

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street
Colusa, CA 95932

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

August 17, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

- CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Colusa Unified School District Conference Room by Board President Charles Yerxa, and established a quorum was present. Attending were Charles Yerxa, Terry Bressler, Cindy Steidlmayer, Don Bransford, and Lincoln Forry. Also in attendance were Larry Yeghoian, District Superintendent; School Administrators Dave Tarr, Jody Johnston and Dave McGrath; and Business Manager Sheryl Bailey.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Board Member Terry Bressler led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- HEARING OF PUBLIC Pam Giuliano expressed her views on reintroducing magazine sales as a 6th grade fundraiser. She wanted to reiterate the fact that the fundraiser had been a big money maker in the past that did not generate a great amount of work for students and staff. Due to the budget woes, she thought it was a good time to bring it back to help the students raise funds to go to Shady Creek Environmental Camp. The Board thanked her for her input.
- PRESIDENT’S REPORT President Yerxa introduced a new monthly item he wanted on the Agenda, “Board of Trustee Time”. He stated he wanted Board Members to have an opportunity to bring up points of discussion or items for future agendas.
- BOARD OF TRUSTEE TIME President Yerxa stated he had a personal goal for the remainder of his term as Board President and Member. This goal being to raise test scores throughout the district.
Cindy Steidlmayer said she was glad to be back to school after a very quick summer.
- SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
 - Mr. Yeghoian stated in his Report of the District Superintendent there was no significant movement on the State Budget to report. He reported due to the recently passed Federal Education Jobs bill California will receive approximately 1.2 billion dollars to rehire school site staff and eliminate or reduce furlough days. CUSD’s share is \$200 per ADA (approx. \$260,000).
 - Mr. Yeghoian reported the district is in the process of establishing a new website. Consequently the website is “under construction” and will be fully functional as soon as possible. Board Members requested a Calendar of Events on the homepage that has all activities in the district.
 - Mr. Yeghoian reported enrollments are up at all school sites.
- CEA REPORT Pam Giuliano said teachers had received the information on the CVT insurance rate increase. Since teachers cannot opt out of paying insurance premiums, some teachers are looking at the lowest premiums possible.

CSEA REPORT

Rosemary Hicks said classified personnel are dealing with the new CVT rate increase.

ACTION ITEM #101101

Mr. Yeghoian explained why the Local Educational Agency (LEA) Plan needs to be revised and adopted. He stated this Plan is a working document since student data is constantly being updated and validated, so accuracy checks and reporting are ongoing activities. The LEA Plan is designed to incorporate elements from each site's Single School Plan for Student Achievement into one document.

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Lincoln Forry to adopt the 2010-11 Local Education Agency Plan Revision.

Vote: Unanimous

INFORMATION:
BURCHFIELD PRIMARY
SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT
STATUS

Mr. Yeghoian explained the Open Enrollment Act to the Board. He stated on July 15, 2010 the State Board of Education adopted emergency regulations to implement the Open Enrollment Act that was passed earlier in the year as part of California's application for Race to the Top funds. It requires the Supt. of Public Instruction to identify California's 1,000 lowest achieving schools after applying certain provisions of the law. The school's API was used as the qualifying factor. Because of their test scores Burchfield Primary School fell under this Act. This means BPS parents have the opportunity to transfer their students to another school with a higher API without board denial. This transfer option is open until December 31, 2010. Burchfield Primary is required to notify their parents by September 15, 2010 of the option to transfer. The state will annually determine the list of Open Enrollment Schools based on the prior year's testing results. The state is holding a public hearing on these emergency regulations on September 14, 2010 and will issue permanent regulations after considering input, but qualifying districts have been advised to follow the September 15th notification deadline

2009-10 CAFETERIA REPORT

Sheryl Bailey, Business Manager, announced the cafeteria made a profit of approximately \$20,000 at the end of the 2009-10 year. She stated Colusa was the only district in Colusa county that received money from a Federal equipment grant that totaled \$14,000.

CONSENT AGENDA
ACTION ITEM #101102

Charles Yerxa asked to have item G.1.a. pulled from the agenda to correct the minutes of June 22, 2010. The minutes state that his son Cyrus went to Vietnam with him and it was his other son Wilson that actually went.

Motion was made by Cindy Steidlmayer, seconded by Don Bransford to approve the Consent Agenda with exception.

Consent Agenda: Regular and Customary Business Items:

- a. Approve Minutes of June 22, 2010 Regular Meeting
- b. Approve Minutes of June 23, 2010 Special Meeting
- c. July and August Payroll
- d. Personnel Assignment Order 2010-11 #1

- e. July and August Warrants: 2009-10 Batch #47 & 48, 2010-11 #1-5
- f. July and August Financial Statements
- g. Approve 2009-10 Developer Fee Report
- h. Adopt Resolution #2010-11.01 Federal Child Nutrition Revenues Funds and PERS Reduction
- i. Approve Williams Uniform Complaint Procedure Quarterly Report for April 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010

Vote: Unanimous

HEARING OF PUBLIC FOR
MATTERS ON CLOSED SESSION
AGENDA

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 6:50 p.m. to consider and/or take action upon any of the following items:

- 1. Student Matters:
 - a. Inter-District Transfer Requests
- 2. Personnel Matters:
 - a. Public Employment – New Hires 2010-11
 - b. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
- 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.)

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED
SESSION

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 8:05 P.M. Board President Charles Yerxa reported out the Board reviewed the Inter-district Transfer Agreements.

ACTION ITEM # 101103

Motion was made by Cindy Steidlmayer, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve the Inter-district Transfer Agreement requests.

Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Lyttle
Executive Administrative Assistant

APPROVED BY:
