Hankins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT’S REPORT

None

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Lincoln Forry asked the board to check their calendars to change the date of the February board meeting from February 14 to another date. At the end of discussion it was decided the February meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2012.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE TIME

None

ASSIGN BOARD
COMMITTEES

President Forry stated that due to the absence of Board Member Bransford the assignment of committees will be completed when there is a full board present.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Mr. Yeghoian asked Mr. McGrath, Principal of Colusa Alternative High School to present a report on his school. Mr. McGrath informed the board the seniors at the CAHS are very committed to graduate. There were 2 seniors who graduated at mid-year and there will be 10 graduates in June.

There has been very few graduates from the CAHS in the last couple of years, but this year students are determined to go through to graduation. The students at the CAHS are involved in community service also. This holiday season they volunteered their time at Valley West, a convalescent home in Williams, and they helped with the Family Food Basket distribution throughout Colusa.

- District Enrollment currently shows a drop in enrollment of 1 student from 1 year ago.
- In his Report of the District Superintendent Mr. Yeghoian summarized the Governor's budget proposal for 2012-13. Highlights of the proposal are the tax initiative proposed for November, which will, if passed, impact our budget by the loss of approximately \$42,000 to home-to-school transportation. If the tax initiative is not passed it would result in a mid-year budget cut of \$370 per ADA or approximately \$500,000 in addition to the \$42,000. The Transitional Kindergarten Program might not be funded which could impact the district by losing 10-12 ADA. Categorical funding formulas, spending flexibility and suspension of mandates will be reviewed to determine district impact. Sheryl Bailey attended the Governor's Budget Workshop today and said there was a very important fact that Mr. Yeghoian didn't include in his Report, which was that there will be no COLA next year, which will result in a \$300,000 loss to our district. Mr. Yeghoian stated the next piece of planning information doesn't come until mid-May with the Governor's May Revision.
- Mr. Yeghoian reported that the CHS Alumni Association's 2011-2012 Donations contributed a large amount of money to support the various departments at the high school. A total of \$22,382 has been donated so far this year to support athletics, business, science, art, music, agriculture, math and English/Library.
- At the last meeting the Board asked Mr. Yeghoian to check the District's graduation policy to see if it allows a student of one school to graduate with another school in the district. Mr. Yeghoian reported the current graduation policy does not specify what school students graduate from.

CEA REP'S REPORT

Pam Giuliano had little to say except that the teachers are waiting to hear what the results of the state budget will do to education and our district.

CSEA REP'S REPORT

None

INFORMATION:
CHS COMPUTER LITERACY
CLASS

At the last board meeting Board Member Steidlmayer asked for some information on what the components of the CHS Computer Literacy Class were. Mr. McGrath provided the Board with the syllabus of the class which covers students understanding how a computer's operating system works, as well as keyboarding, file management, spreadsheets, presentation software, and internet.

REVIEW ACCELERATED
READING PROGRAM AT 1ST
GRADE LEVEL

Mr. Yeghoian stated Mr. Tarr had received a question from a parent regarding the age of students using the Accelerated Reading Program at 1st grade level. He reported the AR Program is used in grades 2-8. The Program begins at .8 reading level, but recommended level to begin is 1.8 which is roughly equivalent

to 1st grade, 8th month reading level. Students whose reading level is below 1.8 do not possess the necessary word study skills to be successful with AR. The exceptions are 1st graders who achieve end of the year benchmarks earlier than their 1st grade year and have teacher recommendation.

LEA PLAN ADDENDUM
ACTION #111240

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the LEA Plan Addendum.

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

PARENT GRADUATION
REQUEST

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Cindy Steidlmayer to allow Home School student Ann Kalisuch to participate in Egling Middle School's 8th grade graduation.

Vote: Ayes – 2
 Noes – 2
 Absent – 1 (Bransford)

The motion did not pass.

The Board would like Mr. Yeghoian to bring back the graduation policy to clarify wording. (Students will graduate with their school of record.)

APPROVE FUNDING FOR
CHS STUDENTS TO
CARNEGIE HALL
ACTION #111241

Mr. Phenicie reported his band students have been collecting donations and having fundraisers to send 2 students to New York City to play at Carnegie Hall in February. He provided the Board with a current income and expense sheet that shows where he's currently at with donations and fundraisers. He stated he is \$829 short on funds for this event and asked the Board to cover the remainder of his expenses, if needed. He assured the Board that if fundraiser money and donations came in to equal this amount, he would not need any money from the Board.

A motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the request up to \$1,500 if needed. This amount was quoted because of the possibility of one other student being able to attend in case of sickness of a student from another school district.

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

ACTION #111242

Motion was made by Cindy Steidlmayer, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve the CHS recommendation to add Freshman Exploratory Wheel as a 9th grade offering requirement.

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

ACTION #111243 Motion was made by Cindy Steidlmayer, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve CHS recommendation to allow 5 or 6 period minimum days to qualified seniors.

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

ACTION #111244 Motion was made by Cindy Steidlmayer, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve CAHS recommendation to change the number of required units for graduation to 220.

Vote: Ayes – 3
Noes – 1 (Bressler)
Absent – 1 (Bransford)

CONSENT AGENDA:
ACTION ITEM #111245

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the Consent Agenda without exception.

Consent Agenda: Regular and Customary Business Items:

- a. Minutes of December 20, 2011 Regular Board Meeting
- b. January Payroll
- c. January Warrants: Batch #24 - 25
- d. January Financial Statements
- e. Personnel Assignment Order #2011/2012.06
- f. Approve 2011-12 General Fund Budget Revision
- g. Approve Burchfield Primary School Single Plan for Student Achievement – February 1, 2012 – January 31, 2013
- h. Approve Egling Middle School Single Plan for Student Achievement – February 1, 2012 – January 31, 2013
- i. Approve Colusa High School Single Plan for Student Achievement – February 1, 2012 – January 31, 2013
- j. Adopt Resolution #2011-12.09 Signatures of the Members of the Board
- k. Williams Complaint Quarterly Report for October 1, 2011 through December 30, 2011
- l. Approve CHS Friday Night Live request to travel to Richardson's Springs for the REACH 2012 High School Youth Conference, March 29, 2012 – March 31, 2012
- m. Approve EMS Club Live request to travel to Richardson's Springs for the REACH 2012 Middle School Youth Conference, March 8, 2012 – March 10, 2012
- n. Approve CHS AP English class trip to Ashland, Oregon, March 6 – 8, 2012

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

HEARING OF PUBLIC FOR
MATTERS ON CLOSED
SESSION AGENDA

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED
SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 7:15 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
2. Personnel Matters:
 - a. Public Employee – New Hires 2011/2012
 - b. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
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 8:00 p.m. Board President Lincoln Forry reported out the Board reviewed the Out of School Suspensions and the Inter-district Agreements.

ACTION ITEM #111246

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

Vote: Ayes – 4

Noes – 0

Absent – 1 (Bransford)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Mary Lyttle, Executive Administrative Assistant

APPROVED BY:

