

**COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**745 Tenth Street**  
**Colusa, CA 95932**

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**  
**CUSD Conference Room**  
**June 21, 2011 6:00 P.M.**

- CALL TO ORDER                      The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the CUSD Conference Room by Board President Don Bransford, and established a quorum was present. In attendance were Don Bransford, Lincoln Forry, Charles Yerxa, Cindy Steidlmayer and Terry Bressler. Also present were Larry Yeghoian, District Superintendent; School Administrators Jody Johnston, Dave McGrath and Dave Tarr; Sheryl Bailey, Business Manager; and staff members.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE              Mike Phenicie led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- HEARING OF THE PUBLIC              Board Member Charles Yerxa congratulated Nathan Bransford, for being a newly published author of a book entitled **JACOB WONDERBAR AND THE COSMIC SPACE KAPOW**. Nathan Bransford is a 1998 CHS alumni, and son of Board President Don Bransford and his wife Diane.
- PRESIDENT'S REPORT                  Board President Bransford complimented principals Jody Johnston and Dave McGrath for their wonderful graduation ceremonies this year.
- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT              ➤ Mr. Yeghoian called on Mike Phenicie to speak to the Board regarding 4 of his music students possibly giving a performance at Carnegie Hall in New York in February, 2012. Mr. Phenicie gave the Board an outline of the possible trip and guidelines students have to follow. He stated the students will be notified in late October if they are selected to perform. The expense will be approximately \$1,645, without meals, per student. The board will wait until the results are announced in October before any action is taken on this matter.
- Mr. Yeghoian reported summer school graduation will be held on June 29 at 1 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. There will be 6 high school graduates and 6 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates.
- Mr. Yeghoian asked the Board if they would like to have a July Board meeting. He stated there has not been a July meeting for several years. The consensus of the Board was there would be no July meeting. The August meeting would be held on August 16, 2011 at 6 p.m.
- Mr. Yeghoian stated he would prep new and revised policies for Board member review and have the First Reading of these policies at the August Board meeting. The draft policies will be hand delivered to Board members in July for their inspection.
- Mr. Yeghoian presented the Board with a draft of the results of the School Closure Committee's meetings since January 2010. Questions were raised regarding the possibility of a school closure. President Bransford suggested there be certain criteria met before a school was closed. He wanted to know if the committee determined a cost to maintain a closed school. Mr. Yeghoian stated no decision had been made to close any school. The committee was formed so the district would be prepared just in case a school had to be closed in the future due to budget. President Bransford asked for the topic to be placed on the agenda at the September meeting.
- Mr. Yeghoian presented the Board with the results of a breakfast and lunch survey conducted by Burchfield Primary School related to the number of

students accessing the breakfast and lunch program. He stated the results will be shared with the Food Service Director, Audrey Taylor in August for any follow-up action.

CEA REP'S REPORT

Pam Giuliano, the new 2011-2012 CEA President, thanked all who came to the Hawk's Eye event at Egling Middle School. She had a question for Mr. Yeghoian regarding the Special Education proposed staff assignment changes. Mr. Yeghoian stated all changes had been rescinded.

CSEA REP'S REPORT

None

PUBLIC HEARING:  
2011-12 BUDGET

At 7:10 p.m. Board President Don Bransford opened a public hearing on the 2011-12 Budget. He then closed the hearing with no public input.

ACTION #101153  
APPROVE 2011-2012  
BUDGET

Motion was made by Cindy Steidlmayer, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve the 2011-2012 Budget as submitted.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION #101154  
ADOPT 2011-12  
DECLARATION OF NEED FOR  
FULLY QUALIFIED  
EDUCATORS

Motion was made by Cindy Steidlmayer, seconded by Terry Bressler to adopt the 2011-12 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators.

Vote: Unanimous

CONSENT AGENDA  
ACTION ITEM #101155

Don Bransford asked to remove item G.1.1. from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Motion was made by Cindy Steidlmayer, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of G.1.1.

Consent Agenda: Regular and Customary Business Items:

- a. Minutes of May 17, 2011 Regular Meeting
- b. Minutes of June 8, 2011 Special Meeting
- c. June Payroll
- d. June Warrants: Batch #43 - 47
- e. June Financial Statements
- f. Personnel Assignment Order 2010-2011.12
- g. 2010-2011 Budget Revision
- h. Approve 2010-2011 Miscellaneous Funds Budget Revision
- i. Adopt 2011-2012 Consolidated Application, Part I
- j. Approve 2011-2012 Agricultural Vocational Education Incentive Grant Application for Funding
- k. Approve 2011-2012 Designation of CIF Representatives to League
- l. Approve FFA Request to send 2 Students to Indianapolis, Indiana for the National FFA Convention in October, 2011 for \$1,000 each

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #101156

President Bransford asked to have future trip requests for out of state travel and funding placed as a separate action item on the agenda in the future. Discussion was held regarding FFA's request to send 2 students to Indianapolis, Indiana for the National FFA Convention in October, 2011 for \$1,000 each. After discussion Cindy Steidlmayer made the Motion which was Seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve FFA's request to send 2 students to Indianapolis, Indiana for the

National FFA Convention in October, 2011 for \$1,000 each.

Vote: Unanimous

HEARING OF PUBLIC FOR  
MATTERS ON CLOSED  
SESSION AGENDA

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED  
SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:30 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 Transfer Requests
  - c. Recommendation for Expulsion Case EH #2010-11.15
  - d. Recommendation for Expulsion Case EH #2010-11.16
2. Personnel Matters:
  - a. Public Employment – New Hires 2010-2011
  - b. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
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.)
  - b. Review CEA 2010-2011 Tentative Agreement

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED  
SESSION

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 8:40 p.m. Board President Don Bransford reported out the Board reviewed the Out of School Suspensions, the Inter-district Transfer Agreements, and the AHP recommendations for Expulsion Case EH #2010-11.15, EH #2010-11.16.

ACTION ITEM #101157

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve the Inter-district Transfer Agreements.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #101158

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Cindy Steidlmayer to accept the AHP's recommendation for expulsion case EH#2010-11.15.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #101159

Motion was made by Cindy Steidlmayer, seconded by Terry Bressler to accept the AHP's recommendation for expulsion case EH#2010-11.16

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #101160

Motion was made by Cindy Steidlmayer, seconded by Charles Yerxa to Ratify the CEA 2010-11 Contract.

Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Lyttle  
Executive Administrative Assistant

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APPROVED BY:

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