

# COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street  
Colusa, CA 95932

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting

September 16, 2014

- CALL TO ORDER                   The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the CUSD Conference Room by Board President Charles Yerxa, and an established quorum was present. Attending were Lincoln Forry, Terry Bressler, Charles Yerxa, Don Bransford and Kelli Griffith-Garcia. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dwayne Newman, staff, community members, and parents.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE        ASB President, Jordan Helmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR  
ITEMS ON THE AGENDA       None
- HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR  
ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA   None
- STUDENT'S REPORT            ASB President, Jordan Helmer, provided information on Back to School Night, the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, Sports, Challenge Day and Homecoming.
- RECOGNITIONS                Maria Espinoza, Burchfield Primary Principal, recognized the Lion's Club for their efforts with Back to School Night. She also recognized the Rotary Club for the dictionaries they provide to students each year. Jody Johnston, Egling Middle School Principal, recognized Nick Schantz for his hard work and efforts with maintenance issues at Egling.
- PRESIDENTS REPORT          Mr. Bransford presented a letter from a community member regarding the watering of lawns. This community member had a concern that the water was being left on for an excessive amount of time.
- SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT  
IMPROVING ACHIEVEMENT
  - LCAP Action Item Calendar – Mr. Newman asked for input from the Board as to any suggestions they may have to improve the calendar and/or the process in general. Mr. Bransford asked for clarification regarding the goals currently in place to measure increased test scores. Mr. Newman offered that some benchmark assessments are in place. Efforts towards creating a systemic approach with that process will continue.
- SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT  
MANAGEMENT UPDATE
  - Board & Staff Communication – Mr. Newman addressed issues relating to communication. It is the belief of Mr. Newman that many of the roles and responsibility within our district have been blurred and he is working diligently to rectify these issues. Items being brought to the Board should be appropriate and reflective of topics relating to policy and law. Management issues should be handled by following the appropriate chain of command. Mr. Bransford added that in most recent cases, some of the issues that have been brought to the board are due to a level of frustration amongst classroom teachers. Future concerns and issues should be handled appropriately following the district protocol. Mr. Bransford also

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expressed a concern in regards to management and items specifically relating to the budget. He asked for further discussion.

- SELPA Update – Mr. Newman recently met with district level SELPA staff and was able to answer questions and concerns. Mr. Bransford asked if CUSD and surrounding districts have consulted with a legal firm relating to potential union issues. Mr. Newman clarified that a legal team has been and will continue to be a part of the process.
- Technology Upgrades – BPS Parent Club announced recently that they will purchase computers on wheels for that site. The technological infrastructure within CUSD is continuously making progress. Work order tickets are substantially lower at this time in comparison to this time last year.
- Facilities Update – Mr. Newman reported that the new portable at Burchfield Primary is likely to be ready for students by the beginning of January. Mrs. Espinoza and Mr. Newman are working together to finalize the plans and logistics for the facilities at Burchfield Primary.
- Mr. Newman stated that Larry Yeghoian will be serving as the co-chair to the Modernization Bond Committee.
- Mr. Newman recently learned that a redevelopment authority loan was taken out by the County of Colusa in 2010. The payback source was supposed to be based on tax revenues generated from increased assessed values. The loan was spent by the County of Colusa on a feasibility study. The County of Colusa and all the entities that gain a revenue from the County tax base are responsible for the \$230,000 loan. The loan has been accruing interest yearly at a rate of 10%. Mr. Newman will be meeting with the County of Colusa to collect more information regarding this matter.
- Enrollment – Enrollment is slightly down and ADA is up.

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT  
BUDGET**

Rosemary Hicks reported that negotiation dates have been set.

**CSEA REPRESENTATIVE'S  
REPORT**

Pam Giuliano reported that ballots for the elections have been handed out. No dates have been set for negotiations at this time.

**CEA REPRESENTATIVE'S  
REPORT**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR RESOLUTION  
#2014-15.02 – SUFFICIENCY OR  
INSUFFICIENCY OF INSTRUCTIONAL  
MATERIALS**

Board President, Charles Yerxa opened the public hearing at 7:36 p.m. for Resolution #2014-15.02 – Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials. No comments were made and the hearing closed at 7:37 p.m.

**INFORMATION / DISCUSSION  
/ POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS  
ACTION ITEM #141505**

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve Resolution #2014-15.02 – Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141506 Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Lincoln Forry to approve and adopt BP 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements as amended to reflect four courses in English beginning with the class of 2016 and beyond.

Vote: Ayes – 3  
Noes – 2 (Bressler, Griffith-Garcia)

ACTION ITEM #141507 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Don Bransford to approve the First Reading of BP 3312 (Contracts) as amended to reflect that the Superintendent is authorized by the Board to sign contracts which obligate the District to less than \$5,000.00, and the Chief Business Official is authorized to sign contracts which obligate the District to less than \$1,000.00.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141508 Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the First Reading of BP 3452 – Fundraising (Student Activity Funds).

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141509 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Don Bransford to approve and adopt the Second Reading of Board Policies and Administrative Regulations as listed on the Agenda.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141510 Motion was made by Lincoln Forry, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve the 13-14 Confidential/Classified ASES Management Salary Schedule effective July 1, 2014.

Vote: Unanimous

13-14 ADMINISTRATIVE SALARY SCHEDULE No action was taken for this agenda item. Mr. Forry asked to have the current salary schedule and the proposed salary schedule presented at the October board meeting for consideration at that time.

PAYROLL ADJUSTMENT FOR SCHOOL NURSE No action was taken for this agenda item. It was pointed out that the Nurse is a member of CTA, and this item should be discussed at negotiations.

LEASE/PURCHASE FINANCING TO OBTAIN MAINTENANCE VEHICLE No action was taken for this agenda item.

SOCIAL MEDIA No action was taken on this item as Mr. Forry simply wanted to bring attention to matter.

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ACTION ITEM #141511 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Lincoln Forry to approve all consent agenda items.

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

- a. Minutes of August 19, 2014 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Minutes of August 25, 2014 Special Board Meeting
- c. August Payroll
- d. Budget Revision
- e. 13-14 Unaudited Actuals
- f. Resolution #2014-15.01 GANN Limit
- g. Surplus Equipment – CHS Ag Tractor
- h. CUSD – CEA Sunshine Proposal
- i. CUSD – CSEA Sunshine Proposal
- j. 2014-15 Application for Funding Ag Career Tech Ed.
- k. Routine Restricted Maintenance Account Certification
- l. Personnel Assignment Order #2014-2015 #2
- m. 2014-15 Annual Credentialing Report
- n. 2014-15 Extra Duty Stipends
- o. Associated Student Body Funds
- p. Warrants: Batch #7-10

Vote: Unanimous

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR  
MATTERS ON CLOSED  
SESSION AGENDA None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED  
SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:50 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 Transfers
  - c. Consider Approval of AHP Recommendation for EH #2014-15.01
  - d. Consider Approval of AHP Recommendation for EH #2014-15.02
2. Personnel Matters:
  - a. Public Employment
    1. New Hires 2014-2015
    2. Extended Leave Request
  - b. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Resignations
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 10:05 p.m. Board President, Charles Yerxa reported out that the Board reviewed the Out of School Suspensions, Inter-District Transfers, and New Hires.

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ACTION ITEM #141512      Motion was made by Kelli Griffith-Garcia, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve the AHP recommendation for Expulsion Case #2014-15.01.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141513      Motion was made by Kelli Griffith-Garcia, seconded by Lincoln Forry to approve the AHP recommendation for Expulsion Case #2014-15.02.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141514      Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the Extended Leave Request until November 30, 2014.


Vote: Unanimous

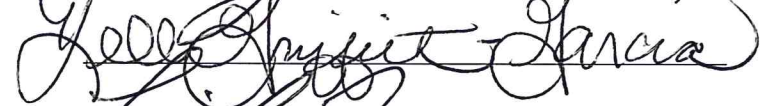
ADJOURNMENT              The meeting adjourned at 10:07

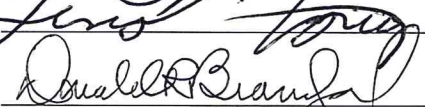
Respectfully submitted by Zeba Hone,  
Executive Administrative Assistant

  
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