

# COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

745 Tenth Street  
Colusa, CA 95932

## UNOFFICIAL MINUTES Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

November 15, 2011

6:00 P.M. Regular Board Meeting with Closed Session to Follow

### 6:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

Board President Don Bransford called the Regular School Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Terry Bressler, Lincoln Forry, Cindy Steidlmayer, Charles Yerxa and Don Bransford. Others in attendance were Superintendent Larry Yeghoian, Principals McGrath, Tarr and Johnston, Business Manager Sheryl Bailey, teachers, parents and students.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alexia Vargas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

- Daniel and Lisa Bailey addressed the Board with regards to the Colusa High School beautification project. They both commented that many man hours have gone into the project with the end result being how much nicer the school looks now. They would like to keep students focused on how good the school looks and to instill a sense of pride in them for their school, to keep it looking that way. To do that, support from the administration and management is needed. Daniel had a concern about a watering problem that caused the new flower beds in the front of the school to be flooded because the timer for the sprinklers was not set correctly. He would like that matter corrected since the beautification committee purchased many new plants that will be ruined if the problem continues.
- Jim Pingrey also spoke to the board with regards to the CHS beautification project. He too said he would like the students to have a sense of pride in their school. He stated that he is an assistant coach and would like to address the watering issue on the sports fields. He would like to request that the sprinklers be adjusted so the sports fields aren't flooded all the time.
- Cody Beckley and Ben Padilla addressed the board on behalf of the Colusa Rugby Club. They would like the board to consider lowering the use fee charge for the football field lights. Sheryl Bailey said she did a preliminary survey of surrounding schools and what they charged for the use of their football field and lights. She shared the information with the board and was instructed to do a more in-depth survey and the topic will be placed on the December agenda as an action item.

### STUDENT'S REPORT

CHS student representative MacKenzie Bressler reported on activities taking place at Colusa High School. The activities included the Dance for Cans where students have to bring canned food for entrance into the dance. The donated cans will be given to the holiday food drive. Other activities scheduled are student body elections in December and the Snowball dance on January 14, 2012.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board President Don Bransford stated the board had a fun day when they visited Egling Middle School. He commented on how nice the newly

remodeled walls between classrooms in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade wings are. Noise level in the classrooms has definitely improved..

Mr. Bransford asked the board to check their calendars to set a date for the Burchfield Primary School visit. The date selected was Tuesday, December 13, 2011.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE TIME

No comments were made.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- In his Report of the District Superintendent Larry Yeghoian reported increased a.d.a. this year which is good for the budget.
- He also shared a newspaper article about 2011 CHS graduate Diego Valdivia, who was honored recently by the Association of California School Administrators, Region 2 as a "2011 Every Student Succeeding" award winner.
- Mr. Yeghoian had planned on providing the Board with a School Facilities Needs Report at tonight's meeting, but received an incomplete report from the architect today. He stated he will complete the report and submit it at the December board meeting.
- Mr. Yeghoian asked Mr. McGrath to inform the board on the progress of the 'Junior Play' that was once an annual event at Colusa High. A few community members have requested the play be brought back to CHS. Mr. McGrath said a needs survey was conducted and 88 students were interested in having the play. During enrichment Mr. Kirkman, Jr. gave students the opportunity to sign up to participate in the play and 16 students signed up. The title of the play is "*Nightmare High School*".
- Mr. Tarr gave a report on Burchfield Primary School. He stated he will have a more in depth report for the Board during their site visit in December. He highlighted the activities students have been involved in this Fall including the corn maze and pumpkin patch at CHS. There also was a walk-a-thon that was run by the BPS parent group that raised \$6,800 to be used towards field trips, assemblies, technology and assisting with the beautification of the outside eating area. Mr. Tarr also spoke about the field trips the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders take throughout the year that incorporate Science and Social Studies into their curriculum, namely the Myers Pond fishing trip, watching the planting and harvesting of various crops and a trip to Shasta Caverns.

CEA REP'S REPORT

CEA President Pam Giuliano thanked the Board for the recent "one time" bonus for employees that will be paid at the end of November. She said the teacher group was very pleasantly surprised at the board's generous proposal during these current economic times.

CSEA REP'S REPORT

None

INFORMATION:  
MIGRANT EDUCATION

Michael Martinez from Migrant Education introduced two students, high school student Heliodoro Bautista and middle school student Yesenia Estrada who participated in the World Strides Program this summer. The students traveled to

Washington, D.C. to learn more about American history and government. When they returned they were required to write an essay about their trip and present a power point to the Governing Board of their school district describing their trip. Both students expressed a great appreciation for being able to participate in this educational program.

“GIZMOS” – MATH  
STRATEGIES – DARREN  
TOWNZEN

Darren Townzen, CHS math teacher, presented a power point on a math strategy that he is using at the high school called Gizmos. For the past 6-7 years this software program has helped his math students to understand various mathematical concepts. Over the years the annual cost for the software subscription has grown. He has received donations from community organizations and also used his district budget to purchase the software, but those funds are dwindling. He is providing this information to the board so they may approve the purchase of this software out of textbook funding in the future, if rules permit and funding is available.

ACTION #111220

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Charles Yerxa to approve the out of state travel for Colusa High School music students Alexia Vargas and Lupita Ramos to travel to New York, from February 9 – 12, 2012 to play at Carnegie Hall.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION #111221

Motion was made by Lincoln Forry, seconded by Terry Bressler to approve the Superintendent Selection Advisory Committee. The members are: Bonnie Davies, Kathie Whitesell, Myra Soto, Matt Simmons, Judith Welcome, Pam Giuliano, Tina Cremo, Gay Seaver, Jim LaGrone, Brittany Garcia (11<sup>th</sup> gr. student) and Dave Tarr.

Vote: Unanimous

CONSENT AGENDA:  
ACTION ITEM #111222

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

Consent Agenda: Regular and Customary Business Items:

- a. Minutes of October 18, 2011 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Minutes of October 18, 2011 Special Board Meeting – CHS visit
- c. Minutes of November 2, 1011 Special Board Meeting – EMS visit
- d. November Payroll
- e. November Warrants: Batch #16 - 19
- f. November Financial Statements
- g. Personnel Assignment Order #2011/12.04
- h. Approve 2011-12 1<sup>st</sup> Interim Report
- i. Approve 2011-12 General Fund Budget Revision
- j. Approve AB 1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement with CEA, CSEA & Management/Confidential Groups
- k. Adopt Resolution #2011-12.07 Agreement Between CUSD and CCOE to Operate a County Community School
- l. Adopt Resolution #2011-12.08 Agreement Between CUSD and CCOE to

Operate an Opportunity Classroom

Vote: Unanimous

HEARING OF PUBLIC FOR  
MATTERS ON CLOSED  
SESSION AGENDA

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED  
SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 7:40 p.m. to consider and/or take action upon any of the following items:

1. Student Matters:
  - a. Interdistrict Transfer Agreements
  - b. Out-of-School Suspensions
  - c. Approve AHP Recommendation for Expulsion Case #2011-12.04
  - d. Approve AHP Recommendation for Expulsion Case #2011-12.05
  - e. Approve AHP Recommendation for Expulsion Case #2011-12.06
  - f. Approve AHP Recommendation for Expulsion Case #2011-12.07
  - g. Approve AHP Recommendation for Expulsion Case #2011-12.08
  - h. Approve AHP Recommendation for Expulsion Case #2011-12.09
2. Personnel Matters:
  - a. Public Employment – New Hires 2011-2012
  - b. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
3. Negotiations:
  - a. Instructions to District Negotiators

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED  
SESSION

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 9:20 P.M. Board President Don Bransford reported out the Board reviewed the Out of School Suspensions, the Inter-district Transfer Agreements and the Recommendations for Expulsion.

ACTION ITEM #111223

Motion was made by Cindy Steidlmayer, seconded by Lincoln Forry to approve all Interdistrict Transfer Agreements.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #111224

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Lincoln Forry to approve the AHP recommendation for Expulsion Case #2011-12.04.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #111225

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Lincoln Forry to approve the AHP recommendation for Expulsion Case #2011-12.05.

Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEM #111226

Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Lincoln Forry to approve the AHP recommendation for Expulsion Case #2011-12.06.

Vote: Unanimous

- ACTION ITEM #111227      Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Lincoln Forry to approve the AHP recommendation for Expulsion Case #2011-12.07.
- Vote: Unanimous
- ACTION ITEM #111228      Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Lincoln Forry to approve the AHP recommendation for Expulsion Case #2011-12.08.
- Vote: Unanimous
- ACTION ITEM #111229      Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Lincoln Forry to approve the AHP recommendation for Expulsion Case #2011-12.09.
- Vote: Unanimous
- ACTION ITEM #111230      Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Charles Yerxa to Ratify CEA-CUSD Tentative Agreement.
- Vote: Unanimous
- ACTION ITEM #111231      Motion was made by Terry Bressler, seconded by Charles Yerxa to Ratify CSEA – CUSD Tentative Agreement.
- Vote: Unanimous
- ADJOURNMENT              The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Lyttle  
Executive Administrative Assistant

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APPROVED BY:

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