

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street

Colusa, CA 95932

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

February 25, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

OPEN SESSION
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 Charles Yerxa, and established a quorum was present. Attending were Charles Yerxa, Kelli Griffith-Garcia, Lincoln Forry, Don Bransford and Terry Bressler. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dwayne Newman, and Business Manager Sheryl Bailey; Principals Tarr, Johnston and Brown, students, staff, parents and members of the public.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dave Tarr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARING OF PUBLIC

Theresa Hawk, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education, introduced herself and announced her candidacy for Colusa County Superintendent of Schools in the June election.

STUDENT'S REPORT

None

RECOGNITIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

This month Jody Johnston honored the following for making the district better in some way: P.E. teacher Jeff Isaksen for being such a great role model for the kids he teaches; and Dak Kalisuch, Math teacher, Athletic Director and 7th & 8th grade basketball coach who she said was also a very good role model for kids.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

BOARD OF TRUSTEE TIME

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Facilities Needs Assessment Review: Art Hand from Full Business² Solutions (FB₂) presented a report on the district's facilities needs. He stated he was very impressed with Mr. LaGrone and his maintenance staff and how they have maintained the district's facilities in their present state. Mr. Hand's task was to evaluate the current condition of, and develop short and long term repair strategies, for our facilities. He rated repairs as Critical, Potentially Critical, Necessary and Recommended. Mr. Hand estimated all the repair costs for the district would be **\$35,307,134**.
He suggests we develop a comprehensive facility work plan based on priority rankings. He also advised the district to begin a discovery process designed to identify and access alternate funding sources and continue current excellent regular maintenance practices.
- Prop 39 – Report on meeting with Terra Verde: Mr. Newman stated that the Terra Verde group did a Level 1 analysis of our district's energy infrastructure at no cost. We will have approximately \$564,000 of Prop 39 money. Terra Verde found that we could recognize significant savings on utilities by making improvements in about seven areas. The highest payback would come from using the Prop 39 money to do lighting upgrades throughout the district. Mr. Newman provided the Board with recommendations from Terra Verde. The next

step in the process would be to do a RFQ and find a firm to consult with the district on implementing plans for energy upgrades. Mr. Newman reported that CUSD will get this money over a 5 year period. It's his recommendation that we wait and see if our bond measure passes before we start spending the money. A discussion was held.

- Improvement Plan Progress Update: Mr. Newman stated we were on schedule with our improvement plan. He received the results back from the PLC survey and was pleased with the overall results. He stated he received good information to help build the improvement plan for next year.
- Results of Curriculum Leadership Committee Meeting: Mr. Newman reported he met with the Curriculum Leadership Committee and they expressed the need for more time.
- Review of staff survey results for PLC Implementation: Mr. Newman stated the staff survey results showed that everyone was clear on our mission and where we are headed. He stated we need to commit on making this how we operate and push our values.
- Budget: Mr. Newman reported there were no major changes to the State budget. We continue to get updates from the State and they have not backed off from what was originally proposed. He stated we will be making different recommendations this year than in the past because we're looking at things differently.
- Discussion on early pay-off of Golden Handshakes - \$70,000 interest savings: Mr. Newman asked Sheryl Bailey to speak to this proposal. Sheryl stated that since we are in a different position with regards to our current budget, she would like to recommend we pay off the Golden Handshake budgetary amount, which would save the district \$70,000 in interest payments. Mr. Bransford stated he wasn't sure if it was the best use of our money. After discussion, it was decided that we would table this topic until next month.
- Enrollment: Mr. Newman pointed out that while our enrollment is up 25, Sheryl Bailey reported our A.D.A. is up 30 students.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ms. Johnston reported on the student recognition process at Egling Middle School. She said the 7th & 8th grade students are recognized in their classrooms for their individual achievement and the 4th-6th grades are recognized each month at an assembly and are presented a certificate. Ms. Johnston also recognized the music department for doing an outstanding job at the Chico State CMEA-North section Solo and Ensemble Festival. She asked Mr. Phenicie to report to the Board the results. He said there were a total of 24 Colusa music students who performed 20 solos and 3 ensembles over a span of 8 hours. Our students received 2 Command Performances, 8 Superiors, and 13 Excellent awards. Out of these awards, we have 9 Solos and 1 ensemble who qualified for State on May 9 and 10 in Sacramento.

CEA REPORT

There was no report from CEA representatives.

Mr. Mitchell Nail, CHS English teacher, announced the Drama Club will be presenting a play entitled "It's Not You, It's Me" by Don Salidas, on May 2 at 6 p.m. and May 3 at 3:00 p.m. in the Colusa Community Theater.

CSEA REPORT

None

INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION/ POSSIBLE ACTION: COMMUNITY SCHOOL	Mr. Newman reported he met with the County Superintendents recently and it is their intention to move the Community School from CCOE administration to CUSD. Mr. Newman stated he would like to wait until after March 7 to make a decision. The Superintendents have asked CUSD to do whatever is needed to have the program next year. His recommendation to the Board is to not approve the resolution that is on our agenda at this time.
POSSIBLE ACTION: INDICATORS OF EXCELLENCE FOR DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT	No action taken. Mr. Newman will receive the Board's suggestions for action items to be included in the 2014-15 LCAP, combine them and send out to Board for final discussion.
ACTION ITEM #131452	Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Don Bransford to approve the purchase of 30 mobile computers, not to exceed \$14,700. Vote: Unanimous
PUBLIC HEARING: DEVELOPER FEES	Mr. Yerxa opened the Public Hearing for the Intent to Adopt and Levy Increased Statutory Developer Fees at 7:53 p.m. There being no comments, the Hearing was closed at 7:54 p.m.
ACTION ITEM #131453	Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Don Bransford to approve Resolution #2013-2014.06 Adoption of Developer Fees of \$3.36 per sq. ft. for residential development, and \$0.54 per sq. ft. for commercial/industrial development. Vote: Unanimous
RESOLUTION #2013-2014.08 AGREEMENT WITH CUSD AND CCOE TO OPERATE A COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL	No action taken.
CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DELEGATE JIM FLURRY FOR CSBA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY ELECTION	No action taken.
ACTION ITEM #131454	Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to adopt the Third Reading of BP 0460 Local Control and Accountability Plan with the new wording that states the Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board <i>monthly along with an in-depth annual report</i> . Vote: Unanimous
ACTION ITEM #131455	Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve and adopt the Third Reading of BP 3110 Transfer of Funds which states the district will maintain a 5% reserve. Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 1 (Bressler)

2012-2013 STRS GOLDEN
HANDSHAKE PAYOFF

No action. Item tabled until the March meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA
ACTION ITEM #131456

Consider Approval of Consent Agenda: Regular and Customary Business Items:

Consent Agenda: Regular and Customary Business Items:

- a. Minutes of January 21, 2014 Regular Board Meeting
- b. February Payroll
- c. February Warrants: Batch #26 - 30
- d. February Financial Statements
- e. 2013-14 2nd Interim Report
- f. 2013-14 Budget Revision
- g. Personnel Assignment Order #2013/14.07
- h. Approve FNL trip to REACH Youth (High School) Conference at Richardson's Springs, March 27 through March 29, 2014
- i. Approve Club Live trip to REACH Youth (Middle School) Conference at Richardson's Springs, March 6 through March 8, 2014
- j. 2012-2013 School Accountability Report Card for Burchfield Primary School
- k. 2012-2013 School Accountability Report Card for Egling Middle School
- l. 2012-2013 School Accountability Report Card for Colusa High School
- m. 2012-2013 School Accountability Report Card for Colusa Alternative High School
- n. 2012-2013 School Accountability Report Card for Colusa Alternative Home School
- o. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-14.07 Volunteer Services Qualify for Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage

Motion was made by Lincoln Forry, seconded by Don Bransford to approve the Consent Agenda without exception.

Vote: Unanimous

HEARING OF PUBLIC FOR MATTERS
ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:05 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's recommendation for Expulsion Case EH #2013-14.06

2. Personnel Matters:

- a. Public Employment – New Hires 2013-2014
- b. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
- c. 1) Recommendation of Probationary Teacher non-reelection in accordance with California Education Code provisions including, but not limited to, §44929.21 and §44954
- d. Public Employee – Resignations

3. Negotiations:

a. Instructions to District negotiators

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 9:05 P.M. Board President Charles Yerxa reported out the Board reviewed the Out of School Suspension Report, the Inter-district Transfer Requests, the recommendation of Probational Teacher non-reelection and resignations.

ACTION ITEM # 131457 Motion was made by Kelli Griffith-Garcia, seconded by Lincoln Forry to approve the Inter-district Transfer Agreement requests.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #131458 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the AHP recommendation for Expulsion Case EH #2013-14.06.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #131459 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Lincoln Forry to approve the non reelection of Probationary teacher.

Vote: Ayes – 4
 Noes – 1 (Yerxa)

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Lyttle, Executive Administrative Assistant

APPROVED BY:
