

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street
Colusa, CA 95932

OFFICIAL MINUTES
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

May 20, 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 established a quorum was present. Attending were Kelli Griffith-Garcia, Lincoln Forry, Don Bransford, Terry Bressler and Charles Yerxa. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dwayne Newman, Principals Johnston, and Brown, Business Manager Sheryl Bailey, staff, students and parents.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Taylor Davies led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC None

STUDENT'S REPORT Taylor Davies introduced the new officers. Jordan Helmer is the 2014-2015 class President and Kodie Solis will serve as class VP. Taylor reported on sports including, baseball, softball, and track. Graduation activities are in full swing and excitement is in the air! End of the year festivities include, the senior breakfast, senior trip, ESA end of the year lunch, and the step up rally. A Cabaret Show is happening in celebration of their success.

RECOGNITIONS Mr. Brown recognized Taylor Davies with a certificate of appreciation for her service as class President. He also recognized Mary Lyttle on behalf of CHS for her many years of service to CUSD. Ms. Johnston recognized Pam Giuliano for helping to take care of teachers, staff, and students. She also thanked Mary Lyttle for taking care of everyone. Mr. Bressler presented a certificate of appreciation to Ms. Etchepare for her work in bringing the mobile dairy truck to Colusa students. Ms. Etchepare was pleased to have received drawings and thank you notes from CUSD students and stated that some of those will be displayed at the 2014 California State Fair. Mrs. Hicks also recognized Mary Lyttle for her dedication to CUSD.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Mr. Yerxa inquired about the Golden Apple script. The matter was dropped without further discussion.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE TIME Mr. Forry reported a concern as it relates to the dugouts at CHS not being clean. He stated that there was field material in the dugout. Mr. Bransford believes that the responsibility should be that of the coaches.

GRADUATION DATES AND
TIMES Egling Middle School – 7 PM, Thursday, May 29, CHS Stadium
Colusa High School – 7 PM, Friday, May 30, CHS Stadium
Colusa Home School & CAHS – 6 PM, Tuesday, May 27, Will S. Green Park

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- ◆ **Improving Achievement:** Mr. Newman reported on our plan for next year as it related to the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and that it is consistent with what CUSD has had in place for the past two years. He provided a completed draft.
- ◆ **LCAP Highlights:** Mr. Newman provided the draft of the LCAP and noted that everyone has a month to review the draft. Mr. Bransford asked for clarification regarding how the district will measure progress. Mr. Newman stated that we will come back to the next meeting with ideas on benchmark indicators and dates for identified areas. The state template cannot be modified and we must keep the formatting the same.
- ◆ **Management – Principal Search:** Committee is lined up with staff at Burchfield Primary School. Board will interview top two candidates. Date and time TBD.
- ◆ **Progress on Community Day School:** Mr. Newman met with two of the three Colusa County District Superintendents. Mr. Newman referred to the attachment of projected budget with approximations. Problems that currently exist relating to budgetary issues could potentially be solved with this projected budget. The current academic sequence has flaws as it relates to cohesion. CUSD would like to streamline the process in an effort to maximize the learning potential for students. All districts agree that transparency is essential to a successful program. Currently there are eight students that are enrolled. Our district has an attendance review team in place to assist in maintaining attendance. Mr. Newman will ask for approval of a CDS plan during the June Board meeting.
- ◆ **Progress on Facilities Master Planning:** Currently working with Government Financial Services on a (RFP) Request for Proposal for the facilities master planning and Prop 39 funding. Process will be tied into the bond program. Interview process tentatively set to take place sometime in mid-June.
- ◆ **Progress on SELPS Restructuring:** Mr. Newman met with two other district Superintendents and all were in agreement that pay structure needs to change as there is a significant disparity. Mr. Newman ran comparisons with surrounding counties. The process is on hold until after the County Superintendent of Schools election. There is a lack of progress on any solution which would include keeping the SELPA within the county. There are approximately 550 Special Education students county wide.
- ◆ **Enrollment:** ADA is up and enrollment is steady.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH &
COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Neman held a community meeting on May 7, 2014. Approximately 25 parents and community members were present.

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- PRINCIPAL(S) REPORT Mr. Brown displayed a power point presentation of a senior project and discussed the process behind the projects. Overall, the students did a great job. Mr. Nail assisted in making sure the technology was set up and working properly. Students are now receiving the information for senior projects much sooner than in years past which allows them to potentially start working on their projects in the early Fall and better manage their time. Mr. Forry was impressed with the cohesion overall and thought they were a good reflection of the current times. Mr. Brown thanked the board and Mr. Newman for their support and presence during the senior projects.
- HOME SCHOOL REPORT Mrs. James discussed the art work that was demonstrated on the bulletin board. The art pieces were produced by students varying in age. Mrs. James was happy to report that Home School had a successful year and enjoyed working with the adjunct teachers.
- CSEA REP'S REPORT Rosemary Hicks reported that scholarships were being awarded to various graduating students and that the school year was wrapping up.
- CEA REP'S REPORT Pam Giuliano encouraged the board and administration to include as many teachers as possible into the process for hiring the BPS Principal. Many great things happened this year and she hopeful for a prosperous new school year.
- PUBLIC HEARING
- ◆ **Local Control Accountability (LCAP):** No comments were offered by anyone present.
 - ◆ **2014-2015 Budget (LCFF):** Pam Giuliano commented on the amount of positions that are being posted. Mr. Newman clarified the need for a female PE teachers in an effort to connect with our female students and promote health and wellness. Pam Giuliano advocated for a PE specialist at the K-6 level to allow for opportunities for collaboration.
- ACTION ITEM #131475 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve out of state travel plus expenses for student Taylor Davies and advisor Sue Barrett to attend National Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN, June 28, 2014-July 4, 2014.
- Vote: Unanimous
- ACTION ITEM #131476 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia for the approval to hire an architect to assist the district in placing a re-locatable classroom at Burchfield Primary School.
- Vote: Unanimous

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Bond Language: Mr. Newman presented an attachment with the bond language and encouraged board to review. He reminded the board that they will need to approve a bond resolution in the June meeting if we wish to have the question added to the November ballot.

ACTION ITEM #131477

Motion was made by Licoln Forry and seconded by Terry Bressler regarding the agreement for Bond Counsel Services. Discussion ensued.

Vote: Unanimous

Set possible date for Board/Leadership Summer Workshop: to be determined via email.

ACTION ITEM #131478

Motion was made by Terry Bressler and seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the Next Generation Science Standards EMS class sequence. Discussion ensued.

Vote: Unanimous

CONSENT AGENDA #131479

Motion was made by Lincoln Forry and seconded by Don Bransford to approve all consent agenda items with the exception of items o, p & q.

1. The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:
 - a. Minutes of April 15, 2014 Regular Board Meeting
 - b. Minutes of April 9, 2014 Special Board Meeting
 - c. May Payroll
 - d. March Warrants: Batch #38 - 42
 - e. May Financial Statements
 - f. 2013-2014 Budget Revision
 - g. Personnel Assignment Order #2013/2014.10
 - h. 2014-2015 Designation of CIF Representative to League
 - i. Injury Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) Plan
 - j. Resolution #2013-14.10 Classification of Fun Balances in Governmental Funds (GASB)
 - k. Retirement Resolution #2013-14.11 Charlotta Sistrunk
 - l. Retirement Resolution #2013-14.12 Mary Lyttle
 - m. Resolution #2013-2014.13 Combined Resolution Specification of Election Order and Resolving Tie Votes
 - n. Contracts that have been signed since March Board Meeting
 - 1) MCT Vision Screening Contract 2014-15
 - 2) Interquest Detection Canines of North Valley Counties
 - 3) First 5 Contract – 2014 Kinder Camp Contract

Vote: Unanimous

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HEARING OF PUBLIC FOR
MATTERS ON CLOSED
SESSION AGENDA

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED
SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:35 p.m. to consider and/or take action upon any of the following items:

1. Student Matters:
 - a. Inter-District Transfer Requests
 - b. Out of School Suspensions
2. Personnel Matters:
 - a. Public Employment – New Hires 2013/2014
 - b. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
 - c. Public Employee Evaluation – Superintendent’s Contract
 - d. Public Employee – Maternity Leave Request
3. Negotiations:
 - a. 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.*)

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED
SESSION

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 10:00 p.m. Board President Charles Yerxa reported out the Board reviewed the Inter-district Transfer Agreements, the Out of School Suspension Report, and discussed the Personnel Matters.

ACTION ITEM #131480

Motion was made by Kelli Griffith-Garcia, seconded by Don Bransford to approve the Inter-district Transfer Agreements.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #131481

Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve the CEA Tentative Agreement

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #131482

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the extension of Superintendent’s Contract to 2017.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #131483

Motion was made by Lincoln Forry, seconded by Don Bransford to approve the Maternity Leave Request.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted by Zeba Hone,
Executive Administrative Assistant

APPROVED BY:
