

**COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

745 Tenth Street

Colusa, CA 95932

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

August 16, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Don Bransford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARING OF PUBLIC

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Bransford thanked Superintendent Yeghoian, administration and staff for a very productive goal setting workshop held on August 8, 2011. He also congratulated Board Member Steidlmayer on the birth of her most recent grandchild. President Bransford asked the Board if they were available for a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees on October 18, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. to meet with Barry Reed, a representative from Superintendent's search firm David Long and Associates. This meeting would be a planning session with regards to the new Superintendent search. The meeting's Open Session would run from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. with a Closed Session from 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. All members stated they were available. Mr. Bransford asked the Board to bring their calendars to the October 18 meeting because Mr. Reed needs to schedule 2 additional meetings with them to proceed with the process of the Superintendent search. Mr. Reed would like to finalize the Superintendent employment process by March, 2012. President Bransford stated the search for the new high school Principal could begin in February, with the final interviews taking place in April. At this time the new Superintendent would be hired and would be able to participate in the activity.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE TIME

Lincoln Forry asked if the Board should start thinking about the technology policies the district has regarding the use of various technology equipment such as the I-Pad in the schools. Mr. Yeghoian said there have been a number of workshops over the last couple of years about new technology and how we need to be more vigilant on what comes into the schools. The I-Pad is an instructional tool, a toy and can also be used as a phone. Mr. Yeghoian said he will check into the Ed. code and new technology policies see what is being recommended. Cindy Steidlmayer expressed hope that all teachers had a restful summer and wished them joy on the first day of school tomorrow.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Yeghoian reported Governor Brown signed the Budget Act of 2011 on June 30<sup>th</sup>. This provided "hold harmless" or "flat funding" for schools. Mr. Yeghoian stated we will receive basically the same funding we received in 2010-11 with caveats, which included mid-year reduction of 4% if revenue shortfall is two billion dollars or higher; possibility of reducing the 2011-12 school year by 7 days

(above the 5 that already exists); elimination of the August “layoff window”; deferral of additional funding for 2011-12 to 2012-13, which brings the total deferrals to approx. 40% of state funding. He stated we are waiting to learn more about what impact the federal budget cuts will have on education.

- Mr. Yeghoian reported on the summer projects that were accomplished even though the district had reduced spending. Through outsourcing and volunteers, he reported we were able to complete 1.5 of the pod wall renovations at Egling, and the landscaping project and quad resurfacing at CHS, and several mascot renovations at CHS.
- Mr. Yeghoian asked for the board to set a Special Board workshop date to review modernization projects and potential bond measure. The Board decided on September 12 at 6 p.m. in the conference room.

CEA REPORT

Pam Giuliano said teachers had received the information on the CVT insurance rate increase. She stated the health benefits are almost upside down, meaning the portion teachers pay is almost more than what the district pays.

CSEA REPORT

None

PUBLIC HEARING: CATEGORICAL  
FLEXIBILITY FUNDING

President Bransford opened the Public Hearing for Categorical Flexibility Funding at 6:44 p.m. There being no comments from the public the Hearing was closed at 6:45 p.m.

CALIFORNIA CONNECTIONS

Representatives were not in attendance for the California Connections – Adult Education Program. President Bransford said they planned to be at the September meeting.

CAFETERIA REPORT

CBO Sheryl Bailey reported that things went very well in the cafeteria in the 2010-2011 school year. Sheryl stated the cafeteria has \$150,000 to spend on the food service program, and because of this she and Audrey Taylor, Cafeteria Manager, are planning various projects for the schools. Some of the ideas on the planning list are to purchase round tables for the high school cafeteria, and to possibly put in an outside eating area at the middle school and primary school. She said a freezer has been purchased for the cafeteria at Burchfield Primary. Sheryl informed the Board that Audrey Taylor was retiring at the end of the school year.

ACTION ITEM #111201

The First Reading of Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Exhibit Revisions from BP 1100 through BB 9323.2 was held. Board President Bransford raised questions regarding BP 6145 Extra Curricular and Co-curricular Activities, BP 6145.2 Athletic Competition and BP 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements. A discussion was held. Superintendent Yeghoian offered to conduct a follow-up review of the named policies at the Second Reading in September.

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, Seconded by Charles Yerxa to accept as written the First Reading of Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Exhibit Revisions from BP 1100 through BB 9323.2.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #111202 Motion was made by Lincoln Forry, Seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the Tier III Categorical Program Funding Use for 2011-2012.

Vote: Unanimous

CONSENT AGENDA  
ACTION ITEM #111203 Motion was made by Cindy Steidlmayer, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the Consent Agenda without exception.

Consent Agenda: Regular and Customary Business Items:

- a. Approve Minutes of June 21, 2011 Regular Meeting
- b. Approve Minutes of August 8, 2011 Special Meeting
- c. July and August Payroll
- d. Personnel Assignment Order 2011-12 #1
- e. July and August Warrants: 2010-11 Batch 48, 2011-12 #1-6
- f. July and August Financial Statements
- g. 2011-2012 Budget Revision
- h. Approve 2010-2011 Developer Fee Report
- i. Adopt Resolution #2011-12.01 Federal Child Nutrition Revenues Funds and PERS Reduction
- j. Adopt Resolution #2011-12.02 GANN Limit
- k. Approve Williams Uniform Complaint Procedure Quarterly Report for April 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011
- l. Approve 2011-12 K-3 CSR Application
- m. Approve 2011-12 Carl Perkins Grant

Vote: Unanimous

HEARING OF PUBLIC FOR MATTERS  
ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:00 p.m. to consider and/or take action upon any of the following items:

1. Student Matters:
  - a. Inter-District Transfer Requests
2. Personnel Matters:
  - a. Public Employment – New Hires 2011-12
  - 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 8:05 P.M. Board President Don Bransford reported out the Board reviewed the Inter-district Transfer Agreements.

ACTION ITEM # 111204 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Lincoln Forry to approve the Inter-district Transfer Agreement requests.

Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Lyttle  
Executive Administrative Assistant

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APPROVED BY:

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