

Cottonwood Union School District

**20512 W. First Street
Cottonwood, CA 96022**

MINUTES for Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 6:30 P.M.

Regular Board Meeting, West Cottonwood Library

Members Present: Mr. Iles, Mr. Kohler, Mrs. Semingson
Members Absent: Mr. Lucero, Mr. Vazquez
Others Present: Superintendent Dr. David Alexander
Principals: Don Ray; Assistant Principal: Terri Wright
Laura Merrick, Business Manager
Staff: Five staff members were present along with approximately seventy
community members.

- 1.0 **Call Regular Meeting to Order** – Mr. Kohler called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- 2.0 **Pledge of Allegiance** – A student was called upon to lead the flag salute.
- 3.0 **Approval of Agenda**
ACTION: Mrs. Semingson moved, seconded by Mr. Iles, to approve the agenda as presented.
VOTE: Unanimous in favor
- 4.0 **Recognition (Students, Staff)/Curriculum Review –**
 - 4.1 **Star Performers – North Cottonwood** – There were seventeen students honored.
 - 4.2 **Student of the Month – West Cottonwood** – There were five students honored.
- 5.0 **Public Forum/Hearing of Persons Wishing to Address the Board** – None at this time.
- 6.0 **Consent Agenda**
 - 6.1 Review of Consent Agenda
 - 6.1.1 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for:
Regular Board Meeting held on October 20, 2015
 - 6.1.2 Approval for the following contracts for the 2015/2016 year:
Progressus Therapy – Occupational Therapy Services
 - 6.1.3 Accept Letter of Resignation from the Following:
Kayla Tatom – Instructional Assistant, **Brandy Ahlson** – Cafeteria Assistant, **Jackie McCarty** – Administrative Assistant
 - 6.2 Approval of Consent Agenda
ACTION: Mr. Iles moved, seconded by Mrs. Semingson, to approve the consent agenda as presented.
VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

7.0 Discussion/Action Items:

7.1 Approval of Commercial Warrants

ACTION: Mr. Iles moved, seconded by Mrs. Semingson, to approve the commercial warrants as presented.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

7.2 Consider Approval of the following Personnel Request Forms:

Increase SDC Instructional Assistant 3.75 to 5.75 hrs/day

Behavioral Technician

(New Job Description and Salary Schedule Included)

ACTION: Mr. Iles moved, seconded by Mrs. Semingson, to approve the Personnel Request Forms as presented.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor

7.3 Consider approval of the following Personal Service Agreements:

K-4 Music Instructor – Lyra Josefsson

After School Choir Instructors – Penny Bunt, Heather Sulzer

ACTION: Mr. Iles moved, seconded by Mrs. Semingson, to approve the Personal Service Agreements as presented.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor

7.4 Clarification of Superintendent’s Compensation.

When the board approved the raises for staff in the 2014/15 fiscal year, the Superintendent was included in the AB1200 for Administration/Psychologist/Confidential Management group. However, the specific title of “superintendent” was not specifically mentioned. For public record, Dr. Alexander requested that the board take action to note he received the 3% salary increase and 1% one time off the salary schedule amount in lieu of the 1% identified in his contract. He is requesting that the board revise his current contract to reflect the actual activity specified above.

ACTION: Mr. Iles moved, seconded by Mrs. Semingson, to amend the Superintendent’s contract as specified.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor

8.0 Informational Items:

8.1 CTA Report- none at this time.

8.2 Superintendent’s Report

8.2.1 LCAP Update – Dr. Alexander gave the board an update on the LCAP accomplishments thus far. He mentioned the leadership meetings that have been held and how they are a part of the LCAP process. A discussion between the board president and Dr. Alexander occurred concerning communication throughout the district.

8.3 Principal's Reports –

Mr. Ray talked about the Behavior Technician position and why it is needed to help fill the void left by the Psychologist's retirement last year. He mentioned cookie dough sales and the third grade assembly tomorrow night. He also shared about the success of the preschool programs at North Cottonwood. He was pleased that they are becoming part of the culture of the school. Discussion has been held about kindergarten readiness with the preschool program and they are working together to get our students as prepared as possible.

Mrs. Wright shared about the implementation of new programs in Reading and Math Intervention. She complimented the four new teachers in the fifth grade. The Veterans' Day luncheon was well attended with three WWII veterans in attendance. She complimented the office staff for decorating and organizing the luncheon. Renaissance reward is next week and there are a few of our students who are participating in the AUHSD play.

9.0 Information/Communication Items: Two items were included in the packet for information.

10.0 Governing Board Discussion and Suggested Agenda Items: None at this time.

11.0 Future Meetings:

11.1 Regular Board Meeting, **Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 6:30 p.m.** in the West Cottonwood Library, 20512 W. First Street, Cottonwood, CA 96022
(This will be the Annual Organization Meeting of the Board.)

12.0 Closed Session: The board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:42 p.m.


12.1 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957,
Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Evaluation

Public Notice of Action Taken in Closed Session

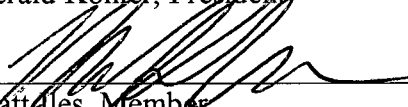
The board reconvened in Open Session and Mr. Kohler announced no action had been taken during closed session.

13.0 Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.


Approved: December 15, 2015



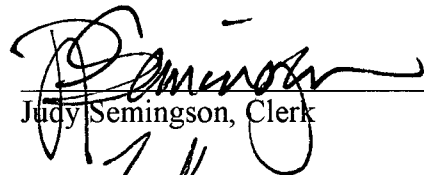
Gerald Kohler, President




Matt Ales, Member



Tom Vazquez, Member



Judy Semington, Clerk



Fred Lucero, Member