

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street
Colusa, CA 95932

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting

November 18, 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, who established a 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, community members, and parents.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Larry Yeghoian led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR
ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

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None

STUDENT'S REPORT

ASB President, Jordan Helmer, was not present for the meeting. Darren Brown presented on Jordan's behalf. Information was reported on Sports, Senior Night, the Iron Man Award, and upcoming events. Winterfest will take place on December 18, 2014.

RECOGNITION &
CELEBRATIONS

Maria Espinoza, Jody Johnston, and Darren Brown recognized Barbara Hankins for all her efforts at every site and her passion for helping children. Jody Johnston and Mr. Newman honored Dr. Donald Bransford for his thirty four years of service to Colusa Unified School District. Mr. Newman also presented a certificate of appreciation to Katy Myers for her willingness and desire to host Pond Day for Burchfield students each year. Larry Yeghoian & Marta Stegall were recognized on behalf of Colusa Unified School District for their efforts with the bond campaign.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Mr. Forry asked for clarification on the reorganization of the Board. Mr. Newman reported that once the new Board Members are seated, reorganization will occur in December.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT
IMPROVING ACHIEVEMENT

- LCAP Needs Assessment Process – Mr. Newman presented information on the needs assessment process. He stated that the state priorities include: implementation of common core state standards, student access to a variety of courses, student achievement and outcome, parent involvement, and school climate. Mr. Newman also reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Board and Administration.
- Burchfield Achievement Data – Mr. Newman discussed data that was presented on Burchfield Primary School and it's relation to the LCAP process and how to construct meaning from the various layers of information.

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**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT
MANAGEMENT**

- SELPA Update - District Superintendents had a conversation with Mr. West and a resolution is likely to occur early into next year. CUSD will continue to keep the recommended timeline in place in the event no resolution occurs.
- Feather River Academy Update – CUSD is currently transporting four students to the Academy. Lori Tanner is monitoring their progress and reporting back to Mr. Newman.
- Emergency Response Plan Updates – Preparations are in progress and site/district level protocols are under review. Mr. Newman stated that handbooks are being updated and trainings will occur.
- Crosswalk Safety Update - Mr. Newman reported that plans from the city traffic engineers have not yet arrived. Upon arrival of those plans, the district will begin making the necessary modifications.
- BPS Portable Update – Mr. LaGrone reported that the portable is near completion. Mr. Poppinga will use that room for music for the remainder of this year. The portable will be a 1st grade classroom at the start of the 2015-2016 school year.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
ENROLLMENT
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Enrollment and ADA are both holding steady.
Egling Middle School students Audrey Dunn, Rylee Reading, Emily Cerney and Kelsea Whiting, presented a video using stop motion video on Trees. Egling student’s entered a Trees Rock contest through Scotties Paper Company.

**CSEA REPRESENTATIVE’S
REPORT**

Rosemary Hicks reported that negotiations occurred and planning for some reclassifications are under way.

**CEA REPRESENTATIVE’S
REPORT**

Pam Giuliano reported that negotiations are scheduled.

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION
/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

ACTION ITEM #141523

The 2013-2014 Audit Report was presented by Jesse Deol from James Marta & Company LLP. Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the 2013-2014 Audit Report.

Vote: Unanimous

MODERNIZATION BOND

Mr. Newman presented a draft timeline for the modernization process. Market conditions will be under close monitoring over the next several months as we prepare to sell the bonds. CUSD will hire an owner’s representative to guide the district in the process of construction and planning. A facilities assessment has been completed and will aid in the creation of the facilities master plan. The Board of Trustees will be responsible for forming a Citizen’s Oversight

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Committee. The committee will serve through the entire term of the bond project. Maintaining quality instruction without disruption will be a key focus for all projects. No action was taken on the agenda item.

ACTION ITEM #141524

Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the First Reading of Board Policies and Administrative Regulations as listed on the Agenda.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #141525

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Lincoln Forry to approve all consent agenda items.

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

- a. Minutes of October 21, 2014 Regular Board Meeting
- b. October Payroll
- c. Approved Budget Revision
- d. Personnel Assignment Order # 2014-2015 #4
- e. Associated Student Body Fund
- f. Warrants: Batch #16-19
- g. Accept and Approve 13-14 Audit Report
- h. Approval of Resolution #2014-15.03 – Increase Revolving Cash
- i. Approval of 1st Interim Report
- j. Williams Complaint Procedure July 1st – September 30th
- k. Approval of Shady Creek Outdoor School Agreement
- l. Approval of Medi-Cal Administrative Claiming Agreement
- m. Resolution # 2014-15.04 – Don Bransford

Vote: Unanimous

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR
MATTERS ON CLOSED
SESSION AGENDA

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED
SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:25 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
2. Personnel Matters:
 - a. New Hires 2014/2015
 - 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.*)

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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.

RECONVENE TO OPEN
SESSION
INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/
POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

13-14 Classified Management Salary Schedule. The Board discussed the disparity between Student Nutrition Services Director and MOT and Technology Director salaries. It was noted that any change to the Student Nutrition Service Director salary would not impact the General Fund.

ACTION ITEM #141526

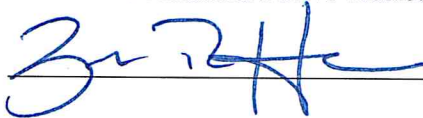
Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Lincoln Forry to approve the salary schedule change for the Student Nutrition Services Director to that of the MOT and Technology Director effective December 1, 2014.

Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Zeba Hone,
Executive Administrative Assistant



APPROVED BY:

