

**Cottonwood Union School District
20512 W. First Street
Cottonwood, CA 96022**

MINUTES for Tuesday, JANUARY 21, 2014, 6:30 P.M.
Regular Board Meeting, West Cottonwood Library

Members Present: Mr. Iles, Mr. Kohler, Mr. Lucero, Mr. Seale, Mr. Vazquez
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Superintendent Lowden
Principals: Doug Geren (arrived late due to coaching duties), Don Ray
Laura Merrick, Business Manager
Staff: Four staff members were present along with sixty-five community members and students.

1.0 Call Regular Meeting to Order – Mr. Iles called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Iles led the flag salute.

3.0 Approval of Agenda

ACTION: Mr. Seale moved, seconded by Mr. Vazquez, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

4.0 Recognition (Students, Staff, Curriculum Review) – Mr. Ray recognized the Star Students who were chosen by their teachers for a variety of reasons and Mr. Geren recognized the students of the quarter. Twenty-two students were present to be recognized by the board.

5.0 Public Forum/Hearing of Persons Wishing to Address the Board – Mrs. Kizer shared with the board that the kindergarten teachers were very pleased with Ms. Shammo while she filled in for Mrs. Kostelec recently. Ms. Shammo stepped in and did an outstanding job and they thought the board should know.

6.0 Consent Agenda

6.1 Review of Consent Agenda

6.1.1 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for:

Regular Board Meeting held on December 17, 2013;

6.1.2 Approval of Commercial Warrants,

6.1.3 Approval of the After School Program Renewal Application

6.2 Approval of Consent Agenda

ACTION: Mr. Seale moved, seconded by Mr. Lucero, to approve the consent agenda.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

7.0 Discussion/Action Items:

7.1 Annual Update by Mark Boyle, Director of Cottonwood Creek Charter School.

Mr. Boyle provided the annual update on the charter school to the board. He shared a handout with a historical look at the charter school since we have a few new board members. He also mentioned that there will be a celebration in April for the 75th anniversary of East Cottonwood School (building).

7.2 Consider approval of Public Disclosure of Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with Classified Staff (AB 1200).

ACTION: Mr. Lucero moved, seconded by Mr. Vazquez, to approve the Public Disclosure of Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with Classified Staff (AB 1200).

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

7.3 Consider approval of GASB 45 Actuarial Report prepared by Demsey, Filliger & Associates.

ACTION: Mr. Lucero moved, seconded by Mr. Seale, to approve the GASB 45 Actuarial Report.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

7.4 Consider approval of the Annual Audit Report for the 2012/2013 Fiscal Year for the Cottonwood Union School District.

Mr. Lowden shared that there were two findings this year. One was related to an expired teacher credential and one was due to untimely student body deposits. Both issues have been addressed through a waiver and new procedures respectively so they should not be recurring in the future.

ACTION: Mr. Seale moved, seconded by Mr. Kohler, to approve the Annual Audit Report for the 2012/2013 Fiscal Year for the Cottonwood Union School District.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

7.5 Review of the Annual Audit Report for the 2012/2013 Fiscal Year for the Cottonwood Creek Charter School.

Mr. Lowden shared that the Charter School also had a finding related to an expired teacher credential. However, the charter had obtained a waiver for half of the year from CTCC. They are still in the process of working with CDE to see if any other waivers are possible, but are facing a \$63,000 penalty if not. The charter board is aware of this matter as well.

7.6 Discussion of Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).

Two short videos were shown at this time. Mr. Lowden led a discussion about the 8 State Priorities and the formation of the District's LCAP.

7.7 Consider approval of Resolution #2014-1, authorizing the transfer of funds from the Cafeteria Fund to the General Fund to pay the Indirect Cost for 2012/2013.

ACTION: Mr. Seale moved, seconded by Mr. Kohler, to approve Resolution #2014-1 authorizing the transfer of funds from the Cafeteria Fund to the General Fund to pay the Indirect Cost for 2012/2013.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

8.0 Informational Items:

8.1 CTA Report: Mrs. White shared the teachers appreciate the Language Arts curriculum but are concerned about training for staff. She said they are looking forward to the Math Adoption in the future.

8.2 Superintendent's Report: Mr. Lowden reported on 1) training next week on Common Core for staff. West Cottonwood will begin training in February, 2) He mentioned changes that will be coming for teaching in Common Core (groups, integrated subjects), 3) Smarter Balance tests will replace STAR tests next year, and 4) new concrete has been poured at West.

8.3 Principal's Report:

Mr. Ray reported on 1) Mrs. Kostelec's return to school and Ms. Shammo's, work as her substitute 2) new Math curriculum, and 3) he was happy to be back to work after his knee surgery over the break.

Mr. Geren reported on 1) report cards going home this week, 2) King's night is this week in Sacramento, 3) Sports update, 4) Father-Daughter Dance, 5) Invasion day at West Valley last week, 6) New Tech will be here tomorrow, 7) locker room odor has been fixed.

9.0 Information/Communication Items: Two items were included for information only.

10.0 **Governing Board Discussion Items:** Mr. Lucero inquired about career tech and whether we could participate. He also asked if the transportation shortage of drivers had been cleared up.

11.0 **Future Meetings:**

11.1 Regular Board meeting, **Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 6:30 p.m.** in the West Cottonwood School Library, 20512 W. First Street, Cottonwood, CA 96022.

12.0 **Closed Session: Adjournment to Closed Session at 8:07 p.m. to consider and/or take action upon the following items:**

12.1 **Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957,
Public Employee Appointment/Employment - Superintendent**

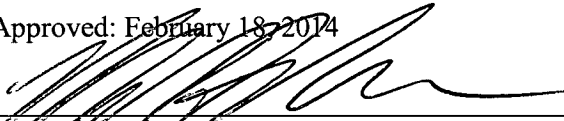
The board reconvened in Open Session at 8:35 p.m.

Public Notice of Action Taken in Closed Session

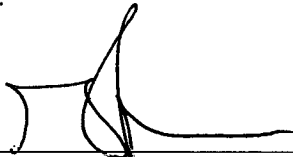
Mr. Iles announced that no action took place in Closed Session.

13.0 **Adjournment** – the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.


Approved: February 18, 2014



Matt Iles, President

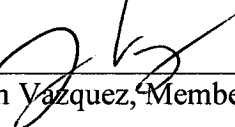


Gerald Kohler, Clerk



Fred Lucero, Member

James Seale, Member



Tom Vazquez, Member