

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street
Colusa, CA 95932

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Board of Trustees Board Meeting

August 19, 2014

- CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the CUSD Conference Room by Board President Charles Yerxa, and an established quorum was present. Attending were Lincoln Forry, Terry Bressler, Charles Yerxa, Don Bransford and Kelli Griffith-Garcia. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dwayne Newman, staff, and parents.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Terry Bressler led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- NEW STAFF INTRODUCTIONS AND RECEPTION Mr. Newman asked Principals to introduce their new staff members. After introductions, President Yerxa called for a short recess at 4:20 p.m. and a reception was held.
- RECOGNITIONS AND CELEBRATIONS Erika Lemenager presented Pam Neihues, Donna Krause, Raina Alvarez, and Vanessa Munguia with certificates of appreciation.
- HEARING OF THE PUBLIC Pam Giuliano expressed a need for a PE Specialist at Egling Middle School.
- STUDENT'S REPORT ASB President, Jordan Helmer, provided information on the Freshman Boot Camp that occurred prior to the start of school. Ninety six freshman attended the two day camp. Students were able to sign up for clubs, meet upperclassmen, and participate in fun activities. Jordan provided dates for sports, dances, and elections. This year's homecoming theme will be Disney Pixar.
- PRESIDENTS REPORT None
- SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT IMPROVING ACHIEVEMENT
- LCAP – Mr. Newman presented a calendar form of action items and timelines in effort to make monitoring the districts progress more streamlined.
 - Measuring progress – Mr. Newman proposed that for the 2014-2015 school year, we use the STAR testing scores to compare state results against CUSD results. Mr. Newman is anticipating to see a 10% gain of CUSD students by the end of the 2015 testing cycle. Other goals for the district include an improvement with CUSD atmosphere, communication, and technology. Should the bond pass in November, Mr. Newman proposed a goal for quick implementation of work that will ultimately save the district money in the long run (i.e. - energy efficiency improvements). Conversation ensued.
 - Community School Update – Expelled students are currently being transported to Feather River Academy in Yuba City. No MOU is currently in place, however, FRA is not requesting one and there is no legal need for an MOU. No excess costs are incurred for CUSD. Mr.

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Newman recommended that Feather River Academy be a permanent option for expelled students. The cost for these services are significantly less than what was in place in years past and the quality of the program is far superior. Mr. Yerxa asked for clarification as to what the options are for expelled students. Mr. Newman clarified that Feather River Academy is the option we offer; however, should parents want to have their student attend elsewhere, that is their choice.

- Summer School Report – Approximately 160 students attended Summer School. Mr. Forry asked if the numbers were increased from years past. Mrs. Parker added that it is difficult to gather that data as the program has not been consistent each year. Mrs. Lemenager stated that 7th and 8th grade students who attended were doing so as a credit recovery option. Pre K – 6th grade followed a protocol to enroll students in Summer School. Migrant Education students received first priority, followed by students that were being retained, students with low English and Math scores, and finally those with parent requests. Mr. Yerxa asked for clarification regarding whether or not this was mandatory for students or simply a recommendation. Mrs. Lemenager stated that for Egling students, it was mandatory/highly recommended. Intervention groups were set up using test scores, pre-tests based on common core standards. A post-test was given at the end.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT
FACILITIES UPDATE

- SELPA – Mr. Newman met with the other district Superintendents, Mr. West, and CBO's to discuss various possible approaches relating to the governance of SELPA. Further discussion is still necessary. Mr. West stated that transparency and change take time. Mr. Bransford suggested that CUSD utilize legal counsel regarding SELPA. Mr. Newman confirmed that the district has been seeking legal counsel. Conversation regarding IEP's and staffing occurred.
- Technology Upgrades – Improvements and upgrades are taking place. Currently, our Student Information System and Data Warehousing Program are two different systems. A conversation is beginning to take place with staff regarding a possible conversion. Technology Director, Jeremy Miller, is leading the project and discussion with CUSD staff members. If a conversion does take place, a potential savings of approximately \$8,000 could occur. Mr. Newman stated that as upgrades are made to the network, blended learning/on-line classes could be a potential offering to CUSD students which would in turn expand student learning.

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FACILITIES UPDATE

- Summer Work/Portable Classroom – The new portable at Burchfield Primary has been placed. The inspector has not yet signed off on its use for students until several items are completed. The MOT department is working on getting all those items resolved. Mr. Bransford asked for clarification as to why these items were not in the specifications of the architect. He asked that our attorney take a look at these recommendation.

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Mr. Newman clarified that the funding source for this project is our Developer Fees. A question was brought up about the workroom at Burchfield Primary and the potential changes that may occur with that space. Pam Giuliano asked that staff be a part of that conversation.

- Football Field – Mr. Newman informed the board that the gravel was removed and it looks and feels nice. The field is safe.
- Modernization Bond – CUSD is seeking a co-chair for the bond campaign committee. The argument in favor of ballot Measure A has been submitted to the county and no argument against was received.
- Enrollment – Mr. Newman discussed the increased number of students in 7th and 8th grade. The enrollment for those two grade levels were impacted as several students were retained and others were transfers from other districts. Conversation regarding the need for additional staff members at Egling occurred. Issues regarding adequate space in the classroom also ensued. The issue was asked to be brought back for an additional meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
BUDGET**

**CSEA REPRESENTATIVE'S
REPORT**

Mr. Newman was asked to pass on that the CSEA will be meeting and will let CUSD know of anything needed.

**CEA REPRESENTATIVE'S
REPORT**

Pam Giuliano is optimistic for a great upcoming year. She expressed how wonderful is it that CUSD has a warm welcoming of new teachers. Ms. Giuliano stated that elections for CEA Representative are upcoming.

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION
/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

- Community School – Expelled CUSD students are now attending Feather River Academy in Sutter County and an agreement has been reached that no MOU is needed. Inter-District transfers will be required. Mr. Bransford asked that CUSD continues to monitor these students and their progress. It was suggested that a CUSD counselor check in regularly with Feather River Academy regarding the progress of these students.
- Inter-District Transfers (BP 5117) – CUSD currently has a Board Policy in place which states that the District Superintendent makes the decision on whether or not a transfer is approved or denied. This has not been the practice. Mr. Newman explained why having Board approval of Inter-District transfers was inefficient. No action was necessary as it is a current Board Policy, however, the Board agreed to dis-continue the current practice and begin following policy. In the event of an appeal, those matters will be presented to the Board.
- Kinder Camp – Mr. Forry had questions as to why Pre-K students were not invited to the 2014-2015 Kinder Camp. Mr. Newman explained that Kinder Camp is a way of assessing and training students with the routine of school and last year's Pre-K student have already gone through that training. Suggestions were made that multiple notices go out to families

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regarding the transition of half-day Kindergarten to full-day Kindergarten prior to November 10, 2014.

ACTION ITEM #141501 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the 2014-2015 Board Meeting Dates.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141502 Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Lincoln Forry to adopt BP 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements as amended

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141503 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the First Reading of Board Policies and Administrative Regulations as listed on the Agenda, with amendments to BP 9324-Minutes and Recordings to reflect that recording are to be destroyed no sooner than 30 days after the Board Meeting and only after the Board has approved the meeting minutes.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141504 Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve all consent agenda items. Mr. Bransford requested that the district's legal counsel review the Oars Contract listed as item f.

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

- a. Minutes of June 17, 2014 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Minutes of July 8, 2014 Special Board Meeting
- c. June/July Payroll
- d. Approved Budget Revision
- e. Developer Fee
- f. Oars Contract
- g. Personnel Assignment Order #2014/2015.01
- h. Associated Student Body Fund
- i. Warrants: Batch #46-48
- j. 4th Quarter Williams Uniform Complaint Procedure for April 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014.

Vote: Unanimous

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR
MATTERS ON CLOSED
SESSION AGENDA

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED
SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:38 p.m. to consider and/or take action upon any of the following items:

1. Student Matters:

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- a. Out of School Suspensions
 - b. Inter-District Transfers
2. Personnel Matters:
- a. New Hires 2014/2015
 - b. 13-14 Confidential/Classified ASES Management Salary Schedule
 - c. 13-14 Administrative Salary Schedule
 - d. Payroll Adjustment for School Nurse

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED
SESSION

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 8:45 p.m. Board President, Charles Yerxa reported out that the Board reviewed the Out of School Suspensions, Inter-District Transfers, and New Hires. No actions were taken on Personnel Matters: 2 b, c, d.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Zeba Hone,
Executive Administrative Assistant



APPROVED BY:










