

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street
Colusa, CA 95932

OFFICIAL MINUTES
Board of Trustees Board Meeting

April 11, 2017

- CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room by Kathie Whitesell, who established a quorum was present. Attending were Charles Yerxa, Michael Phenicie, Melissa Ortiz and Kelli Griffith-Garcia. Also in attendance was Superintendent Dwayne Newman, various staff members, and members of the community.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Erika Lemenager led the pledge of allegiance.
- HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR
ITEMS ON THE AGENDA No information was presented.
- HEARING OF THE PUBLIC FOR
ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA No information was presented.
- RECOGNITIONS &
CELEBRATIONS Kathie Whitesell presented certificates of tenure to the following teachers: Rebecca Ramirez, Becka Robertson, Jill Conroy, Mallory Alves, Robert Scott, and Kari Vlahos. A brief reception occurred to celebrate the newly tenured teachers.
- STUDENT REPORT Caitlin Vaca reported on various CHS activities and events.
- ACTION ITEM #1617165 Motion was made by Kelli Griffith-Garcia, seconded by Melissa Ortiz to approve the club recognition for Colusa County Youth Shooting Sports.
- Ortiz– Aye
Whitesell – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Aye
Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye
- Vote: (Unanimous)
- DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY Melissa Ortiz shared information about a recent meeting she had with the Galt Unified School District (GUSD) Superintendent in an effort to gain an understanding of the various innovative strategies being used in their district. A Personal Learning Plan (PLP) for every student is utilized in GUSD. The PLP’s include Strength Finder Assessment results which allow for a deeper understanding of the student, math assessment results throughout the year, and the student’s aspirations. Mrs. Ortiz also learned that at GUSD, the junior high and high school students lead their own parent-teacher conferences. Mrs. Ortiz presented information on the Gallup Student Poll which provides predictive metrics on understanding how engaged our students are. The process takes a short 15 minutes to complete. In one particular GUSD school that is considered their highest poverty school, student’s that participated in the Gallup Student Poll indicated they were 100% confident they would graduate high school and they

were also confident in their ability to find a great job. In addition, GUSD transformed their libraries into Bright Future Learning Centers (BFLC). The BFLC are open to students, parents, and various clubs. The Gallup Student Poll is free to our district and available to 5th – 12th grade students in the fall.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

CRAF – Charles Yerxa reported that they are looking forward to the upcoming Golf Tournament.

FOM – Mike Phenicie reported that Alec Schantz recently had his Senior Project in the community theater and did very well.

FOA – No information was presented.

SELPA – Kathie Whitesell reported that the next SELPA meeting will take place on April 25, 2017.

DELAC – Mrs. Ortiz stated that the DELAC committee did not meet this month due to a conference that several members attended. DELAC President, Mr. Hector Morales, hoped to be at the board meeting to discuss the conference but was unable to attend.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
IMPROVING ACHIEVEMENT

2017-2018 LCAP Improvement Discussion

- Update on Local Control Accountability Plan Progress – Mr. Newman informed the board and members of the audience that the Local Control Accountability Plan has changed from a rolling three-year plan to a static three-year plan. The district is doing well and an entire overhaul is not necessary. Continued focus on sharpening the current techniques being used to close the achievement gap will remain in place. Mr. Newman provided a 3-year plan to the board for review & input. A review of the three LCAP Goals were occurred. Discussion regarding dual enrollment with community colleges ensued. The board will review the LCAP in May and then again at two meetings in June for final approval.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
BUDGET

Budget Update

- Review Mid Year Projection (MYP) – A review of the MYP occurred.

**INFORMATION / DISCUSSION /
POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**
NO FORMAL ACTION

Agenda item F.1. – Consider approval of land and building transfer with Colusa County Office of Education/Colusa Unified School District. County Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Michael West, presented information on land and building ownership issues. He explained that the District currently owns all the land where the Colusa Children’s Center and the Colusa Head Start are currently located. (The block north of Lafayette Street between 5th Street and 6th Street.) In discussion of the uses of the buildings, Mr. West further explained that half of the “Old Kindergarten” building (which is owned by CUSD) at 6th and Lafayette is currently used by CCOE for a State Preschool site. The other half is used for the CUSD BPS ASES program. The building currently housing kindergarten classes (the “New Kindergarten Building”) at BPS was built by the CCOE on CUSD property.

An extensive discussion and clarification of land and building ownership followed. It is the wish of the CUSD board to retain ownership of all the land

and buildings in the block north of Lafayette Street between 5th Street and 6th Street. The board directed Mr. Newman to work with Mr. West to create a long term (50+ year) lease for the land, with the intent that:

1. CUSD retains ownership of all the land and title to currently owned buildings in the block north of Lafayette Street between 5th Street and 6th Street,
2. CCOE retains title of all the buildings it currently owns in the block north of Lafayette Street between 5th Street and 6th Street
3. CCOE can reasonably expect to occupy all the existing buildings and add buildings as they expand their programs on that property,
4. Title of the New Kindergarten Building will be transferred to CUSD,
5. CUSD Programs will, if possible, be run from the main BPS campus to avoid the necessity of students crossing 5th Street during ASES Program time.

The item will be brought back to a future meeting for further discussion and/or possible action.

BREAK

A brief break occurred.

DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY

Discussion regarding the remainder of the bond funds took place. It was the wish of the board that no change occur to the current plan for bond expenditures; that roof replacement remain the top priority.

NO FORMAL ACTION

Agenda item F.4. – Consider Approval of Agreement with Audio Enhancement. Due to the lack of a motion, no formal action occurred for this item.

INFORMATION ITEM ONLY

Information on the 2015-16 Disclosure Report was provided to the board.

ACTION ITEM #1617166

Motion was made by Michael Phenicie, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve Resolution #2016-17.10 – Safe Haven.

Ortiz– Aye
Whitesell – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Aye
Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye

Vote: (Unanimous)

ACTION ITEM #1617167

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Michael Phenicie to approve the first reading of BP 5141.52 – Suicide Prevention.

Ortiz– Aye
Whitesell – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Aye
Phenicie – Aye

Yerxa – Aye

Vote: (Unanimous)

ACTION ITEM #1617168

Motion was made by Michael Phenicie, seconded by Melissa Ortiz to approve and adopt the second reading for AR 3300 – Expenditures & Purchases.

Ortiz– Aye
Whitesell – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Aye
Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye

Vote: (Unanimous)

ACTION ITEM #1617169

Motion was made by Melissa Ortiz, seconded by Michael Phenicie to approve the letter in support of SB 577 – Teacher Credentialing Programs Offered through Community College.

Ortiz– Aye
Whitesell – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Aye
Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye

Vote: (Unanimous)

ACTION ITEM #1617170

Motion was made by Kelli Griffith-Garcia, seconded to Michael Phenicie to approve the out of state travel to University of Oregon for Volleyball Camp.

Ortiz– Aye
Whitesell – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Aye
Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye

Vote: (Unanimous)

DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY

Discussion regarding the possibility of CUSD taking over the lease on the Softball Fields occurred. Jesse Cain, Colusa City Manager met with Mr. Newman and discussed lease transfer. They agreed that CUSD would take over the lease as soon as possible. Further, Mr. Cain will suggest to the City Council that water and sewer charges for those fields be waived in recognition that the fields present a community recreation opportunity. Mr. Newman will next meet with Jonathan Howard, CEO of Colusa County Fairgrounds in hope of getting an agreement in which the Fairgrounds will agree to assume responsibility for electrical service. Finally, Mr. Newman will meet with Charles Price, President of Colusa Area Little League to get a commitment from CALL to share in part of the lease cost and field upkeep.

The board directed Mr. Newman to negotiate on behalf of CUSD for a lease on the softball fields.

ACTION ITEM #1617171

Motion was made by Michael Phenicie, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the Warrants: Batch #35-38.

Ortiz- Aye
Whitesell – Abstain
Griffith-Garcia – Aye
Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye

Vote: (4 Ayes, 1 Abstain)

ACTION ITEM #1617172

Motion was made by Kelli Griffith-Garcia, seconded by Michael Phenicie to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. February 23, 2017 Special Board Meeting Minutes
2. March 11, 2017 Special Board Meeting Minutes
3. March 14, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
4. Personnel Assignment Order 2016-2017 #8
5. March Payroll
6. 2016-17 Annual Credentialing Report
7. Fund 01 Budget Revision
8. Williams Uniform Complaint Procedure
9. Surplus Equipment
10. Memorandum of Understanding – Northern California STREAM Pathways Consortium Partners
11. Memorandum of Understanding – 2016-17 School Climate Health & Learning
12. W.V. Alton, Inc. – Egling Middle School HVAC Project (\$52,799)
13. Savage Plumbing – Waste Lines at Burchfield Primary & Egling Middle School (\$13,500)
14. Crane Exteriors, Inc. DBA Chico Roofing Co. – Burchfield Primary (\$3,575)
15. D&S Asphalt Sealing Co. – Burchfield Primary (\$14,182)

Ortiz- Aye
Whitesell – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Aye
Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye

Vote: (Unanimous)

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The board adjourned to Closes Session at 6:58 PM to consider and/or take action upon any of the following items:

1. Personnel Matters Pursuant to Government Code 54957
Administration Representatives: Dwayne Newman, Superintendent; Sheryl Parker, Chief Business Official
 - a. Consider Approval of 2017-18 Certificated Job Share Requests
 - b. Discussion of Superintendent Evaluation

2. Negotiations Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6
Agency Designated Representatives: Dwayne Newman, Superintendent; Sheryl Parker, Chief Business Official

Employee Organizations: California Teachers Association, California State Employees Association, and Unrepresented Employees (All)

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 reconvened from Closed Session at 8:25 PM. Board President, Kathie Whitesell reported out that Discussion of the Superintendent Evaluation occurred.

ACTION ITEM #1617173

Motion was made by Michael Phenicie, seconded by Melissa Ortiz to approve the 2017-18 Certificated Job Share Requests.

Ortiz– Aye
Whitesell – Aye
Griffith-Garcia – Aye
Phenicie – Aye
Yerxa – Aye

Vote: (Unanimous)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM

Respectfully submitted by Zeba Hone,
Executive Administrative Assistant



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APPROVED BY:

~~Kathie A. Whitless~~
Yolanda Garcia
Michael Phoenix
[Signature]

