

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street
Colusa, CA 95932

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

June 25, 2013

CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the CUSD Conference Room by Board President Terry Bressler, and established a quorum was present. Attending were Kelli Griffith-Garcia, Don Bransford, and Terry Bressler. Lincoln Forry and Charles Yerxa were absent. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dwayne Newman, Principals Johnston, Tarr and Brown, Business Manager Sheryl Bailey, staff, students and parents.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Ryan Copeland led the Pledge of Allegiance.
HEARING OF THE PUBLIC	Pam Giuliano handed out copies of this year's 6 th grade publication of the "HAWK'S EYE" to the school board.
STUDENT'S REPORT	Home School student Ryan Copeland gave a report to the Board on tablet implementation in the classroom as a culmination of his senior project.
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	None
BOARD OF TRUSTEE TIME	None
LEADERSHIP REPORT(S)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Improving Achievement (standing item): Mr. Newman handed out Volume 1 of his newsletter "Focusing on Improvement" to the Board and audience. He said this is a first in a series of publications that will be available to the public and staff in the future.◆ STAR Report: Mr. Newman reported the state had released early information on the STAR testing this year which he has put into a graph describing the number of students at each performance score, by subject. The remainder of the information will be distributed in August. He said so far the data is encouraging.◆ Budget (standing item): SELPA/Education Village Budget Issues: Mr. Newman reported CCOE voted to adopt the amended SELPA budget, which means no increase in staff transportation costs, maintenance and utility costs. Mr. Newman said this was a big 'win' for our district in terms of efficient utilization of our resources. CCOE will meet Thursday to adopt the final SELPA budget of the year, which will be the modified budget. Special Ed. is scheduled to move all of their departments to the Education Village on July 1. The County will absorb extra costs for 1 year. Terry Bressler and Don Bransford would like Dwayne, and other district superintendents, along with County Superintendent Kay Spurgeon, to rewrite the SELPA agreement.

Management items (standing item): Mr. Newman provided a list of board meeting dates to the board and administration for the 2013-14 school year. We will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of the month except in February and June due to the February week off and approving a budget in June. The meetings will continue to start at 6 p.m. with the exception of the August 20, 2013 meeting which will be a reception for the new teachers and will start at 4 p.m. The March 18, 2014 meeting will start at 4 p.m. for the tenured teacher reception.

Modernization Bond: Mr. Newman spoke with Fred Yeager, from the California Dept. of Ed. Schools Facilities Division. Mr. Yeager suggested that if we are going to pursue a modernization bond we first hire a financial advisor or a finance/bond underwriter. Mr. Newman said he would like to go with a financial advisor instead of an underwriter. His experience has shown him the financial advisor focuses on the whole picture. Once we've settled on the financial advisor we need to reach out to the County Office of Ed., the County Board of Supervisors and then hire a school architect. Mr. Yeager will be sending Mr. Newman more information so we can get started in the bond process. Mr. Newman asked for the Board's approval to get started with hiring a financial advisor. He stated it would cost approximately \$10,000. Sheryl Bailey added that the money can come out of the district's developer fees that have been collected over the years. The Board gave him the go-ahead.

July Board Meeting - It was the consensus of the Board not to have a July meeting.

Set Board/Leadership Workshop date: Mr. Newman would like to have a Board/Superintendent workshop in early August. He asked the board to check their calendars to see if August 6, 2013 was open. Don Bransford, Terry Bressler and Kelli Griffith-Garcia were available. We will see if the two absent members, Yerxa and Forry can attend before the date is set.

- ◆ **Enrollment (standing item):** Nothing new at this time.
- ◆ **Community Outreach (standing item):** Nothing at this time.
- ◆ **Principals:** Nothing at this time.

CEA REP'S REPORT

Pam Giuliano was very happy with the good news on the budget. She also reported CEA ratified their agreement.

CSEA REP'S REPORT

None

PUBLIC HEARING:
2013-14 BUDGET

President Bressler opened the Public Hearing for the **2013-14 Budget** at 6:45 p.m. There was no public comment at this time. The hearing closed at 6:46 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:
2013-14 COMMON CORE
IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PLAN

President Bressler opened the Public Hearing for the **2013-14 Common Core Implementation Grant Plan** at 6:47 p.m. Mr. Newman reported our district is in line to receive \$230,000 from the state funded Common Core Grant and the money needs to be spent within the next two years. This money can be used

for technology, implementation of the Common Core state standards, staff development and other related materials. Mr. Newman said this is 'one-time money' and is a wonderful opportunity for us to catch up on what we've been lacking over the past few years due to budget restraints. The expenditure of these funds has not been discussed with the board and technology committee as yet, but has been discussed with the admin. team. There will be discussions to follow before expenditures are made.

Don Bransford stated he would like this money put in the reserves so it doesn't "get lost" before spending. Sheryl Bailey will do that after the budget is approved.

ACTION ITEM #121361
ADOPT 2013-2014 BUDGET

There was a lot of discussion here, do you want me to mention any of it, or just go with the motion?

Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to adopt the 2013-2014 Budget.

Vote: Ayes – 3
Noes – 0
Absent – 2 (Forry, Yerxa)

ACTION ITEM #121362
2013-14 DECLARATION OF NEED
FOR FULLY QUALIFIED
EDUCATORS

Motion was made by Don Bransford and seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to adopt the 2013-2014 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators.

Vote: Ayes – 3
Noes – 0
Absent – 2 (Forry, Yerxa)

ACTION ITEM #121363
EMS WALL PROJECT BID

Motion was made by Kelli Griffith-Garcia, seconded by Don Bransford to grant the Egling Middle School wall project bid to Fletcher's Plumbing for \$23,714.

Vote: Ayes – 3
Noes – 0
Absent – 2 (Forry, Yerxa)

ACTION ITEM #121364
BP6158 E(1) FULL-TIME
INDEPENDENT STUDY
AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to approve the revision of E6158 (1) Full-Time Independent Study Agreement.

Vote: Ayes – 3
Noes – 0
Absent – 2 (Forry, Yerxa)

REPORT ON FBLA/FFA
NATIONAL CONVENTION BOARD
SUPPORT

At last month's meeting Don Bransford asked for a report on the monies CUSD has given to FBLA and FFA for trips to their National Conventions. Don thanked Sheryl for the document she provided him showing the dates and amounts the district has contributed.

ACTION #121365
DEVELOPER FEE PROPOSAL

Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Kelli Griffith-Garcia to deny the developer fee proposal from contractor Matt Simmons.

Vote: Ayes – 3
 Noes – 0
 Absent – 2 (Forry, Yerxa)

ACTION ITEM #121366
CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Kelli-Griffith Garcia to approve the Consent Agenda:

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

- a. Minutes of May 21, 2013 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Minutes of May 23, 2013 Special Board Meeting
- c. Minutes of June 17, 2013 Special Board Meeting
- d. June Payroll
- e. June Warrants: Batch #41 - 44
- f. June Financial Statements
- g. 2012-2013 Budget Revision
- h. 2012-2013 Miscellaneous Funds Budget Revision
- i. Personnel Assignment Order #2012/2013.11
- j. 4th Quarter Williams Uniform Complaint Procedure for April 1, 2013 - June 30, 2013.
- k. AB1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement
- l. 2013-14 Consolidated Application for Categorical Program Funding

Vote: Ayes – 3
 Noes – 0
 Absent – 2 (Forry, Yerxa)

HEARING OF PUBLIC FOR
MATTERS ON CLOSED SESSION
AGENDA

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:55 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 reinstatement/readmit recommendation for Expulsion Case #2011-12.21
2. Personnel Matters:
 - a. Public Employment – New Hires 2013-2014
 - b. Public Employee Resignations
3. Negotiations:
Instructions to District Negotiators

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED
SESSION

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 9:10 p.m. Board President Terry Bressler reported out the Board reviewed the Inter-district Transfer Agreements, the Out of School Suspension Report, the AHP recommendation and the ratification of the CEA Negotiated Agreement.

ACTION ITEM #121367

Motion was made by Kelli Griffith-Garcia, seconded Don Bransford to approve the Inter-district Transfer Agreements.

Vote: Ayes – 3
 Noes – 0
 Absent – 2 (Forry, Yerxa)

ACTION ITEM #121368

Motion was made by Don Bransford, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve the AHP panel’s recommendation for Expulsion Case #2011-12.21.

Vote: Ayes – 3
 Noes – 0
 Absent – 2 (Forry, Yerxa)

ACTION ITEM

The possible action to ratify the CEA negotiated agreement died for lack of a motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Lyttle,
Executive Administrative Assistant

APPROVED BY:
