

Cottonwood Union School District

**20512 W. First Street
Cottonwood, CA 96022**

MINUTES for Tuesday, September 15, 2015, 6:30 P.M.

Regular Board Meeting, West Cottonwood Library

Members Present: Mr. Lucero, Mrs. Semingson, Mr. Vazquez
Members Absent: Mr. Iles, Mr. Kohler
Others Present: Superintendent Dr. David Alexander
Principals: Doug Geren, Don Ray
Laura Merrick, Business Manager
Jackie McCarty, Administrative Assistant
Staff: Four staff members were present along with seventy community members.

- 1.0 **Call Regular Meeting to Order** – Mrs. Semingson called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- 2.0 **Pledge of Allegiance** – Mrs. Semingson lead the flag salute.
- 3.0 **Approval of Agenda -**
ACTION: Mr. Lucero 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 nineteen students present.
 - 4.2 **District Priority: North Cottonwood Presentation presented by Don Ray, Principal** – Mr. Ray provided a presentation on North Cottonwood Schools Continuous School Improvement Plan, data results, new goals and current plans. Emphasis was given on the successful launch of North Cottonwood’s Intervention for All plans.
- 5.0 **Public Forum/Hearing of Persons Wishing to Address the Board**
Mrs. Struble inquired about storage in the multi-purpose room.
- 6.0 **Consent Agenda**
 - 6.1 **Review of Consent Agenda**
 - 6.1.1 **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for:**
Regular Board Meeting held on August 18, 2015
 - 6.1.2 **Approval for the following contracts for the 2015/2016 year:**
American Health & Safety Training – Annual Medical Direction/Physician Agreement
PresenceLearning Consulting Services Agreement – Speech Services
YMCA Preschool Food Service
CSM Consulting Inc. – E-rate Services
 - 6.1.3 **Approval to Hire:**

Thomas Turner – Psychologist, **Brandee Ahlson** – Cafeteria Assistant,
Brittany Young – Instructional Assistants, **Rebecca Tweedy** - District
Nurse

6.2 Approval of Consent Agenda

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

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

7.0 **Discussion/Action Items:**

7.1 **Approval of Commercial Warrants**

ACTION: Mr. Lucero moved, seconded by Mr. Vazquez, to approve the commercial warrants as presented.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

7.2 **Public Hearing** - persons wishing to address the Board regarding sufficient/insufficient pupil textbooks/instructional materials. Consider adoption of **Resolution #2015-8**, specifying that each pupil within the school district has or will have, prior to the end of the fiscal year, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials in each subject area that are consistent with the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board.

Mrs. Semingson opened the public hearing and asked if there were any comments from the public on this matter. There were no public comments at this time.

ACTION: Mr. Vazquez moved, seconded by Mr. Lucero, to approve Resolution #2015-8.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

7.3 **Consider certification of the 2014/2015 Unaudited Actuals.**

Mrs. Merrick shared the major changes in revenues and expenditures from second interim.

ACTION: Mr. Lucero moved, seconded by Mr. Vazquez, to certify receipt of the 2014/2015 Unaudited Actuals.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

7.4 **Consider approval of Resolution #2015-9 fixing the Appropriations Limit.**

ACTION: Mr. Lucero moved, seconded by Mr. Vazquez, to approve Resolution #2015-9.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

7.5 **Consider approval for the following personnel Request Forms for 2015/16:**

Instructional Assistant – Speech – 5.75 per day

District Nurse 1.0 FTE (2 days Cottonwood Union School District, 3 days Cascade School district, shared position)

(New Job Description and Salary Schedule included)

ACTION: Mr. Lucero moved, seconded by Mr. Vazquez, to approve the personnel actions as requested.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

7.6 **Discussion and Consider Approval for Disposal of Portable Buildings**

A discussion was held about the disposal of the portables at East Cottonwood School. The board reviewed the fixed asset report which identified the depreciation value. After discussion of expense of the moving portables and actual market value, the board agreed to dispose and sell each portables for \$1.00. Mr. Kohler wrote a letter to the board explaining his involvement in a local non-profit organization who has an interest in the portable buildings. Therefore, his absence from the board meeting was due to a conflict of interest with this agenda item. (See attached letter).

ACTION: Mr. Lucero moved, seconded by Mr. Vazquez, to approve for the disposal of the portable buildings.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

8.0 Informational Items:

8.1 CTA Report: Ms. Andrews stated it was a good start of the school year. CTA was very appreciative of the collaboration days. She commented on the smooth transition of new hires and enjoyed teamwork at each site.

8.2 Superintendent's Report

8.2.1 Presentation of 2014/15 CAASPP Results – Dr. Alexander presented a slide show regarding CAASPP 2015 test results.

8.2.2 District Advisory Committee for Surplus Space/Excess Real Property (7-11 Committee): Dr. Alexander recommended the board appoint a liaison between the 7-11 committee and the district. Mr. Vazquez volunteered to be the liaison for the board. Applications are being accepted to form a committee until October 16, 2015.

8.2.3 LCAP Update: Dr. Alexander shared the LCAP process will be similar to last year's schedule of stakeholder's meetings.

8.3 Principal's Reports – Mr. Ray stated that interventions were going well and veteran staff were helping new staff. First student made it to the Million word club. North Cottonwood's curriculum support, Teresa Madison and Allison Brogoitti are a great team.

Mr. Geren stated that school is off to a good start and aides are on board. Interventions/advisory and electives are all being implemented. Staff works well with and great progress with the new teachers. First renaissance trip took place at Big League Dreams. Cross Country team member took first place in a recent meet. The new school marquee is up and working.

9.0 Information/Communication Items: Two items were included for information only.

10.0 Governing Board Discussion and Suggested Agenda Items: none at this time

11.0 Future Meetings:

11.1 Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 6:30 p.m. in the West Cottonwood Library, 20512 W. First Street, Cottonwood, CA 96022

12.0 Closed Session: The board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:36 p.m.

12.1 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957,

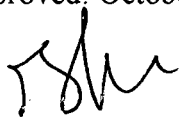
Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Evaluation

Public Notice of Action Taken in Closed Session

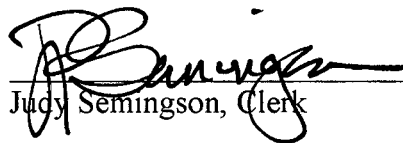
The board reconvened in Open Session and Mrs. Semingson announced no action had been taken during closed session.

13.0 Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

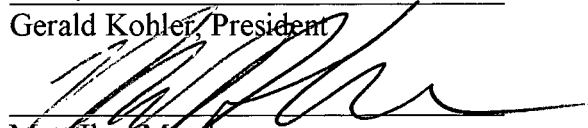
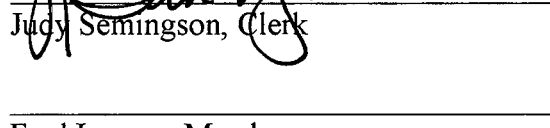
Approved: October 20, 2015



Gerald Kohler, President



Judy Semingson, Clerk


Matt Iles, Member
Fred Lucero, Member
Tom Vazquez, Member

September 15, 2015

To: Members of the Board of Trustees, Cottonwood Union School District

From: Gerald J. Kohler, President, Board of Trustees, Cottonwood Union School District

Subject: Conflict of interest

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees this evening you will note item

7.6 "Discussion and approval for disposal of portable buildings"

is on the agenda for your consideration.

Because of my involvement in a local non-profit organization who has an interest in these portable buildings I have a conflict of interest.

I have also learned because of the nature of the laws allowing for the disposal of portable buildings an "abstention" by me at this meeting might not be sufficient to protect the board from the appearance of acting in conflict on this item. In fact it would appear the only way to avoid all risk of an appearance of conflict would be for me not to be "Present" at this meeting.

Therefore this is my formal notice that I will be absent from the Cottonwood Union School District, Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for September 15, 2015 and that I request that this formal notice be entered into the minutes of this meeting.

Submitted



Gerald J. Kohler

President, Board of Trustees, Cottonwood Union School District