

THERMALITO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

400 Grand Avenue
Oroville, California

REGULAR BOARD MEETING/WORKSHOP MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

March 9, 2017

Convene Regular Meeting at the District Office:	The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.
Members Present:	Mrs. Fultz, Mrs. Ielati, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Shields, Mr. Blake
Member Absent:	None.
Public Comment Prior to Closed Session:	None.
Closed Session:	The Board convened to closed session at 5:05 p.m.
Public Present:	Sue Bowman, Emily Brownfield, Robyn Solansky, Bill Harrington, Robin Harbour, Sue Russell, Karen Konig, Ed Gregorio, Rochelle Simmons, Haidee Donati, Lisa Cruikshank, Margie Jessen, Stacie Schuman.
Reports from Closed Session - Announcement of	The meeting reconvened to open session at 6:30 p.m.
Action taken in Closed Session and Vote, if any:	None.
Pledge of Allegiance:	The pledge of allegiance was led by students from Community Day School.
Student Reports to the Board:	Community Day School (CDS) students, Cameron Lizarazu, Molly Miller, Dylan Shaw and Jay Winchester reported to the board. The students shared with the board some of the activities they enjoy in their classrooms at CDS, some of which include reading, learning about green houses, rocks and the US Constitution. They reported they also enjoy playing kickball with their teachers Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Brownfield and are currently preparing to the the CAASP test.
Change Order of Agenda Upon President's Discretion:	There were no requests to change the order.
Adoption of the Agenda:	The motion to adopt the Board Agenda was made by Mrs. Shields and seconded by Mrs. Ielati; votes were five ayes. Motion passed.

Public Comments on Board Agenda Items:

Tammy Duggan commented on Retirements A, stating that Chip Frink will be missed at Sierra. She continued that Mr. Frink takes kids under his wing that do not have a place and he brings a lot of creativity and energy to the school. Ms. Duggan stated she wanted to publicly recognize him for all he did for the district.

Reports to the Board:

Julie Carr and Emily Brownfield reported on the use of iReady at the Community Day School. Mrs. Brownfield shared that iReady is utilized frequently at CDS as a supplement to the classroom curriculum and most of the students have grown over a grade level. Mrs. Carr explained that technology at CDS includes google classroom, hyperdocs and digital literacy, she expressed gratitude for the technology as it has increased student engagement ten fold. Mrs. Carr shared that the Nurtured Heart Approach is continually in use at CDS and Kay Paden, a Nurtured Heart Instruction from BCOE, Howard Placer, the founder of the Nurtured Heart Approach have visited CDS.

Tabatha Hennessy, Erika Lee and Kelly Anderson teachers from Poplar Avenue School reported on PK1 Conference they recently attended. They thanked the Board for approving their request to attend the conference and shared a few of the things they brought back for use in the classrooms.

Consent Agenda:

The motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mrs. Shields and seconded by Mrs. Walker.

Mrs. Fultz called for a vote which was five ayes. Motion passed.

Public Comments on Items Not Listed on Agenda:

Rita Smith addressed the Board and commented on the food program stating the food we serve the children should show the children that we care about them.

(CSEA Union Rep):

None.

(TTA Union Rep):

Julie Carr thanked the Board for approving the salary raises as it shows that you value the work we do. Mrs. Carr stated she is really proud to work in this district and really proud of the response from all district staff during the dam emergency.

Management:

Rochelle Simmons, Principal at Nelson Avenue invited the Board to the next pastries with the principals event on March 29, 2017 from 8:30am-10:00am, this event will include classroom tours. Ms. Simmons reported that the field trip to San Francisco has been moved to

May 3 due to transportation issues. Ms. Simmons shared that Pablo Ortega was recognized at the recent BCAA Classified Employee Recognition event. She recognized great teachers that work in the district and shared that a Math teacher went to the Chico school district to check out their math program and curriculum during her time off, a great reflection of the dedicated teachers we have here in the district.

Stacie Schuman, Principal at Plumas Avenue reported that the family lego night event was successful with over 100 in attendance. Ms. Schuman reported the spelling bee at Plumas will be on 3/10/17 and kindergarten teacher, Lydia White, will be recognized at the upcoming BCAA Certificated Employee event.

Ed Gregorio, Principal at Sierra Avenue reported the Read Across America day at Sierra was great and parents were also invited to come and read in the classrooms. Sierra Avenue's spelling bee winners were decided after 15 rounds with Anyah Ballard and Jay Alijandro Empasis emerging as the winners. Mr. Gregorio invited the Board to next Thursday's Books and Breakfast event at Sierra.

Bill Harrington, Principal at Poplar reported the students at Poplar are doing great with the 3rd through 5th grade students currently completing Interim Assessment Blocks. Tutoring at Poplar is up to speed after a small setback due to the evacuations. Mr. Harrington thanked all those who came to Read Across America at Poplar. The Poplar Art Night is scheduled for April 6th from 5:30pm-7:00pm and pastries with parents and the spelling bee will be held next Tuesday. Mr. Harrington also reported that on Saturday, March 11 a team led by Poplar Avenue teacher Erika Lee will be bowling in a tournament in Chico in support of The Joseph Alvarez Organization for Ill Children.

Sue Bowman, Principal at CDS, shared with the Board that CDS will be kicking off the open house season on March 15, 2017 at 5:00pm.

Robin Solansky reported the TLC Paint Nite held last Friday was successful and on March 8th, all the TLC staff attended a training on meaningful observations, just in time to conduct observations at the site.

Lisa Cruikshank shared she was able to attend Read Across America at Sierra and Poplar and the kids were delightful and respectful. All students have completed the iReady Diagnostics and it predicts a growth in both Math (4%) and ELA (8%) in the upcoming CAASSP

testing. Ms. Cruikshank reported that K-5 grades will be adopting Wonders curriculum for ELA and ELD, staff are excited to get a quality curriculum that integrates both ELA and ELD. Builders Club, which is a part of Kiwanis, will be started up at Nelson Avenue School. The focus of the club is character building and leadership as well as service. The hope is students who join Builders Club will join Key Club in high school and continue to work on leadership and service goals.

Connie Cavanaugh was happy to report that the cameras are up and running. Ms. Cavanaugh stated she is really proud to work in this district and it was really great to see our teachers captured doing great work to help support our families during the recent evacuations.

Superintendent:

Mr. Blake reported that as the new guy it was stressful with all of the stuff going on with the dam and then with evacuations but it was great to see how our staff came together and helped. Mr. Blake reported that he was at the Superintendents Symposium, when the news of the damaged spillway and initial school closure was first announced. There was a safety training at this symposium while this emergency was going on, which was very timely and it was a great Professional Development event for a superintendent, and thanked the Board for approving the request for attendance. Mr. Blake shared that BCOE did a really great job of keeping us all coordinated and updated as events unfolded and also recognized the efforts of Executive Assistant, Prenny Hancock, during this emergency as he and Ms. Cavanaugh were out of the office at the outset of this emergency. Mr. Blake invited the Board to the BCAA Certificated recognition event to be held on March 21, 2017

New Business:

Approval of the 2016-2017 2nd Interim Budget Report

Ms. Cavanaugh reviewed the 2nd Interim Budget Report with the Board stating that there were not a lot of dramatic changes from the 1st Interim Budget Report. She also shared that the Governors Budget for 2017-2018 is far less than in years past and while we will see increases in revenue it will not be as dramatic as it has been in the last few years.

The motion to approve the 2016-2017 2nd Interim Budget Report was made by Mrs. Walker and seconded by Mrs. Anderson; votes were five ayes. Motion passed.

Approval of Resolution 16-17-10, creation of a New Fund for Preschool Reserves

Ms. Cavanaugh reported the preschool grant, earning based on number of students and the purpose of this fund is to save any reserves for future use when funding may decline.

The motion to approve Resolution 16-17-10, New Fund for Preschool Reserves was made by Mrs. Ielati and seconded by Mrs. Shields; votes were five ayes. Motion passed.

Approval of Resolution 16-17-11, creation of a New Fund, Fund 17 for Technology Upgrades and Repairs

Ms. Cavanaugh reported that due to the number of devices in the district, the technology committee wants to set aside money for the replacement of technology as it becomes necessary. As a committee they don't have have a sense of what that number will be but a discussion can be held with regards to this at the upcoming board priorities workshop.

The motion to approve Resolution 16-17-11, New Fund 17 for Technology Upgrades and Replacement was made by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Shields; votes were five ayes. Motion passed.

Approval of Resolution 16-17-12, related to the Reduction or elimination of particular kinds of Certificated services for the 2017-2018 academic year

Mr. Blaked shared that this resolution is based on projected number of students and needs. Ms. Robin Harbour asked why there would be a decrease in FTE if enrollment is increasing. Ms. Cavanaugh shared that the increase is at the Middle School level and and not the elementary level and the reduction in FTE is at the elementary level.

The motion to approve Resolution 16-17-12, related to the reduction or elimination of particular kinds of certificated services for the 2017-2018 academic year was made by Mrs. Walker and seconded by Mrs. Anderson; votes were five ayes. Motion passed.

Approval of form J 13-A, a waiver requesting that CDE maintain apportionments and credit instruction time during the emergency closure of closure of schools from February 10, 2017 through February 16, 2017

Tammy Duggan asked if the district knew when we will get official approval from the state. Ms. Cavanaugh responded that the process includes the Board approving the waiver, then BCOE will approve the waiver and in the past it has been within within two months. Mr. Blake shared that CDE is aware that this waiver will be coming as County Superintendent of Schools, Tim Taylor, has been communicating with the State Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Torlakson, regarding this emergency and waiver.

The motion to approve form J 13-A, a waiver requesting CDE maintain apportionments and credit instruction time during the emergency closure of schools from February 10, 2017 through February 16,

2017 was made by Mrs. Walker and seconded by Mrs. Shields; votes were five ayes. Motion passed.

Approval of the 2017-2018 academic calendar

Mr. Blaked stated the calendar up for approval was given to the leadership of both units and the payroll department and it has the stamp of approval from those groups.

The motion to approve the 2017-2018 academic calendar was made by Mrs. Shields and seconded by Mrs. Anderson; votes were five ayes. Motion passed.

Approval of the TA 16-17-01 with CSEA Chapter 182 and the 2016-2017 revised Salary Schedule

The motion to approve TA 16-17-01 with CSEA Chapter 182 and the 2016-2017 revised Salary Schedule was made by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Shields; votes were five ayes. Motion passed

Approval of the TA 16-17-01 with Thermalito Chapter 182 and the 2016-2017 revised Salary Schedule

Tammy Duggan stated on behalf of TTA she would like to thank the board publicly for approving this agreement and is glad that it has been settled for the year and thank you to everyone who worked on it to get it done. Mrs. Walker thanked Mr. Blake for his work and for the smooth process in reaching this agreement.

The motion to approve TA 16-17-01 with Thermalito Teachers Association (TTA) and the 2016-2017 revised Salary Salary Schedules Schedule was made by Mrs. Walker and seconded by Mrs. Ielati; votes were five ayes. Motion passed.

Approval of the 2016-2017 Salary Increase and Revised Salary Scheduled for Confidential, Certificated and Classified Management

The motion to approve the 2016-2017 Salary Increase and Revised Salary Schedule for Confidential, Certificated and Classified Management was made by Mrs. Shields and seconded by Mrs. Anderson; votes were five ayes. Motion passed.

Approval of the 2016-2017 Salary Increase for the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent and First Amendment to Employment Contract with the Assistant Superintendent

The motion to approve the 2016-2017 Salary Increase for the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent and First Amendment to the Assistant Superintendent's Contract was made by Mrs. Shields and seconded by Mrs. Walker; votes were five ayes. Motion passed.

Approval of revision to Board Policies 4112.41/4212.41/4312.41, Employee Drug Testing

Mrs. Fultz stated that there was a need to rephrase this policy. Mr. Blaked clarified that at this time we do a blanked pre-employment of all employees and law requires us to list positions requiring testing. Mrs.

Shields stated here opinion is everyone who works with students should be tested for the safety issue. Robin Harbour asked if administrators were excluded and Mr. Blake responded that they fall under the certificated staff. Members of the Board discussed the need to add the Paraeducator, Library Clerk and Food Services positions to the list of positions requiring testing.

The motion to approve Board Policies 4112.41/4212.41/4312.41, Employee Drug Testing with the addition of Paraeducator and Library Clerk positions due to student supervision and Food Service positions due to operating equipment, was made by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Shields; votes were five ayes. Motion passed.

Board Discussion:

None.

Board Comments:

Mrs. Anderson wished the retirees good luck in their future plans, and gave a shout out to our teachers for their efforts during the evacuation. She invited all to the Board priorities Workshop on Monday, March 20th at 5:30 p.m. She shared she was able to be at Poplar for the Read Across America event. Mrs. Anderson stated it is amazing that CDS is being recognized for their Nurtured Heart Approach efforts and is excited to see what happens with garden at Poplar.

Mrs. Ielati welcomed everyone back after the evacuations.

Mrs. Walker thanked thos who volunteered at the evacuation centers. Mrs. Walker noted that the discussion on school meals could happen at the health and wellness meeting. She also asked if the LCAP timeline and other district meetings and meeting minutes be made available on the website so stakeholders are able to get this information and know what their role in the process is.

Mrs. Shields stated she was impressed with our community of teachers and staff and their response during the recent emergency. She shared that she was recently involved with a juried art show at the courthouse in Chico for high school students.

Mrs. Fultz expressed her thanks for all who helped and responded during the recent evacuation and thanked Mr. Blake for providing accomodations for her when she was evacuated. Mrs. Fultz also shared she was able to attend Read Across America at Poplar and had a great experience.

Adjournment:

The regular board meeting adjourned at 8:28

Date Board Approved: _____

Board President: Darlene Fultz