

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

**MINUTES for Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 6:30 P.M.**  
Regular Board Meeting, West Cottonwood Library

Members Present: Mr. Iles, Mr. Kohler, Mr. Lucero, Mrs. Semingson, Mr. Vazquez  
Members Absent: None  
Others Present: Superintendent Dr. David Alexander  
Principals: Don Ray  
Laura Merrick, Business Manager  
Jackie McCarty, Administrative Assistant  
Staff: Four staff members were present along with seventy-two community members and twenty-one students.

**The board will meet in Closed Session at 6:00 p.m.** The regular meeting will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m. after Closed Session is over.

- CS 1.0 **Call meeting to order** - Mr. Kohler called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
CS 2.0 **Public Forum/Hearing of Persons Wishing to Address the Board regarding any matter to be conducted during Closed Session.** (Govt. Code Section 54954.3)  
There were no public comments at this time on the Closed Session Agenda Items.  
CS 3.0 **Closed Session:**  
**The board will meet in closed session to consider and/or and take possible action on:**  
CS 3.1 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6,  
Conference with Labor Negotiator: District Negotiator: Superintendent Dr. Alexander  
RE: Unrepresented Employees

The board met and discussed Unrepresented Employees as stated above. The closed session ended at 6:20 p.m.

- 1.0 **Call Regular Meeting to Order (6:30 p.m.)** Mr. Kohler called the regular meeting to order 6:30 p.m.

**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.

- 2.0 **Pledge of Allegiance** – Mr. Kohler led the flag salute.
- 3.0 **Approval of Agenda**  
**Action:** Mr. Lucero moved, seconded by Mr. Vazquez to approve the agenda as presented.
- 4.0 **Recognition (Students, Staff, Curriculum)/Curriculum Review –**  
**Star Performers – North Cottonwood** – There were thirteen students present.  
**Students of the Month – West Cottonwood** – There were eight 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 February 17, 2015
- 6.1.2 Approval of Commercial Warrants
- 6.1.3 Approval to Hire **Liz Clark** – Attendance Clerk @ West
- 6.1.4 Consider approval of the following contract for the 2015/2016 school year  
**School Innovations and Achievement** – mandated reimbursements program

**6.2 Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor

**7.0 Discussion/Action Items:**

**7.1 Board members to complete Statement of Economic Interest Forms. (Due to District Office by April 1). The Form 700 and Reference Pamphlet are available for download at <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.php?id=500> This was a reminder that forms are due to the District Office by April 1. Four members turned in their forms at this time.**

**7.2 Consider approval of Cottonwood Creek Charter School renewal petition.** Dr. Alexander went to Cottonwood Creek Charter School board meeting and discussed ways to increase communication between the two agencies. Discussion of maximum capacity; parents and board want school to stay small. Cottonwood Creek is hiring 1 teacher for the 2015/16 school year, this will give one teacher per grade level. Incoming students will be randomly drawn from a lottery for open spaces. Cottonwood Creek Charter has meet the requirements for state renewal.

**ACTION:** Mr. Lucero moved, seconded by Mr. Vazquez, to approve the Cottonwood Creek Charter renewal petition.

**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

**7.3 Second Interim for the 2014/2015 fiscal year.**

Mrs. Merrick presented the Second Interim report to the board. In her presentation she covered the changes to the district's budget since the First Interim report was prepared. The district's enrollment/ADA have remained fairly consistent so far this year. The district is projecting a surplus of \$16,661. The district's ending fund balance is projected to be \$2,739,440 with a projected cash balance of \$2,491,043. Mrs. Merrick explained the GAP percentages that were used in the multi-year projections which are the same as School Services of California. They are more conservative than the DOF recommendations. The multi-year projections show surpluses for the current year and two subsequent years. Worksheets were provided to show changes that were made to the multi-year from year to year; both revenue and expenditure changes were listed. The SACS report was also provided in the packet. The district has a **positive certification** at this time.

**ACTION:** Mr. Lucero moved, seconded by Mr. Vazquez, to approve the Second Interim for the 2014/2015 fiscal year.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

**7.4 Consider approval of Public Disclosure of Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with CTA (AB 1200).**

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

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

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

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

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

**7.6 Consider approval of Public Disclosure of Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with Unrepresented Admin/Psych/Confidential Management (AB 1200).**

ACTION: Mrs. Semingson moved, seconded by Mr. Vazquez, to approve of Public Disclosure of Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with Unrepresented Admin/Psych/Confidential Management (AB 1200).

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

**7.7 Discussion and approval of Substitute Teacher rate beginning 2015-2016.**

Sub rate is currently \$90 a day and long term is \$110 a day. Increase to \$120 a day and long term to \$150 a day.

ACTION: Mr. Lucero moved, seconded by Mrs. Semingson, to approve the Substitute Teacher rate beginning 2015-2016.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

**8.0 Informational Items:**

**8.1 CTA Report –**

Mrs. Boilon stated that the golden handshake is going round the county and we may want to consider. She thinks that maybe five teachers out of our district may be interested. A short explanation of the golden handshake was given by Mrs. Merrick.

**8.2 Superintendent's Report**

**Preschool Update –**

YMCA preschool meeting on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> to walk the site to see the needs and best placement. The kids will tie in with North and bring a financial benefit with continued enrollment.

LCAP Update- Explanation of new/revised goals and facility needs. Next step is to prioritize and make a three year plan.

**8.3 Principal's Reports –**

Mr. Ray shared that Dr. Seuss day had a huge turnout and they had green eggs and ham for breakfast.

Math night was moved to the end of April.

First grade assessment data was collected

North reached their first 2 million word reader this year

North participated in Public Schools Week with a bulletin board and slide show put together by Mrs. Boss.

March 19th principal for a day is Kyle Haas, owner of Anderson River Crossfit. Thanked district for Superintendents Academy – just finished! Networking was opened with others.

Math task force – hope to develop consistency in math curriculum for all (elementary through high school)

**9.0 Information/Communication Items:**

9.1 Invitation from Healthy Shasta - March 26, 2015.

**10.0 Governing Board Discussion and Suggested Agenda Items.**

None at this time.

**11.0 Future Meetings:**

11.1 Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 21, 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 7:57 p.m. to consider and/or take action upon the following items:**

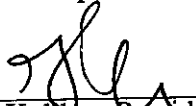
12.1 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

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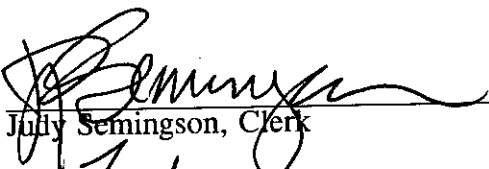
13.0 **Adjournment** – the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.


Approved: April 21, 2015

  
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Gerald Kohler, President

  
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Matt Hes, Member

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Tom Vazquez, Member

  
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Judy Semington, Clerk

  
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Fred Lucero, Member