

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street
Colusa, CA 95932

OFFICIAL MINUTES Board of Trustees Board Meeting

November 10, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. in the District Office Board Room by Board President Lincoln Forry, who established a quorum was present. Attending were Charles Yerxa, Terry Bressler, Kelli Griffith-Garcia and Kathie Whitesell. Also in attendance was Superintendent Dwayne Newman, Colusa County Office of Education Superintendent Mike West, members of the Fire Department, staff, and community members.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jill Boeger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No information was presented.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No information was presented.

STUDENT REPORT

No student representative was present.

RECOGNITIONS & CELEBRATIONS

Jody Johnston recognized the Colusa Fire Department for providing an engaging presentation to EMS students. Mark Abbay was also recognized by Jody Johnston for his hard work in serving as the interim Vice Principal as well as his role as the Athletic Director. Clair Toth recognized Kathy Aplanalp, Ellen Cenami and Rosemary Hicks for their efforts with BPS students. Mrs. Toth also recognized the Kindergarten teachers for their hard work and their welcoming nature.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

CRAF – None.

Friends of Music – None.

Friends of Ag – Kathie Whitesell reported that Colusa FFA will be hosting the North Valley competition on November 18th at the Colusa Fairgrounds.

SELPA – None.

Grounds – None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT IMPROVING ACHIEVEMENT

15-16 LCAP Activities Update

- Curriculum Implementation – Mr. Newman provided an update on the LCAP.
- Parent & Staff Surveys – Mr. Newman reported that surveys are in place for both parents and CUSD staff members.
- Professional Development Plan – A professional development plan has been created. Mr. Newman is seeking feedback from teachers to ensure that the professional development offered is one that will benefit the district as a whole.
- Community Meetings – As part of the LCAP process, community meetings will be scheduled.

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
MANAGEMENT**

- Bond Projects Update – Bond work is progressing nicely. The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee met in late October and approved of the upcoming projects. Currently, 15% of the funds are being held as contingency funds.
- District Management Software Update – CUSD has been transitioning to a new data and assessment software called Illuminate. This is replacing the OARS software. Additionally, Infinite Campus will be replacing the Aeries software that is currently our student information system. Both programs will aide in efficiency throughout the district.
- Winter Cheerleading Request – Mr. Newman asked the Board for their direction in adding a winter cheerleading position. CEA will need to negotiate the stipend before the board can approve it.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
BUDGET**

Enrollment – Mr. Newman reported that our enrollment numbers are holding steady. ADA is up slightly from this time last year.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Clair Toth reported that the parent teacher conferences are complete and went very well. She also reported that teachers are working well with the new math adoption. On November 5th, BPS hosted a Parent Math Night that was very well attended.

Trish Haugh, Jill Boeger and Cristina Rodriguez gave a demonstration on a few of the strategies they learned at the Las Vegas iTeachK conference held over the summer.

CSEA REPORT

Rosemary Hicks reported that CSEA will be meeting again to go over job descriptions.

CEA REPORT

Bobbi Weiglein reported that CEA is looking forward to negotiations.

**PUBLIC HEARING &
DISCUSSION ON EDUCATOR
EFFECTIVENESS FUNDS
EXPENDITURE PLAN**

Board President, Lincoln Forry opened the public hearing at 7:10 PM. Mr. Newman explained that teachers are currently being asked for their input in what they feel is needed. This agenda item will be brought back at a future meeting for final approval. No public comments were made. The hearing closed at 7:15 PM.

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/
POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS
ACTION ITEM #151679**

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the 2014-15 Audit Report.

Whitesell – Aye
Yerxa – Aye
Forry – Aye
Bressler – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Aye

Vote: (Unanimous)

NO ACTION TAKEN No action was taken on agenda item I.2. - Potential for a Second Bond Election.

Lori Raineri of Government Financial Strategies (GFS) presented information on the potential for a second bond election. The needs of the district far outweigh the amount of money received for the Measure A Bond, leaving a substantial need for an additional bond in 2016.

NO ACTION TAKEN No action was taken on agenda item I.3 – William Settlement Visits & CCOE Activities.

Colusa County Office of Education Superintendent, Mike West, reported on the Williams Settlement Visits within CUSD and indicated that all of our sites were in compliance with the required regulations.

ACTION ITEM #151680 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the Substitute Teacher Pay to be Increased from \$110/day to \$140/day effective 11/2/15.

- Whitesell – Aye
- Yerxa – Abstain
- Forry – Aye
- Bressler – Aye
- Griffith-Garcia – Aye

Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Abstain)

NO ACTION TAKEN No action was taken on agenda item I.5 – Budget Allocation for Music Program Department.

The board would like the district to review the budget and determine what has been spent in the past on instructional material as well as the expenses involved with various trips in an effort to establish the greatest needs is for the Music Program.

ACTION ITEM #151681 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the Warrants: Batch #15-18.

- Whitesell – Abstain
- Yerxa – Aye
- Forry – Aye
- Bressler – Aye
- Griffith-Garcia – Aye

Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Abstain)

ACTION ITEM #151682 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve the First Reading of Board Policies and Administrative Regulations as listed on the agenda.

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- Whitesell – Aye
- Yerxa – Aye
- Forry – Aye
- Bressler – Aye
- Griffith-Garcia – Aye

Vote: (Unanimous)

ACTION ITEM #151683

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve the following consent agenda items:

- a. October 13, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- b. October 27, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- c. Approval of 2015-16 Interim Report
- d. Approval of 2015-16 General Fund 01 Budget Revision
- e. October Payroll
- f. Personnel Assignment Order #5
- g. ASB Fund
- h. Resolution #2015-16.03 – Application for Modernization Funds

- Whitesell – Aye
- Yerxa – Aye
- Forry – Aye
- Bressler – Aye
- Griffith-Garcia – Aye

Vote: (Unanimous)

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR
MATTER ON CLOSED SESSION
AGENDA

None.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 9:02 PM 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 #2015-16.03

2. Personnel Matters:
 - a. Public Employment
 1. 2015-2016 New Hires

 - b. Public Employee Discipline/ Dismissal/Release/Resignations

3. Negotiations

Instructions 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).*

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The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 10:05 PM. Board President, Lincoln Forry reported out that the Board reviewed the Out of School Suspensions and Inter-District Transfers.

ACTION ITEM #151684

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve the recommendation of the Administrative Hearing Panel for EH #2015-16.03.

- Whitesell – Aye
- Yerxa – Aye
- Forry – Aye
- Bressler – Aye
- Griffith-Garcia – Aye

Vote: (Unanimous)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM

Respectfully submitted by Zeba Hone,
Executive Administrative Assistant



APPROVED BY:








