

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

MINUTES for Tuesday, May 19, 2015, 6:30 P.M.
Regular Board Meeting, West Cottonwood Library

Members Present: Mr. Iles, Mr. Kohler, Mr. Lucero, Mrs. Semingson
Members Present: Mr. Vazquez – arrived at 7:00 p.m.
Others Present: Superintendent Dr. David Alexander
Principals: Don Ray - arrived at 7:15 p.m.
Doug Geren – arrived at 7:00 p.m.
Laura Merrick, Business Manager
Jackie McCarty, Administrative Assistant
Staff: Seven staff members were present along with forty community members and eighteen students.

- 1.0 Call Regular Meeting to Order** – Mr. Kohler called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- 2.0 Pledge of Allegiance** – Mr. Kohler lead the flag salute.
- 3.0 Approval of Agenda -**
ACTION: Mr. Lucero moved, seconded by Mr. Iles, to approve the agenda as presented
VOTE: Unanimous in favor
- 4.0 Recognition (Students, Staff, Curriculum)/Curriculum Review**
1 Million Word Readers– North Cottonwood, Mrs. Kizer presented– There were seven students present.
Students of the Month – West Cottonwood, Mrs. Wright presented – There were five students present.
- 5.0 Public Forum/Hearing of Persons Wishing to Address the Board –**
Mrs. McNeely represented as a parent, spoke about how Mr. Swetland has done a phenomenal job on getting the students back on track.
Mrs. Shumate stated she was offered a position at SCOE as a STEM coach and if we offered a Teacher on Special Assignment position she would be interested in coming back to help the district.
- 6.0 Consent Agenda**
 - 6.1 Review of Consent Agenda**
 - 6.1.1 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for:**
Regular Board Meeting held on April 21, 2015
Special Board Meeting held on May 7, 2015
 - 6.1.2 Approval of Commercial Warrants**
 - 6.1.3 Approval of the Following Contracts for 2015/16:**
YMCA Contract for the After-School Program at North

YMCA Contract for Preschool Program at North

6.1.4 Accept Letter of Resignation From the Following:

Kelly Billeci, Instructional Aide

Elizabeth Boyle, 2nd Grade Teacher

6.1.5 Approval to Hire:

Heather Vanderley, Multiple Subject Credentialed Teacher

Hannah McGaffee, Multiple Subject Credentialed Teacher

6.2 Approval of Consent Agenda

ACTION: Mr. Lucero moved, seconded by Mr. Iles, to approve the consent agenda as presented

VOTE: Unanimous in favor

7.0 Discussion/Action Items:

7.1 Second Reading:

BP/AR 5141.21 Administrating Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions

ACTION: Mr. Lucero moved, seconded by Mrs. Semingson, to approve the second reading of BP/AR 5141.21 Administrating Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions

VOTE: Unanimous in favor

7.2 Consider Approval of Classified Salary Schedule to Meet 1/1/16 Minimum Wage Requirements

ACTION: Mr. Lucero moved, seconded by Mr. Iles., to approve the Classified Salary Schedule to meet 1/1/16 Minimum Wage Requirements

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

7.3 Consider Approval of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement SISC-III. Medical benefits program third party administrator.

ACTION: Mrs. Semingson moved, seconded by Mr. Lucero, to approve the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement SISC-III. Medical benefits program third party administrator.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

8.0 Informational Items:

8.1 CTA Report

Mrs. White stated this is an exciting time for the district and CTA is excited to hire new teachers

8.2 Superintendent's Report

• Information: Restoring Full Day Schedule at West Cottonwood Jr. High
Dr. Alexander stated that we would be exploring the possibility of restoring to a full day schedule at West Cottonwood. West is currently short minutes for the 2015/16 school year if we use the 2014/15 bell schedule and North Cottonwood is over their minutes mandated by the state. A discussion was held about prep periods for teacher if the day is increased, the need for an additional bus route and possible an extra bus for electives during the afterschool program.

- Update: 7/11 Committee

Dr. Alexander spoke with the District's attorney, Lozano Smith, and he said one the attorneys could come and present to the board about the 7-11 committee. Dr. Alexander also shared that the committee is an advisory group. To get community and staff involvement a letter would go out and invite them to be a part of the committee. Surplusing the property takes approx. 180 days if expediting the process.

8.3 Principal's Reports

Mr. Ray spoke about math night and thanked Mrs. Shumate for putting on a great event. However, due to the postponed date not a great turn out as previous years and that the event will move back to the winter next year. Rodeo bbq was a great success and had over 120 adults that joined in the event. Approx. 104 students took part in earning a Six Flags ticket upon turning in reading logs. Upcoming event- Nutrition Olympics. 23 students in the Million Word reading club, 100,000 for 1st graders, 200,000 for 2nd graders. Open house Thursday, May 21st, CFES had a hotdog dinner fundraiser and library had a book fair. Kindergarten graduation to take place on June 3rd in two sessions

Mr. Geren spoke about the new marquee sign that arrived and that he attended the All Star breakfast with a few students from West Cottonwood. SunSplash trip for 7th and 8th grade is May 20th and they are finishing up their testing soon. Doug is to report back to the board on local businessmen ie. Shasta Builders Exchange, on hands on electives for students. He also stated that three students beat a few of the school track records and a new shot put and discus record was set

9.0 Information/Communication Items:

- 9.1 Shasta County Public Works Letter Re: Sewer Fee Increase
- 9.2 Shasta County Pooled Investment Report for March 2015 and April 2015

10.0 Governing Board Discussion and Suggested Agenda Items:

None at this time.

11.0 Future Meetings:

- 11.1 Regular Board Meeting, **Tuesday, June 16, 2015, 6:30 p.m.** in the West Cottonwood School Library, 20512 W. First Street, Cottonwood, CA 96022
- Special Board Meeting, **Tuesday, June 23, 2015, 6:30 p.m.** in the West Cottonwood Library, 20512 W. First Street, Cottonwood, CA 96022

12.0 Closed Session: Adjournment to Closed Session at 7:35 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/Evaluation

Public Notice of Action Taken in Closed Session

- 12.1 **Action:** Mr. Lucero moved, seconded by Mr. Iles to approve Superintendent to

create an MOU with teacher, ID # (480026) for a leave of absence with a clause that teacher may return if there was an open position upon completion of leave of absence.


Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Action: Mr. Vazquez moved, seconded by Mr. Lucero to approve leave of absence for teacher, ID # (480227) for 2015/2016 school year.


Vote: Unanimous in favor.

13.0 Adjournment- the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Approved: June 16, 2015



Gerald Kohler, President



Matt Hes, Member



Judy Semingson, Clerk



Fred Lucero, Member

Tom Vazquez, Member