

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street
Colusa, CA 95932

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting

March 17, 2015

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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 and Wally Browe of Capital Program Management, staff, parents and community members.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Lincoln Forry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA None

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA None

STUDENT'S REPORT ASB President Jordan Helmer presented information regarding sports, the upcoming Sadie Hawkins dance and on the last ESA Senior trip to Yosemite. Baseball Homecoming will take place on May 4, 2015 – May 8, 2015.

RECOGNITION & CELEBRATIONS Darren Brown recognized CRAF for their contribution and support to CUSD. This year alone, CRAF raised and contributed \$40,000. The annual CRAF Golf Tournament will take place on Friday, April 17, 2015. Jody Johnston recognized Lori Tanner, Erika Lemenager and Barbara Hankins for their contribution towards making Shady Creek a success. She also recognized the Forry family for transporting the luggage each year. Erika Lemenager recognized the sixth grade teachers Pam Giuliano, Michelle Quentmeyer, Krystyna Frank and Mindy Lederer for the efforts with Shady Creek and for their hard work in creating a great experience for kids. She also recognized the student cabin leaders: Ulises Amador, Salvador Valencia, Nicholas Baird, Fernando Hurtado, Cole Shreiner, Dallas Luna, Zakaria Lamsiah, Ann Kalisuch, Madison Rainsbarger, Dayani Pantoja Reyes, Amanda Morton and Alexis Ramirez for being a part of the experience and their help. Several sixth grade students thanked the Board for their support and contribution with Shady Creek. Maria Arvizu-Espinoza recognized the BPS Parent Club for their continued time and effort.

PRESIDENTS REPORT Charles Yerxa reported that the CRAF Board would like to use their funds to have the video equipment installed.

Terry Bressler reported that Friends of Music will be having a Biscuits & Gravy fundraiser on March 22, 2015.

Kathie Whitesell reported on Friends of Ag and stated that Matt Steidlmayer, Anel Sanchez, Angel Grajeda, and Garrett Hamilton will be receiving their State Farmer Degrees at CSU, Chico on Wednesday, March 18, 2015. Haley Traynham will be competing for the Office of Regional Reporter. Several CUSD students

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will be named as the Regional Winners in Ag Proficiencies: Braden Woodring, Amanda Thomas and Andrea Thomas. Mrs. Whitesell also acknowledged the following students for actively showing their livestock across the state: Kolby Steidlmayer, Alec Bailey and Shayne Myers. The FFA Banquet will take place on April 29, 2015 at 6:00 PM. RSVP's can be made to Heather Thomas.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the petitions supporting the rehire of Mr. Theriault as the Head Football Coach. Mr. Theriault thanked the Board for the chance to speak and the community for their support with the athletic program. Thirteen members of the community, including parents, students (both past and present), spoke in support of reinstatement for Mr. Theriault as Head Varsity Football Coach. Board President, Lincoln Forry thanked the community members for their input, and assured the audience that the board would talk about the issue in closed session (as it is a personnel matter). He told the audience that the Board would issue a written response and they should look for that on the District's web page.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT
IMPROVING ACHIEVEMENT

- LCAP Progress Update – Mr. Newman reported that there will be continued emphasis on making sure the district has curriculum that is in line with Common Core standards as well as ensuring that the assessment process will provide useful data for instruction planning. Further development of an effective Professional Learning Community will continue. The first draft of the LCAP will be brought to the Board in April. The second draft and continued discussion will occur in May and a possible adoption of both the LCFF Budget and LCAP in June.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT
MANAGEMENT

- SELPA Update – Mr. Newman reported that budget for this year looks favorable. CUSD will be sharing a \$15,000 savings with the surrounding districts in the county. CUSD's portion of that equals 38%. Next year's budget will be greater due to an increase in enrolled students throughout the county. Mr. Newman also stated that the SELPA governance language is being revised. Draft language will be created at the Superintendent's Council Meeting in April and will be reviewed by legal counsel. Once adopted by SELPA council, the language must be approved by the State Department.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
BUDGET

- Budget Update – LCFF Regulations make it mandatory to expand current programs. Mr. Newman presented a 2015-2016 need based staffing proposal that was developed by the leadership team. Mr. Newman asked for guidance from the Board in terms of the budget component to the staffing proposal. A Special Board Meeting will be held to continue the discussion.
- Enrollment is flat and ADA is not going up.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Darren Brown reported on Colusa Alternative Home School. A thorough explanation of the intake process was explained. Approximately twenty percent

of the home school students being served are on an inter-district transfer. The program is thriving and its success is a testament to the hard work of the teachers.

CSEA REPRESENTATIVE'S
REPORT

Rosemary Hicks reported that the CSEA Tentative Agreement was agreed upon and signed.

CEA REPRESENTATIVE'S
REPORT

Pam Giuliano stated the CEA Tentative Agreement was agreed upon and signed. She also brought attention to the need for a staff room at Burchfield Primary School.

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/
POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

ACTION ITEM #141580

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve Resolution #2014-15.10 – Authorizing Issuance of General Obligation Bonds. Election of 2014, Series 2015 and Approving the Form of the Following Documents: Bond Purchase Agreement, Continuing Disclosure Certificate, Paying Agent Agreement, Preliminary Official Statement.

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

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141581

Motion was made by Kathie Whitesell, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve Architecture Firm Selection – Architectural Nexus and Synthesis Partners.

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

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141582

Motion was made by Kelli Griffith-Garcia, seconded by Terry Bressler to table the Hazmat Contracts and bring back to the April Board Meeting.

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

Vote: Unanimous

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ACTION ITEM #141583 Motion was made by Kathie Whitesell, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve the Delivery Methods of Design-Bid-Build and Lease-Leaseback.

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

Vote: Unanimous

There was no action taken on the agenda item H.5 – Bring Your Own Device/Colusa Wide Area Network (BYOD/CWAN). This item was for informational purposes only. As our program expands, CUSD will continue to monitor its process to ensure the district is aligned with the CWAN policy.

ACTION ITEM #141584 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve the revisions to the Emergency Response Plan as amended to reflect the removal of employees that are no longer with the district.

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

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141585 Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to the Meal Price Increase effective the 2015-2016 school year.

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

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141586 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the Teacher Recommendation for Tenure for the 2015-2016 school year.

Whitesell – Aye
Yerxa – Aye

Forry – Aye
Bressler – Aye
Griffith-Garcia - Aye

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141587

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve the Request for Assistance for Friends of Music Travel.

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

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141588

Motion was made by Kathie Whitesell, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve consent agenda items a – e.

Consent Agenda Items Approved:

- a. February Payroll
- b. Personnel Assignment Order # 2014-2015 #7
- c. Associated Student Body Fund
- d. 15-16 School Calendar
- e. 16-17 School Calendar

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

Vote: Unanimous

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve consent agenda item f.

- f. Warrants: Batch 28-33

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

Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Abstain)

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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 9:20 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. Consider approval of AHP Recommendation of Expulsion Case #2014-15.03.

2. Personnel Matters:
 - a. Public Employment
 1. New Hires 2014/2015
 2. Extended Leave Requests
 3. Consider Approval of Tentative Agreement for CEA
 4. Consider Approval of Tentative Agreement for CSEA
 5. Consider Approval of Salary Increase for Unrepresented Employees
 6. Consider Approval of Salary Increase for Superintendent
 - b. 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 10:35. Board President, Lincoln Forry reported out that the Board reviewed the Out of School Suspensions, Inter-District Transfers, and EH #2014-15.03. There were no new hires or extended leave requests.

ACTION ITEM #141589 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve the recommendation of the Administrative Hearing Panel for EH #2014-15.03

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

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141590 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve AB1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreements.

Whitesell – Aye

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

Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Nay)

ACTION ITEM #141591

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve the Tentative Agreement for CEA.

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

Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Nay)

ACTION ITEM #141592

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve the Tentative Agreement for CSEA.

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

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141593

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve a 7% Salary Increase for Unrepresented Employees.

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

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141594

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Kathie Whitesell to approve a Salary Increase for the District Superintendent of 3.5% at the Superintendent's request.

Whitesell – Aye
Yerxa – Aye
Forry – Aye
Bressler – Aye

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Griffith-Garcia - Aye

Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Zeba Hone,
Executive Administrative Assistant



APPROVED BY:

