

**COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

745 Tenth Street  
Colusa, CA 95932

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting

April 21, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. in the CUSD Conference 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 were Superintendent Dwayne Newman, Steven McGuckin of Capital Program Management, staff, parents and community members.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Courtney Lemenager led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION ITEM #141597

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to grant permanent status at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year to the following teachers: Jennifer Barbee, Ashley Martinez, Socorro Vargas, Christina Bailey, Heather Hamilton, Melissa Williamson, Debbie Reid, Ashley Csicsery, and Mitchel Nail.

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

Vote: Unanimous

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR  
ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR  
ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Maria Robles, ELAC Vice President for BPS addressed the Board regarding her concerns for the change that is to come with a new site Administrator at BPS. Mrs. Robles has been pleased with the parent communication this year due to having a bi-lingual Principal. She is concerned that it will diminish after Mrs. Arvizu-Espinoza is no longer leading that site. Mrs. Robles would like to see that the ELAC committee continue in the days to come. She would also like to see that the schools have more bi-lingual support at each school.

Juana Gonzales, DLAC President, addressed the Board asking about the CUSD master education plan which provides information on academic growth for English learners. Besides the committee at Burchfield Primary School, Mrs. Gonzales would like to see that both Egling Middle School and Colusa High School establish and maintain ELAC committees as well. An invitation was extended to the Board to attend a DLAC meeting to gain a greater understanding. ELAC meetings are held every third Wednesday at BPS from 6:00 – 7:00. DLAC meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month from 5:30 – 6:30 at the district office.

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Mr. Yerxa asked that DLAC and ELAC be on the agenda for the May meeting for further discussion. Information on DLAC can be found at [www.cde.ca.gov/ta/cr/dlac.asp](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/cr/dlac.asp).

## STUDENT'S REPORT

ASB President Jordan Helmer presented information regarding sports, FFA, the upcoming drama performance, and Prom. Baseball Homecoming will take place May 4<sup>th</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup>.

RECOGNITION &  
CELEBRATIONS

Maria Arvizu-Espinoza recognized the community for their outstanding performance during a recent medical emergency that occurred at Burchfield Primary. Mr. Newman recognized Barbara Hankins for her exceptional skills during that medical emergency and her ability to remain calm, collected, and an expert at what she does. Mr. Newman also recognized Terry Weldon for her meticulous work with the district's data management. Terry was an integral part in getting CUSD qualified by the state for the 2013-2014 California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) Data Management Recognition. Mr. Brown recognized Mitchell Nail for his dedication and commitment to the students of CUSD.

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

- CRAF – Charles Yerxa reported that the recent golf tournament was a success.
- FOM – Music Week will be May 5<sup>th</sup> - May 7<sup>th</sup>
- FOAg – Kelli Griffith-Garcia reported that FFA was recently awarded \$38,000 as part of the Perkins Grant. The annual Advisory meeting will take place on May 4, 2015 at 5:30 at CHS in Mr. Crabtree's room. The FFA Banquet will take place on April 29, 2015 at 6:00 also at CHS.
- SELPA – None
- Grounds – None

Kelli Griffith-Garcia informed the board that she would be taking a temporary leave of absence as she has applied for a certificated position within CUSD. She requested the leave begin immediately following this meeting.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT  
IMPROVING ACHIEVEMENT

- LCAP Progress Update – Mr. Newman would like to discuss the possibility of having the PE Specialist split between BPS and EMS at the May Board meeting. The May budget revision will include updates from the governor, and should give us more information about whether this is a staffing change the district can afford.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT  
MANAGEMENT

- Update on MOT Director Search – The search for an MOT Director is in progress and being advertised.
- Possible June Board Retreat – Mr. Newman would like to wait until the student achievement data becomes available in an effort to gauge the amount of resources currently being offered and additional resources that may be necessary.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT  
BUDGET

- Budget Update – Mr. Newman made the board aware that the MOT department is currently over budget. Mr. Newman presented a memorandum from Government Financial Strategies (GFS) that explained the bond sale. GFS was able to negotiate the cost issuance down to \$182,140 from approximately \$450,000. Funds will be released on May 5, 2015.
- Enrollment – Enrollment is holding steady.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Jody Johnston was not present to report on the new Bridges in Mathematics program that is being considered for adoption for grades K-6. Mr. Newman informed those attending that the committee has done its work and the material is available in district office hallway and ready for the Board's consideration.

CSEA REPRESENTATIVE'S  
REPORT

No CSEA business was reported.

CEA REPRESENTATIVE'S  
REPORT

No CEA business was reported.

**INFORMATION / DISCUSSION /  
POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

ACTION ITEM #141598

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve the Hazmat Agreement with Entek Consulting Group, Inc.

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

Vote: Unanimous

DISCUSSION

No action was taken on agenda item G. 4. B.2. - Steven McGukin of Capital Program Management (CPM) presented an update to the board regarding the efforts made to date with the implementation plan for the upcoming bond projects. Mr. McGukin also discussed the conceptual master program budget (funding, soft cost and construction cost projections), staff recommendations or project prioritization, likely project scenarios, and schedules. Further information regarding the implementation plan will be presented to the board at the May meeting.

Mr. Newman asked for guidance from the board regarding the Developer Fee Fund. Currently CUSD has approximately \$1.3 million dollars in that fund. Mr. Newman proposed that \$1 million dollars be used for additional portables to be placed at BPS and EMS. The board was in favor of spending that money for its proposed use. No action was necessary for this item.

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- ACTION ITEM #141599      Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve the Summary of Bidding Results & Financing Costs Provided to District Board by District Staff, pursuant to Ed Code 15146.
- Whitesell – Aye  
Yerxa – Aye  
Forry – Aye  
Bressler – Aye  
Griffith-Garcia - Aye
- Vote: Unanimous
- ACTION ITEM #1415100      Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve the Out of State Travel request for CHS Volleyball and utilize funds raised by the Volleyball program.
- Whitesell – Aye  
Yerxa – Aye  
Forry – Aye  
Bressler – Nay  
Griffith-Garcia - Aye
- Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Nay)
- ACTION ITEM #1415101      Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the Tri County Induction Program.
- Whitesell – Aye  
Yerxa – Aye  
Forry – Aye  
Bressler – Aye  
Griffith-Garcia - Aye
- Vote: Unanimous
- ACTION ITEM #1415102      Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the Injury Illness Prevention Program.
- Whitesell – Aye  
Yerxa – Aye  
Forry – Aye  
Bressler – Aye  
Griffith-Garcia - Aye
- Vote: Unanimous
- ACTION ITEM #1415103      Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the date of June 16, 2015 for possible budget adoption.

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

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #1415104

Motion was made by Kathie Whitesell, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve of Zion Bank Good Faith Deposit Custodial Agreement.

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

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #1415105

Motion was made by Kathie Whitesell, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve of Offering Incentives for Hard to Fill Teaching Positions to be limited to two Science positions and one Spanish position. \$2,500 to be paid in October and an additional \$2,500 in April.

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

Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Nay)

ACTION ITEM #1415106

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve of Resolution #2014-15.11 – Approval of Seniority List.

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

Vote: (Unanimous)

ACTION ITEM #1415107

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kathie Griffith-Garcia to approve of Resolution #2014-15.12 – Reduction in Classified Staff Due to Lack of Work.

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

Vote: (Unanimous)

ACTION ITEM #1415108

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded Kathie Whitesell to approve Resolution #2014-15.13 – Education Protection Account.

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

Vote: (Unanimous)

ACTION ITEM #1415109

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

- a. February 10, 2015 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. March 12, 2015 – Special Meeting Minutes
- c. March 17, 2015 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- d. March 20, 2015 – Special Meeting Minutes
- e. March Payroll
- f. Personnel Assignment Order # 2014-2015 #8
- g. Associated Student Body Fund
- h. Williams Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report for January 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015
- i. 15-16 Contract for Vision Screening
- j. 2013-2014 School Accountability Report Card for Burchfield Primary School
- k. 2013-2014 School Accountability Report Card for Egling Middle School
- l. 2013-2014 School Accountability Report Card for Colusa High School
- m. 2013-2014 School Accountability Report Card for Colusa Alternative High School
- n. 2013-2014 School Accountability Report Card for Colusa Alternative Home School
- o. Warrants: Batch 34-38

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

Vote: Unanimous

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HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR MATTERS ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA      None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION      The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:15 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. Senior Class Attendance
  
- 2. Personnel Matters:
  - a. 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.*)


The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 7:35 p.m. Board President Lincoln Forry reported out that the Board reviewed the Out of School Suspensions, Inter-District Transfers, Senior Class Attendance, and Personnel Releases / Resignations.


ADJOURNMENT      The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Zeba Hone,  
Executive Administrative Assistant

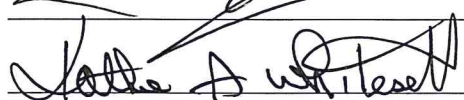
  
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