

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

MINUTES for Tuesday, December 15, 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: Doug Geren, Don Ray;
Laura Merrick, Business Manager
Staff: Six staff members were present along with approximately eighty community members. Mr. Boyle, Charter School Director, was also present.

- 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: Mrs. Semingson moved, seconded by Mr. Vazquez, to approve the agenda as presented.
VOTE: Unanimous in favor
- 4.0 **Recognition (Students, Staff)/Curriculum Review** –
 - 4.1 **Star Performers – North Cottonwood** – There were fifteen students honored.
 - 4.2 **Students of the Month – West Cottonwood** – No students were present tonight.
- 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 November 17, 2015
 - 6.1.2 Presentation of Sunshine Notices from CTA and District
 - 6.2 Approval of Consent Agenda
ACTION: Mr. Vazquez moved, seconded by Mr. Lucero, to approve the consent agenda as presented.
VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- 7.0 **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - 7.1 **Consider approval of the Commercial Warrants.**
ACTION: Mr. Vazquez moved, seconded by Mr. Lucero, to approve the commercial warrants as presented.
VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

- 7.2 Consider approval of Resolution #2015-12, regarding accounting of Developer Fees for the 2014/2015 School Year.**
ACTION: Mr. Lucero moved, seconded by Mr. Vazquez, to approve the Resolution #2015-12.
VOTE: Unanimous in favor
- 7.3 Organizational Meeting**
A. Election of Board President and Clerk
Mr. Iles nominated Mrs. Semingson as President of the Board.
Mr. Lucero nominated Mr. Vazquez as Clerk of the Board.
VOTE: The motions were approved unanimously in favor.
- B. Approve Resolution #2015-13 establishing day, time, and place for regular Board Meetings.**
ACTION: Mr. Vazquez moved, seconded by Mr. Lucero, to approve Resolution #2015-13.
VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- 7.4 First Interim Report for 2015/2016**
Mrs. Merrick presented the First Interim Report to the board highlighting changes that have been made since the budget was adopted in June, 2015. Major changes included the addition of Educator Effectiveness and one-time Mandated Cost revenues totaling approximately \$500,000. A five year multi-year projection was prepared to show the impact of the increase in STRS/PERS and the Cottonwood Creek Charter School's intent to withdraw and become their own LEA for Special Education services. The special education program withdrawal equates to a reduction of approximately \$175,000 from the district's budget. The district will no longer be responsible for the charter school's special ed students; however, the funding from the charter school will not be available to service our special education caseload either. The district is projecting to begin deficit spending in the future years due to the reduced revenue and increased costs so Mrs. Merrick wanted the board to have their first glimpse at this time. The district has a positive certification for this interim report.
ACTION: Mrs. Semingson moved, seconded by Mr. Vazquez, to approve the First Interim Report for 2015/2016.
VOTE: Unanimous in favor
- 7.5 First Interim Report for 2015/2016 for the Cottonwood Creek Charter School.**
The Cottonwood Creek Charter School's First Interim Budget was provided to the board for their review as the district has oversight responsibility for the charter school. The report was already presented to the charter school's board for their approval yesterday.

- 7.6 **Presentation of the Educator Effectiveness Funding Plan.** These funds can be spent over a three year period during 2015/16 through 2017/18. The plan will be brought back next month for final approval. Dr. Alexander and the board held a discussion about professional development and its effectiveness. Staff provided some input on their preferences about training during the school day, summer session, after school, etc.
- 7.7 **Discussion on Board Training.**
In light of the recent inquiry from the Grand Jury about their five year old report concerning board training, a short discussion was held about training for the board. Our board members all agreed they are certainly open and would like to continue to see the CSBA workshops. The district will continue to provide information to the board on proposed training possibilities.
- 8.0 **Informational Items:**
- 8.1 **CTA Report-** Ms. Andrews shared that official negotiations have begun. The second meeting will be held in January as a follow up.
- 8.2 **Superintendent's Report**
LCAP Update – Dr. Alexander reminded the board that the mid-year study session will be held next month. We will review the district's three goals and break out into groups similar to last year's format. This gives our stakeholders (community) an opportunity to provide their input and suggestions for the district's goals. Dr. Alexander talked about combining the LCAP and LEAP plan so the same goals are addressed in both plans.
ESSA – Dr. Alexander mentioned that this program was just signed into existence on 12/10/15 by the President. More information will be shared with the board as it becomes available.
- 8.3 **Principal's Reports –**
Mr. Ray reported on the kindergarten Christmas programs, intervention testing, Failure Free Reading program, local community food drive and dress a child program, backpack program through Cottonwood Drug, and facility updates. Kids are doing well at North Cottonwood – Happy Holidays!

Mr. Geren reported on the basketball tournaments and season for both boys and girls, student of the month assemblies, val/sal board update, testing, calendars being sent to the board, choir and dance program coming through after school program, and facilities update.
- 9.0 **Information/Communication Items:** The board inquired about responses to our request to form a 7-11 committee.
- 10.0 **Governing Board Discussion and Suggested Agenda Items:** The board requested a presentation from William McCoy and the "All Clear" program at a future meeting.

11.0 Future Meetings:

- 11.1 Regular Board Meeting, **Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 6:30 p.m.** in the North Cottonwood School Cafeteria.
(This will be the Mid-Year Study Session of the Board.)

12.0 Closed Session: The board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:20 p.m.

- 12.1 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6,
Conference with Labor Negotiator: District Negotiator: Superintendent Alexander
- 12.2 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957,
Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Evaluation

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.

13.0 Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Approved: January 19, 2016

Judy Semingson, President

Matt Iles, Member

Tom Valquez, Clerk

Gerald Kohler, Member

Vacant Member