

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street

Colusa, CA 95932

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

November 19, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Colusa Unified School District Conference Room by Board President Terry Bressler, and established a quorum was present. Attending were Charles Yerxa, Kelli Griffith-Garcia, Lincoln Forry, and Terry Bressler, Don Bransford was absent. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dwayne Newman, School Administrators Jody Johnston and Darren Brown; and Business Manager Sheryl Bailey; students and staff. Principal Tarr was absent.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Terry Bressler led the Pledge of Allegiance.
HEARING OF PUBLIC	None
STUDENT'S REPORT	The high school student representative to the Board was absent, but Mr. Brown reported there would be a football play-off game on Friday night against Hamilton City High School and that Molly Townzen and Max Valdez were going to be in the State cross country meet in the upcoming week.
RECOGNITIONS AND CELEBRATIONS	This month the following were honored for making the district better in some way: Darren Brown presented a certificate of appreciation to Nolan Gonzales for his willingness to help in any way possible; Erika Lemenager presented certificates to Cindy DeWoody and Mary Godinez for their help in giving information to the 7 th grade students and their parents on cyber bullying; Jody Johnston presented certificates to Jeff Poppinga and Mike Phenicie for all their time and effort working with the Egling choir, and bands; Dwayne Newman recognized Ellen Cenami and Kathy Aplanalp for their willingness to go 'above and beyond' their daily tasks while Dave Tarr was out on medical leave.
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	The Board will select a date and time for Burchfield Primary School's visitation at the December meeting.
BOARD OF TRUSTEE TIME	Due to the recent police activity at various schools in Northern Calif. Mr. Forry asked if the CUSD schools were conducting emergency drills on a regular basis. Ms. Johnston stated that at Egling they have done many fire and earthquake drills, but have not done a "danger stranger" drill yet. She will be scheduling one in the very near future. A discussion was held on the various 'locks' that should be on the classroom doors to keep intruders from entering the classroom.
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• District Improvement Plan Progress: The next step in the improvement process is to survey the staff to see how PLC's are going. This survey will be done by the end of the month.• District-wide Assessment Update: Mr. Newman reported he met with the principals and they did a quarterly review of student achievement data. He reported student improvement/growth is doing well. We need an internal assessment system to double check our progress, and as it stands right now good progress is being made.

- Introduction to The Common Core: Mr. Newman gave a brief presentation on the Common Core State Standards which is a set of standards developed for Kdgn. – 12th grade throughout the country. There are only 45 states participating in this new concept as well as the District of Columbia and 4 territories. The focus is on English/Language Arts and Math and on learning expectations for students. Since this concept will be taught across the country it will ensure consistent expectations regardless of a student's zip code.
- Budget – Review and discuss latest MYP: Mr. Newman reported the budget is encouraging and he is looking forward to negotiations with CEA and CSEA. He stated if LCFF is fully funded for the next few years there would be a 6% increase next year as well as 6% the following year. School Services recommends we keep one year's worth of LCFF added funding in reserve, in case the State cuts LCFF funding. Mr. Newman continues to be positive and says we are in good shape!
- Report on Community Day School Meeting with CDE: Mr. Newman reported that the costs for running the Colusa County Community School were as follows: the average cost per year, per student, is \$180,000, and serves an average of 9.36 A.D.A. a year. The average cost of A.D.A. is \$19,238. The excess costs are about \$11,480 per student. Currently we have 4 students attending.
Mr. Newman stated he and the other Superintendents and CBO's in the County met with Dan Sanheim from CDE who is in charge of the Community Day School program at the state level. They talked about the pros and cons of the county's Community School. Mr. Newman explained our situation within our county to Mr. Sanheim. Mr. Sanheim said he would recommend that we drop the current program and start a Community Day School Consortium in the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Newman provided information to the Board for this consortium. He will be putting this proposal up for a vote at the December board meeting.
- Report on SELPA Governance Plan and related issues: Mr. Newman reported he was asked by the county Superintendents to sit in on the negotiations between the county and the county SELPA employees. He said in spite of strong, well reasoned opposition, Mrs. Spurgeon decided to make an offer to the SELPA employees that he thinks is unsustainable. He explained that currently, if teachers in our district were compared to the SELPA teachers, the Colusa teachers would be making \$10,000 a year less. He asked that Mrs. Spurgeon consider making a proposal to her teachers off the salary schedule as a onetime offer. She declined to do this and said she was going to offer her teachers 4% on and 4% off the salary schedule and about \$800 dollars per year increase in the cap for health benefits. Mrs. Spurgeon wrote a Memo to the District Superintendents in the county and in this Memo Mrs. Spurgeon stated (paraphrasing) the districts were unwilling to pay their share towards the SELPA. Mr. Newman said he totally disagreed with this statement. He also said he believes CCOE will opt out of the SELPA at the end of the coming fiscal year. Our attorney, Bob Thurbon, said CCOE needs to give us a year and a day notice if they decide to do this.
- Proposition 39 Funding Update: Mr. Newman reported the district has applied for a Proposition 39 Clean Energy Planning Grant that would provide the district with \$112,000. He has hired a firm called 'Tera Verde' who will do a Tier I Assessment, which is a systemic assessment of our energy use and efficiencies. He also learned of a "Bright Schools Grant" at a CDE conference that MOT director Jim LaGrone attended last week. This grant is on a first come, first served basis and will add money to the planning component. We are in the process of applying for that grant now. There is a company called KW Engineering that the state recommends,

who will help with the Tier II Assessment and we plan on contacting them. Mr. Newman will keep the board informed of progress regarding these two grants.

- Enrollment – It was reported we lost one student.

CEA REPORT

Pam Giuliano stated we don't always have to look at the money. We need to look at what goes beyond that. She stated that in the time that she's been with the district, the most important thing CEA and the district has entered into is Interest Based Bargaining (IBB). Within that is the opportunity to have conversations about what's important to people. Negotiations are important when talking about contract language, money and issues that come up. She appreciates the fact that when there are issues, everyone gets a voice.

CSEA REPORT

None

INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION/
POSSIBLE ACTION:
POLICY REVISIONS SCHEDULE

Mr. Newman reported on the upcoming policy revisions. He stated there are many board policies and administrative regulations that need updating. He will get them ready for the Board to read and bring the policies back at the December meeting for the First Reading.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/
POSSIBLE ACTION:
DESKTOP LAB COMPUTER QUOTES
ACTION # 131419

Mr. Newman asked for the Board's approval to purchase new desktop computers for students to use in the district. He has quotes from three companies and the lowest one is \$65,232.12. There will be 60 desktops for the high school, and 30 desktops for the middle school.

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the purchase of the computers, not to exceed \$70,000.

Vote: Ayes – 4
Noes – 0
Absent – 1 (Bransford)

ACTION ITEM #131420

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to adopt the Second Reading of **BP/AR 1113 District and School Web Sites** as written.

Vote: Ayes – 4
Noes – 0
Absent – 1 (Bransford)

ACTION ITEM #131421

Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to adopt the Second Reading of **BP/AR 1114 District Sponsored Social Media** as written.

Vote: Ayes – 4
Noes – 0
Absent – 1 (Bransford)

ACTION ITEM #131422

Sheryl Bailey reported the cafeteria will be raising their lunch prices on January 6, 2014 due to a Federal and State mandate. The new prices will be as follows: K-8 - \$2.50, and \$2.75 for 9-12 students.

Motion was made by Lincoln Forry, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the

new lunch price cost of \$2.50 for grades K-8 and \$2.75 for grades 9-12.

Vote: Ayes – 4
Noes – 0
Absent – 1 (Bransford)

CONSENT AGENDA
ACTION ITEM #131423

Consider Approval of Consent Agenda: Regular and Customary Business Items:

- a. Minutes of October 15, 2013 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Minutes of October 22, 2013 Special Board Meeting, CHS Visitation
- c. Minutes of November 6, 2013 Special Board Meeting, EMS Visitation
- d. November Payroll
- e. November Warrants: Batch # 15 - 19
- f. November Financial Statements
- g. Personnel Assignment Order #2013/2014.04
- h. Approve 2013-14 Budget Revision
- i. Approve 2013-14 1st Interim Report
- j. Approve Resolution #2013-14.04 California Energy Commission *Bright Schools Program*
- k. Approve Resolution #2013-14.03 Delegation of Authority to Enter into Written Agreements or Written Contracts
- l. Approve Contracts Signed by Superintendent/CBO
 - 1) 2014 Shady Creek Contract
 - 2) 2013-14 Document Tracking Service
 - 3) Gov Financial Strategies, Inc.
 - 4) SPURR
 - 5) Schoolworks Developer Fee Justification Study Contract
 - 6) 2013-14 ROP Contract

Motion was made by Lincoln Forry, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the Consent Agenda without exception.

Vote: Ayes – 4
Noes – 0
Absent – 1 (Bransford)

HEARING OF PUBLIC FOR MATTERS
ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:45 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 Agreements
 - c. Consider Approval of AHP Recommendation for Expulsion Case #EH2013-14.04
 - d. Consider Approval of AHP Recommendation for Expulsion Case #EH2013-14.05
2. Personnel Matters:
 - a. Public Employment – New Hires 2013-2014
 - b. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

c. Public Employee – Leave of Absence Request

3. Negotiations:

- RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 8:50 P.M. Board President Terry Bressler reported out the Board reviewed the Out of School Suspension Report, the Inter-district Transfer Requests, the Leave Request, the AHP Panel's recommendation for Expulsion Cases #EH2013-14.04 and #EH2013-14.05 and the Liability Claim from Claimant Franklin Haberle.
- ACTION ITEM # 131424 Motion was made by Kelli Griffith-Garcia, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the Inter-district Transfer Agreement requests.
- Vote: Ayes – 4
 Noes – 0
 Absent – 1 (Bransford)
- ACTION ITEM #131425 Motion was made by Kelli Griffith-Garcia, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the AHP's Recommendation for Expulsion Case #EH 2013-14.04.
- Vote: Ayes – 4
 Noes – 0
 Absent – 1 (Bransford)
- ACTION ITEM #131426 Motion was made by Kelli Griffith-Garcia, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the AHP's Recommendation for Expulsion Case #EH 2013-14.05.
- Vote: Ayes – 4
 Noes – 0
 Absent – 1 (Bransford)
- ACTION ITEM #131427 Motion was made by Charles Yerxa, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to deny the extended leave request made by Becky Wolf.
- Vote: Ayes – 4
 Noes – 0
 Absent – 1 (Bransford)
- ACTION ITEM #131428 Motion was made by Lincoln Forry, seconded by Charles Yerxa to deny the Liability Claim from Claimant: Franklin Haberle.
- Vote: Ayes – 4
 Noes – 0
 Absent – 1 (Bransford)
- ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Lyttle, Executive Administrative Assistant

APPROVED BY:
