

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street
Colusa, CA 95932

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

October 19, 2010

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 Charles Yerxa opened the Board/Management Team Workshop at 5:00 p.m. Board members present were Don Bransford, Lincoln Forry, Cindy Steidlmayer, Terry Bressler and Charles Yerxa. Management Team members present were Dave McGrath, Kathy Aplanalp, Mary Lyttle, Shannon Laux, Rosa Bautista, Jody Johnston, Lori Tanner, Mike West and Larry Yeghoian. Dave Tarr, Jim LaGrone, Audrey Taylor and Sheryl Bailey were absent.

The purpose of this workshop was for the Action Teams to report on the continuing progress of goals focused on school sites that were set in June, 2010 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 January and April to update action plans.

6:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

The regular board meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room by Board President Charles Yerxa, and established a quorum was present. Attending were Charles Yerxa, Don Bransford, Lincoln Forry, Terry Bressler, and Cindy Steidlmayer. Also in attendance were Larry Yeghoian, District Superintendent; School Administrators Jody Johnston and Dave McGrath; staff members and students. Dave Tarr and Sheryl Bailey were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roberta James led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

STUDENT'S REPORT

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Yerxa stated he didn't have much to report but stated the J.V. football team has won 5 games in a row.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE TIME

- Cindy Steidlmayer thanked Jody Johnston and the middle school staff for welcoming the board at the EMS visitation. She enjoyed getting into the classrooms and watching the interactions between students and staff. Terry Bressler commented on his trip out to the pond at the Myers' ranch to help with the third graders who were learning how to fish. "Just as exciting as ever!"

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Egling Middle School Counselor Kathy Aplanalp introduced Shayne Meyers and Kolby Steidlmayer who are students from the Leadership Class at Egling. They reported on activities taking place at the middle school which included Red Ribbon Week, 7th-8th grade Fall Festival, Leadership

Canned Food Drive and the sports program. Ms. Aplanalp also introduced Thomas Critchfield who talked about the music program and played a solo on his saxophone.

- In his Report of the District Superintendent Mr. Yeghoian stated that Burchfield Primary School has been designated an Open Enrollment school for the 2011-12 school year as a result of their 2010 Academic Progress Index (API) score. Letters were sent home to all parents of Burchfield Primary students to let them know they had an option of sending their students to another school in the county due to the low API scores. Mr. Yeghoian was happy to share that there were no parents who responded to the letter.
- The district enrollment update chart in the Superintendent's Report shows a total enrollment of 1366 on 10/15/2010 which is a gain of 2 students compared to the same time last year.
- Mr. Yeghoian reported the State Budget had been passed and that with this budget and federal revenue through the Education Jobs Act, we are able to present a budget that balances through 2012-13.
- In his Report of the District Superintendent Mr. Yeghoian provided information about the passage of SB 1381 which refers to the new Kindergarten entry age. Beginning in 2012-13 students that enter kindergarten must be 5 by November 1. One additional month is added to the age requirement over the next two years with a final requirement of turning 5 by September 1 in 2014-15. SB 1381 further requires districts to offer a transitional kindergarten beginning in 2012-13, which will become the first year of a two-year kindergarten program.
- Mr. Yeghoian asked the Board to reschedule the November Board meeting date. Board members agreed to a new date of Monday, November 29, 2010.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION:
COLUSA REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY PRESENTATION

Mr. Yeghoian introduced Jim Burns, a redevelopment consultant who is working with the City of Colusa to do a feasibility study. Mr. Burns conducted a slide show explaining the process that will be taking place.

7TH-8TH LANGUAGE ARTS
RECOMMENDATION

Maite Testerman, Lara Kelleher and Jennifer Alaniz presented their recommendation for a new 7th & 8th grade Reading and Language Arts adoption. Their recommendation is for the Board to adopt the Holt Literature and Language Arts series, publisher date 2010. The cost would be \$40,000 to include enough books to have in class, as well as copies for students to have at home.

After listening to their presentation the Board agreed to move ahead to order the new adoption and to formally adopt the new series at the November 29, 2010 meeting.

2009-2010 AUDIT REPORT

Paul Messner, auditor from Messner & Hadley, LLP summarized the 2009-10 Audit Report. He stated because Sheryl Bailey was "on top of things" the audit went very well.

CEA REP'S REPORT

Bobbi Weiglein reported CEA and the district will have their first negotiation

session on November 4. She also stated she had gotten together with other CEA officers in Northern California at the Feather River Service Center in Chico and one of their discussion topics was how hard health care benefits were affecting teachers. She said they were looking into researching other health care providers.

CSEA REP'S REPORT

Rosemary Hicks reported CSEA would be having a meeting to welcome new members and other than that, everything else was fine.

ACTION #101109

Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Cindy Steidlmayer to accept and approve the 2009-10 Audit Report. Cindy Steidlmayer commented the Board appreciates all the work Sheryl Bailey does for the District to have a successful audit.

Vote: Unanimous

CONSENT AGENDA:
ACTION ITEM #101110

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

Consent Agenda: Regular and Customary Business Items:

- a. Minutes of September 30, 2010 Special Board Meeting – BPS visit
- b. October Payroll
- c. October Warrants: Batch #12 - 15
- d. October Financial Statements
- e. Personnel Assignment Order #2010-2011.03
- f. Approve 2010-11 Budget Revision
- g. Approve Williams Uniform Complaint Procedure Quarterly Report for July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010

Vote: Unanimous

HEARING OF PUBLIC FOR
MATTERS ON CLOSED
SESSION AGENDA

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED
SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 7:50 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 Requests
2. Personnel Matters:
 - a. Public Employee – New Hires 2010-2011
 - b. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
 - c. Public Employee Resignation
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 9:00 P.M. Board President Charles Yerxa reported out the Board reviewed the School Suspensions, the Inter-district Transfer Agreements.

ACTION ITEM #101111

Motion was made by Cindy Steidlmayer, seconded by Lincoln Forry to approve all Interdistrict Transfer Agreements.

Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Lyttle
Executive Administrative Assistant

APPROVED BY:
