

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street

Colusa, CA 95932

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

April 12, 2011

4:30 P.M. Open Session and Recognition of Newly Tenured Teachers & Reception

5:00 - 6:00 P.M. Board – Management Team Workshop

6:00 P.M. Open Session with Closed Session to Follow

4:30 P.M.
Call to Order

Board President Don Bransford called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Board members present were Cindy Steidlmayer, Terry Bressler, Charles Yerxa, Lincoln Forry and Don Bransford, along with Superintendent Larry Yeghoian, Principals Dave Tarr, Jody Johnston and Dave McGrath. Also in attendance was Business Manager Sheryl Bailey, Action Team members and teachers.

Pledge of Allegiance

Michelle Quentmeyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action #101137

President Bransford stated an additional Action Item needed to be added to the Agenda to allow the Board to grant Permanent Tenure Status at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year to Rachel Armstrong.
Motion was made by Terry Bressler, Seconded by Lincoln Forry to add the Action Item to the Agenda.

Vote: Unanimous

Action # 101138

Egling Middle School Principal Jody Johnston stated CUSD was very lucky to have Rachael Armstrong as a 6th & 7th grade teacher in our district and was very happy to recommend her to the Board for tenure.
Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, Seconded by Cindy Steidlmayer to grant Permanent Tenure Status at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year to Rachael Armstrong.

Vote: Unanimous

Action # 101139

Egling Middle School Principal Jody Johnston spoke highly of Michelle Quentmeyer as a 6th grade teacher and was very pleased to recommend her to the Board for tenure.
Motion was made by Lincoln Forry, Seconded by Charles Yerxa to grant Permanent Tenure Status at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year to Michelle Quentmeyer.

Vote: Unanimous

Action #101140

Colusa High School Principal Dave McGrath stated Claire Walker was an extraordinary teacher, who is always happy and full of energy which transfers over to her students. He stated he was happy to recommend Claire Walker to the Board for tenure.
Motion was made by Terry Bressler, Seconded by Lincoln Forry to grant Permanent Tenure Status at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year to Claire Walker.

Vote: Unanimous

Reception for Newly Tenured Teachers & Staff

At 4:40 p.m. President Bransford invited all those in attendance to enjoy punch and

cookies in the hallway to celebrate the three newly tenured teachers.

5:00 P.M.
Board/Management Team
Workshop

At 5:00 p.m. President Bransford called the Board/Management Team Workshop to order. Members present were Dave McGrath, Dave Tarr, Jody Johnston, Kathy Aplanalp, Sheryl Bailey, Shannon Laux, Lori Tanner, Rosa Bautista, Barbara Hankins, Mary Lyttle, Mike West, Larry Yeghoian and Board Members Forry, Bressler, Bransford, Steidlmayer and Yerxa.

The purpose of this workshop was for the Action Teams to report on the continuing progress of goals focused at 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 progress. The workshop concluded at 6:00 p.m.

6:05 P.M. Call to Order

The regular board meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room by Board President Don Bransford, and established a quorum was present. Attending were Lincoln Forry, Terry Bressler, Charles Yerxa, Cindy Steidlmayer and Don Bransford. Also in attendance were Larry Yeghoian, District Superintendent; School Administrators Dave Tarr, Jody Johnston and Dave McGrath; Business Manager Sheryl Bailey; staff members and parents.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

President Bransford asked if there were parents in the audience who wished to speak regarding the Honors English class at Colusa High School. Lara Kelleher raised her hand. Mr. Bransford provided the parents information regarding this subject by stating the Board was not taking action at this time to drop Honors English at CHS. He said the subject to drop the class came out of a WASC report at CHS and was not being considered for the 2011-2012 school year.

With that said, two parents, Lara Kelleher and Bonnie Davies expressed their feelings regarding the possibility of Honors English being dropped in the future.

STUDENT'S REPORT

CHS students MacKenzie Bressler and Katy Mobley reported on activities at Colusa High School, which included activities to encourage students to raise STAR test scores; the prom being held on April 30; student body elections, of which MacKenzie Bressler was elected CHS Student Body President and Katy Mobley was elected Vice-President for the 2011-12 school year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The June Board meeting date for Budget Adoption was discussed and the consensus was that June 21, 2011 at 6 p.m. would be a good date and time for all.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE TIME

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The Egling Middle School report was given by four 6th grade students, Troy Havens, Tianna Jenkins, Jonny Aguilar-Valdez and Ethan Garcia, who attended Shady Creek this year. They each shared their most favorite activity and memory they had while at Shady Creek. At the end of their presentation they thanked the Board for making it possible for them to attend Shady Creek each year. Mr. Yeghoian thanked Board Member Lincoln Forry for continuing his family's tradition of transporting the luggage for all 6th grade students who attend Shady Creek.
- Mr. Yeghoian called the Board's attention to the Monthly Enrollment Report on his *Report of the District Superintendent*. He stated this month's report reflects a **loss** of 31 students for the school year.

- Mr. Yeghoian reported that he has not heard much budget news out of Sacramento recently but the fact that the Governor and the Legislature have not come to an agreement on a tax extension ballot strongly suggests that our budget cut will be at least \$349 (best scenario) per student. He is waiting for the Governor's May Revision, which will be on May 14.
- Mr. Yeghoian suggested starting the May 17 Regular Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m. due to the 7:00 p.m. start for the 5th-8th grade Spring Music Program. All Board members were in agreement.
- The Board-Management Retreat date was not decided upon and will be scheduled at the May 17 Board Meeting.
- Mr. Yeghoian asked BPS Principal Dave Tarr to tell the Board what took place this past weekend at Burchfield Primary School. Mr. Tarr reported the Burchfield Primary School Parent Club had raised money last year to be able to do a project to enhance the school's playground. After researching, they found out about a holistic playground project designed by a former teacher who did her Masters on this concept of painting a variety of games with an educational curriculum on the blacktop area of all the playgrounds. Dave said there were more than 100 volunteers throughout the weekend who helped with the project and he encouraged the Board to stop by to take a look at what they accomplished.
- Mr. McGrath reported that ACSA has a program called Every Student Succeeds. A scholarship is awarded to a student who has overcome significant issues in their life and this year the scholarship went to CHS student Diego Valdivia who had been involved in gangs earlier in his life, has gotten out of that type of activity and become a model student at Colusa High School.

CEA REP'S REPORT

CEA member Pam Giuliano stated there would be a negotiations session between the district and CEA on Thursday, April 14.

CSEA REP'S REPORT

CSEA President Rosemary Hicks stated at their last Chapter meeting it was decided to donate \$100 to the BPS playground project. She reiterated the fact that the Classified staff was thankful there were no layoffs taking place this year.

INFORMATION:
VIRGINIA YERXA COMMUNITY READ

Elizabeth Yerxa and Roberta James announced that the 2nd annual Virginia Yerxa Community Read Day will take place on May 14, 2011. The theme, based on the book **Moby Dick**, is "A Whale of a Time!" They talked about the schedule for the day and handed out bookmarks to all in attendance.

FACILITY NEEDS REVIEW & FUNDING

Superintendent Yeghoian gave a brief introduction regarding modernization projects. He said if a school is 25 years old or older they would qualify for modernization, which all of the schools in CUSD do. If we could put together a modernization application and funding we would have the ability to modernize our classrooms with new furniture, heating and air conditioning and would be able to replace the boiler at Colusa High School that is in desperate need of replacement. Also needing attention would be roof work, plumbing, ADA access and a number of other projects that the district has not been able to address due to the lack of funds. Mr. Yeghoian introduced John Isom, a consultant from **Isom Advisors**, who was present to provide the Board with information regarding the passing of a modernization bond measure. Mr. Isom gave background information on his company and stated he had been working with school districts for the last 13 years. Mr. Isom reviewed activities towards pursuing a modernization bond measure in our community.

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- ACTION ITEM #101137 Motion was made by Cindy Steidlmayer, Seconded by Terry Bressler to adopt Resolution #2010-11.08 Support Resolution for City of Colusa Park Bond Application.
- Vote: Unanimous
- CONSENT AGENDA:
ACTION ITEM #101138 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. Minutes of March 15, 2011 Regular Meeting
 - b. April Payroll
 - c. Personnel Assignment Order 2010-11 #10
 - d. April Warrants: Batch #34 - 37
 - e. April Financial Statements
 - f. 2010-11 Budget Revision
 - g. Approve Williams Complaint Quarterly Report for 1/1/11 – 3/31/11
 - h. Approve Surplus Equipment – District Technology Equipment
- Vote: Unanimous
- HEARING OF PUBLIC FOR MATTERS
ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA None
- ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:55 p.m. to consider and/or take action upon any of the following items:
1. Student Matters:
 - a. Out-of-School Suspension
 - b. Inter-District Transfer Requests
 - c. Approve Recommendation From AHP for Expulsion Case #2010-11.07
 - d. Approve Recommendation From AHP for Expulsion Case #2010-11.08
 - e. Approve Recommendation from AHP for Expulsion Case #2010-11.09
 - f. Approve Recommendation from AHP for Expulsion Case #2010-11.10
 - g. Approve Recommendation from AHP for Expulsion Case #2010-11.11
 2. Personnel Matters:
 - a. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
 - b. Public Employment – Job Share Proposals
 - c. Public Employee Resignation
 3. Negotiations:
 - a. Instruction to District Negotiators
- RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 9:10 p.m. Board President Don Bransford reported out the Board reviewed Out of School Suspensions, Inter-district Transfer Requests, AHP Expulsion Recommendations, Job Share Proposals, and accepted the resignation of an employee.
- ACTION ITEM #101139 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Cindy Steidlmayer to approve the Inter-district Transfer Agreements.
- Vote: Unanimous

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- ACTION ITEM #101140 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, Seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the action taken by the Administration Hearing Panel regarding Expulsion Case #EH 2010-2011.07.
- Vote: Unanimous
- ACTION ITEM #101141 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, Seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the action taken by the Administration Hearing Panel regarding Expulsion Case #EH 2010-2011.08.
- Vote: Unanimous
- ACTION ITEM #101142 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, Seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the action taken by the Administration Hearing Panel regarding Expulsion Case #EH 2010-2011.09.
- Vote: Unanimous
- ACTION ITEM #101143 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, Seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the action taken by the Administration Hearing Panel regarding Expulsion Case #EH 2010-2011.10.
- Vote: Unanimous
- ACTION ITEM #101144 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, Seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the action taken by the Administration Hearing Panel regarding Expulsion Case #EH 2010-2011.11.
- Vote: Unanimous
- ACTION ITEM #101145 Motion was made by Cindy Steidlmayer, Seconded by Lincoln Forry to approve the 2011-2012 Job Share Proposal for Julie Peterson (40%) and Jill Boeger (60%).
- Vote: Unanimous
- ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Mary Lyttle, Executive Administrative Assistant

APPROVED BY:
