

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

MINUTES for Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 6:30 P.M.
Regular Board Meeting, West Cottonwood Library

Members Present: Mr. Iles, Mr. Kohler, Mr. Lucero, Mrs. Semingson
Members Absent: Mr. Vazquez
Others Present: Superintendent Dr. David Alexander
Principals: Don Ray
Doug Geren
Laura Merrick, Business Manager
Jackie McCarty, Administrative Assistant
Staff: Six staff members were present along with forty-five 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 appointed Crystal Cordova, a student from West Cottonwood to lead the flag salute.
- 3.0 Approval of Agenda -**
ACTION: Mrs. Semingson moved, seconded by Mr. Lucero, to approve the agenda as presented
VOTE: Unanimous in favor
- 4.0 Recognition (Students, Staff, Curriculum)/Curriculum Review**
Star Performers – North Cottonwood – There were fourteen students present.
Students of the Month – West Cottonwood – There were four students present.
- 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 March 17, 2015
 - 6.1.2 Approval of Commercial Warrants
 - 6.1.3 Approval of the following contracts for the 2014/15 Fiscal Year:
Contract with SCOE for Special Education Transportation
 - 6.1.4 Approval to Hire: **Laura Walker**, Multiple Subject Credentialed Teacher
Jennifer Melton, Resource Specialist 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 Discussion of Status of Valedictorian Board** – Mrs. Semingson stated that the valedictorian board had not been updated since 2012. Mr. Geren would like to make the board twice as big and make all the name plaques the same size and style. There is money to complete this project and Mrs. Semingson has a parent that would like to help. Mr. Geren and Mrs. Semingson will work together to complete this project.
- 7.2 Update on Unpaid Cafeteria Breakfast/Lunch Charges** – Currently we have \$5200 in unpaid lunch charges and only 103 students since January have been offered a cheese sandwich. Parents who complete the lunch application believe that it's retroactive to the start of the year. A notice will be sent home at the beginning of school to better facilitate the process for the 15/16 school year.
- 7.3 Discussion of East Cottonwood Campus** – A surplus of portables are currently on East campus. Enterprise School district is interested in purchasing three or four of them providing that we have the plans. If the buildings still have tags they can be moved and each one will cost approx. \$12,000 each. The District will check the requirements to move the portables. A conversation was held about the expansion of North and if a plan was created. A consensus was to create a committee and create a master plan about the growth of North and West. The committee must have between seven and eleven members. **ACTION:** Board members elected to have a special board meeting on May 7, 2015 to discuss the future development of Cottonwood Union School District.
- 7.4 Consider Approval of Resolution # 2015-2 Countywide Plan for Expelled and SARB'ed Youth in Shasta County for 2015-2018**
ACTION: Mr. Lucero moved, seconded by Mr. Iles, to approve of Resolution # 2015-2 Countywide Plan for Expelled and SARB'ed Youth in Shasta County for 2015-2018
VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- 7.5 Consider Approval of 2015/16 School Calendar**
ACTION: Mr. Iles moved, seconded by Mr. Lucero, to approve the 2015/16 School Calendar
VOTE: Ayes 3, Noes 0, Abstain 1 (Semingson). Motion passed.
- 7.6 LCAP Update of Goals, Action and Expenditures** –Reviewed LCAP suggested goals with actions and expenditures and approximate total cost for each goal. Teachers want money close to students such as music/art. Discussion of PLC conference costs a lot of money for training. Professional development was tabled for the next board meeting.
- 7.7 Consider Approval of the Following Personnel Request Forms:**
Teacher on Special Assignment: Curriculum/Instruction/Intervention Support at

North**Assistant Principal: Curriculum/Instruction/Intervention at West****Additional Teacher at West****Maintenance Position** to 1.0 FTE (4 hours to 8 hours per day)**Additional Part Time Instructional Assistants (9)****Increase EL Inst. Asst. Support Time** to 1.0 FTE (5.75 hours to 8 hours per day)**Increase RST (unfilled)** to 1.0 FTE (0.5 FTE to 1.0 FTE)**ACTION:** Mrs. Semingson moved, seconded by Mr. Lucero, to approve the personnel actions as requested**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.**7.8 First Reading:****BP/AR 5141.21 Administrating Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions****7.9 Discussion of Need for Monthly Report from Cottonwood Creek Charter School**

A discussion was proposed about Cottonwood Creek Charter School and reporting to the board monthly at the board meetings. A consensus was determined to invite them report quarterly.

8.0 Informational Items:**8.1 CTA Report**

Mrs. White spoke briefly about the Golden Handshake and asked if Dr. Alexander would post the open positions in a timely manner. This would allow people to shuffle in-house first. She also extended an invite to the board members to see her musical performance for the 5th grade.

8.2 Superintendent's Report

Preschool Update –

YMCA has enough interest to move forward with the preschool and they want to help create a summer program as well. Dr. Alexander is impressed with new curriculum and much work has been done and is thankful to work with such a great community.

8.3 Principal's Reports

Mr. Ray shared that Math night is April 23rd starting at 5pm for K- 1st and 5:30 for 2nd – 6th and he invited the board to attend. Visual and performing arts program put on a performance of Peter Pan for Star performers. There has also been a big push to read with over (14) million word readers and (1) 2 million word reader. Chico job fair was a good time to meet new prospective teachers. Also, working on projecting smart goals for the four different LCAP goals. June 3rd will be North's kindergarten graduation with 2 different sessions. Both Mrs. Semingson and Mr. Kohler will attend both sessions to present certificates.

Mr. Geren shared that baseball lost 2 games this season. Softball picked up at the end and track is off and rolling. He also invited board members to come help on Friday afternoons. Renaissance trip went to Viking Skate. Math testing starts on April 22nd and LA starts April 27th. During spring break, he took a trip with 51 students to Washington DC and New York, everyone had a great time. Mr. Geren

is working on Smart goals and assessments for 2015/16 school year. The marquee sign has been ordered, need to find an electrician to install. Friday, June 6th is graduation Mr. Kohler and Mrs. Semingson will be there to hand out diplomas.

9.0 Information/Communication Items:

- 9.1 Shasta County Pooled Investment Report for February 2015
- 9.2 Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints (Jan – March 2015).
- 9.3 SCOE review of Second Interim Budget dated 4/13/15

10.0 Governing Board Discussion and Suggested Agenda Items.

None at this time.

11.0 Future Meetings:

- 11.1 Special Board Meeting, **Thursday, May 7, 2015, 6:30 p.m.** in the West Cottonwood School Library, 20512 W. First Street, Cottonwood, CA 96022.
- 11.2 Regular Board Meeting, **Tuesday, May 19, 2015, 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 9:15 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
- 12.2 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, Conference with Labor Negotiator: District Negotiator: Superintendent Alexander RE: Cottonwood Teachers' Association

Public Notice of Action Taken in Closed Session


- 12.2 **ACTION:** Mr. Lucero moved, seconded by Mr. Iles moved to approve resolution 2015-3 Retirement Incentive Program
VOTE: Unanimous in favor

13.0 **Adjournment** – the meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Approved: May 19, 2015




Gerald Kohler, President




Matt Iles, Member



Tom Vazquez, Member



Judy Semingson, Clerk



Fred Lucero, Member