

THERMALITO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

400 Grand Avenue
Oroville, California

REGULAR BOARD MEETING/WORKSHOP MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

March 20, 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:	Margie Jessen, Bill Harrington, Ed Gregorio, Joyce Dennison, Robyn Solansky, Karen Williams, Lisa Cruikshank, Stacie Schuman, Rochelle Simmons, Julie Carr, Connie Cavanaugh, Prenny Hancock
Reports from Closed Session - Announcement of	The meeting reconvened to open session at 5:30 p.m.
Action taken in Closed Session and Vote, if any:	None.
Pledge of Allegiance:	The pledge of allegiance was led by Alicia Walker.
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 with the removal of items 9 and 10 and the addition of item 9 as Public Comments, was made by Mrs. Shields and seconded by Mrs. Ielati; votes were five ayes. Motion passed.
Public Comments on Board Agenda Items:	None.
Board Workshop:	Mr. Blake introduced John McIntosh, Butte County Office of Education Consultant and Mary Sakuma, Deputy Superintendent from Butte County Office of Education, the facilitators for the meeting. Mr. Blake reviewed with the Board the priorities identified as target focus areas for 2014-2015. The Board discussed/brainstormed ideas for their priorities:
Achievement:	

- Focus on what we are doing about achievement as shown on test scores
- Clearly identify interventions for students and evidence how effective they are
- Across the board central plan for interventions (same at each site)
- Grade level collaboration districtwide initiative
- Equal access to science Equipment
- Show growth data
- Provide appropriate professional development for staff to aid in the increase of student achievement
- Communication to families.
- Raise awareness regarding intervention programs
- Instructional coaching-revamp
- Districtwide technology, same opportunities available at all sites
- 1:1 chrome books for students
- Focus Board Meeting time on student achievement
- Student Hope Score (Survey)
- Clarity on qualifications for intervention programs

Finance:

- More input from stakeholders on LCAP action items based on data and cost
- Explore possibility of stipends for CDS staff
- Reexamine staffing versus profit levels for food program, check on whether there is a negative impact on current staff
- Increase reserve, up to 17% for small school districts
- Compare principals salary, make sure it is comparable to other Butte County principals
- Review sub pay for admin
- Prudent and cautious with budget uncertainty at state level

Facilities:

- Fencing of all campuses; focus on Plumas and CDS
- Water filling stations/functioning water fountains
- Districtwide check of all roofing systems
- Maintenance plan updates to the board
- Playground upgrades
- Use FIT to determine needed repairs
- Painting
- Check sites for unsightly/unsafe pipes left from removal of old water fountains
- Sensor faucets
- Warm water for handwashing
- HVAC checks/necessary repairs
- Shade Structure
- Parking lots – Poplar

Safety:

- Intersection of Nelson and 6th street (safety/traffic study)
- Neighborhood school boundaries
- Bus routes, walking routes
- Continue A.L.I.C.E. training; staff training onsite on August 10th; outreach/awareness to community/ parents
- Additional cross walk at Grand Avenue (safety study)
- Nurtured Heart Training/Updates
- Evacuation Plans
- Identify targeted flood areas at the schools
- NOTE: March 30th, meeting at 6pm at Nelson Avenue School, hosted by Butte County Sheriff and Office of

Emergency Services.

- Continue mandated trainings (Keenan)
- Sidewalks near schools
- Gravel parking outside at Nelson (south) is a safety issue at drop off and pick up time
- Board Notification for safety related incidents

Personnel:

- K-2 Support @CDS/different site? (Item for discussion at future board meeting)
- Assess CDS staff/student support
- Grade level schools (K-2, 3-5) configuration
- Gifted and Talented Program (GATE)
- Evaluate class sizes (needs at 4th – 8th grade)
- Revisit the Parent Coordinator position (reflects the current needs of the district)
- Examine possibility of expanding Special Ed service opportunities
- Bus Drivers Recruitment/Retention
- EL Support, what does the data reflect? Districtwide EL considerations
- Independent Study Program Staffing
- Report from the School Nurse to the board
- Continue with counselors and assess needs
- Staff recognition at Board Meetings
- Site/Grade level configurations for SDC (Rationale)

Other:

- Explore other options (include quality, taste, etc) for food service program
- D.O. Front office staffing, configuration. First Impressions
- More transparency regarding meetings, e.g. LCAP, School Site Council, etc.
- Technology Coordination
- STEM - 2
- VAPA
- Field Trips
- Invite Director of Food Services to provide update to the Board on the Food service program.
- Student Recognition at Board Meetings (e.g. Superintendent's Award)
- Website maintenance/update

Board Comments:

Mrs. Fultz thanked all involved in rescheduling the meeting and thanked the board members for giving thought to the priorities.

Public Comments on Board Agenda Items:

Margie Jessen commented that there was lots of discussion about facilities and the outside structure but the inside of the facilities will also need repairs soon and budgets should be built to accommodate those repairs. Ms. Jessen also commented on A.L.I.C.E training and suggested that it needs to move beyond training to the implementing phase. Ms. Jessen voiced support for the concept of grade level schools versus neighborhood schools stating it would be great to have all grades combined together for collaboration and student support.

Julie Carr thanked the board for their emphasis on safety. Ms. Carr stated CDS has a huge problem with traffic

safety and several kids have been hit by cars going too fast. Ms. Carr asked if there was a way to include law enforcement in the process and also suggested our district have a greater social media presence. Ms. Carr stated she appreciated all that is being done.

Stacie Schuman commented that at her site they are trying really hard to communicate with parents using flyers, voicemail and remind but there is still poor attendance at parent events.

Mrs. Fultz suggested safety assemblies to help students learn about pedestrian/bike safety and Mrs. Ielati suggested looking into STARS patrol for pedestrian and vehicle supervision to help with traffic safety.

Adjournment:

The regular board meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Date Board Approved: _____

Board President: Darlene Fultz