

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

**MINUTES for Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 6:30 P.M.**  
Regular Board Meeting, West Cottonwood Library and Zoom

Members Present        Mrs Cordova, Mr Iles, Mrs McDougall, Mrs Sulzer  
Members Absent        Mr Vazquez  
Others Present        Superintendent Doug Geren  
                                 Principals Cecile LaMar, Terri Wright  
                                 Laura Merrick, CBO  
                                 Becky Bragg, Administrative Assistant  
                                 Staff and Community    Approximately 40 staff and community members were  
                                 present in person and on Zoom

**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** led by Mr Iles

**3.0     Approval of Agenda**

**ACTION:** Mrs McDougall moved, seconded by Mrs Cordova, to approve the agenda as presented

**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor

**4.0     Recognition (Students, Staff, Curriculum)/Curriculum Review –**

Tom Vazquez- CWUSD Board Member from 1999-2020

**5.0     Public Forum/Hearing of Persons Wishing to Address the Board**

Six parents addressed the board about their personal experiences with distance learning and the struggle that it is for students and parents They all expressed that school is the best place for children to learn and what is best for their social and emotional needs All parents that addressed the board asked that school be kept open as much as possible for the best interest of kids in the Cottonwood Community

**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, 2020  
          Special Board Meeting held on October 27, 2020

6 1 2    Accept Letter of Resignation from **Anna Traetz-** Instructional Assistant

6 2     Approval of Consent Agenda

**ACTION:** Mrs Cordova moved, seconded by Mrs McDougall, to approve the Consent Agenda

**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor

**7.0     Discussion/Action Items:**

**7.1     Administer Oath of Office to Matt Iles and James O'Brien- Appointment in Lieu of Election.**

Oath of Office administered to Matt Iles and James O'Brien by the Superintendent

**7.2     Consider approval of the Commercial Warrants.**

**ACTION:** Mrs Cordova moved, seconded by Mrs McDougall, to approve the Commercial Warrants

**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor

**7.3 Consider approval to hire the following positions:**

**Preschool Instructional Assistant 5hrs/day**

**Special Education Instructional Assistant up to 5.75 hrs/day**

**ACTION:** Mrs Cordova moved, seconded by Mrs Sulzer, to approve the Positions Preschool Instructional Assistant and Special Education Instructional Assistant

**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor

**7.4 Consider Approval: Board Policies/ Administrative Regulations**

**BP/E 3555- Nutrition Program Compliance**

**BP/AR 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9- Employee Notification**

**BP/AR 5145.3- Nondiscrimination/ Harassment**

**BP/AR 6020- Parent Involvement**

**BP/AR 6115- Ceremonies and Observances**

**ACTION:** Mrs McDougall moved, seconded by Mrs Cordova, to approve the Board Policies/ Administrative Regulations

**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor

**8.0 Informational Items:**

8 1 CTA Report- **Ms. Barber** stated that teachers feel everything parents are saying and that teachers want to be in class as well But COVID numbers are high and predicted to only rise more through the holidays and she believes distance learning should continue as a proactive decision

8 2 Superintendent's Report- **No Report**

8 3 Principal's Reports-

**Mrs. LaMar** shared that North transitioned successfully to distance learning, the Preschool and SDC classroom are still operating at this time and teachers are continuing to provide after school tutoring to support students She also Shared that parent teacher conferences were held, Friday Flag has continued in the cold weather inside through the intercom system and all students were able to pick a pumpkin thanks to a donation from West Valley's FFA

**Mrs. Wright** shared that teachers do want to teach and West has transitioned into distance learning with students on google meets most of the day as they would be at school She also shared that teachers continue to tutor over Zoom and google meet and that the Ag teacher has taken the goats home for the closure

**9.0 Information/Communication Items:**

9 1 Enrollment Report

9 2 Shasta County Pooled Investment Report for September 30, 2020

**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, 2020, 6:30 p.m.** in the West Cottonwood School Library, 20512 W First Street, Cottonwood, CA 96022  
**(This will be the annual organizational meeting of the board)**


**12.0 Closed Session: Adjournment to Closed Session at 7:20 p.m. to consider and/or take action upon the following items:**

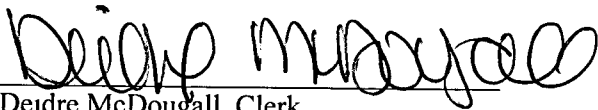
12.1 Pursuant to Government Code section 54957  
Public Employee / Discipline / Dismissal / Release

**Public Notice of Action Taken in Closed Session**

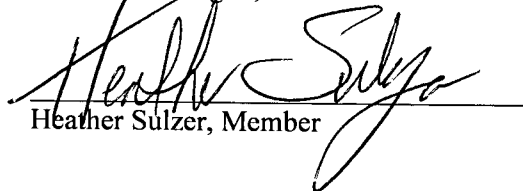
No Action Taken

**13.0 Adjournment-the meeting adjourned at 9 55 p m**

  
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Matt Iles, President

  
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Deidre McDougall, Clerk

  
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Kim Cordova, Member

  
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Heather Sulzer, Member

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Tom Vazquez, Member