

THERMALITO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

400 Grand Avenue
Oroville, California

REGULAR BOARD MEETING/WORKSHOP MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

October 12, 2017

Convene Regular Meeting at the District Office:	The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
Members Present:	Mrs. Fultz, Mrs. Ielati, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Shields, Mr. Blake
Public Comment Prior to Closed Session:	None.
Closed Session:	The Board convened to closed session at 5:05 p.m.
Public Present:	Lisa Cruikshank, Bill Harrington, Joyce Dennison, Rochelle Simmons, Sue Russell, Stacie Schuman, Ed Gregorio, Julie Carr
	Mrs. Ielati was excused after closed session, prior to reconvening to open session.
Reports from Closed Session - Announcement of Action taken in Closed Session and Vote, if any:	The meeting reconvened to open session at 6:39 p.m. Mrs. Fultz reported the Board took action to approve Agreements and Stipulations for Expulsion for students: 17-18-A, 17-18-B, 17-18-C, moved by Mrs. Shields and seconded by Mrs. Anderson, vote was 5-0.
Pledge of Allegiance:	The pledge of allegiance was led by Matthew Armstrong and Anyah Ballard, students from Sierra Avenue School.
Students Report to the Board:	Matthew Armstrong and Anyah Ballard, students from Sierra Avenue School reported on the activities and field trips they have had and are also looking forward to as the year progresses. One of the highlights included a field trip to the Gateway Science Museum which included hands on interactive activities and ended with a brief tour of Chico State.
Public Comments on Board Agenda Items:	None.
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. Walker; votes were four ayes. Motion passed.

Reports to the Board:

Ed Gregorio, Principal of Sierra Avenue School reported to the Board. Mr. Gregorio shared Sierra Avenue's mission and vision statements as these are the guidelines used when determining school culture, school growth and staff growth and development. Mr. Gregorio shared Sierra Avenue's goals which included increasing the percentage of students who meet the CCSS standards, improving the quality and safety of the school environment to support optimal learning. Mr. Gregorio conducted an activity with the board. He also reported that Sierra is using Toolbox for Learning to work on social emotional challenges and it is in its third year of implementation. Sierra Avenue also has a group of student peacemakers who receive training and help with discipline on the playground.

Lisa Cruikshank shared with the board CA School Dashboard Local Indicators Report. The Dashboard will be live December of 2017. In the last five years the state of California has made many changes in public education with changes in Assessments, funding formula, new state standards, CA Dashboard and the federal Every Students Succeeds Act. Ms. Cruikshank shared the overview of local state priorities and Thermalito's progress in achieving these priorities.

Ms. Cruikshank also shared the District's CAASPP Results for 2016-2017 along with comparisons with local districts of comparable size.

Mrs. Walker thanked Mrs. Cruikshank for putting together the data and presenting to the Board as it is important to look at this data to drive progress.

Consent Agenda:

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

Mrs. Fultz commented shared she is sad to see Vicki DeVoll leaving. The board shared they are excited about the new Communications position.

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

Public Comments:

None.

TTA:

Julie Carr reported she was pleased to see the support of the teachers and their desire to come in and help students on Monday with the uncertainty of schools being open. Many teachers live in Chico and were challenged with closed roads as they traveled to school.

Management:

Joyce Dennison reported she was very proud of her

department for pulling together and making Monday's uncertainty with evacuation warnings a seamless process for all involved.

Stacie Schuman reported that she checked in with Shady Creek and they are all set for our school next week. Cookie Dough Fundraiser was successful at Plumas. Ms. Schuman thanked the M&O Department for completing the pavers.

Bill Harrington reported he was heartened to see his staff working together on Monday to make the best of a bad situation. He also shared that staff helped when they saw a fire on their way to a training this week. Melissa Brault has started a cookies with a counselor program at Poplar to connect with kids who don't necessarily need a counselor but need to connect with someone. Mr. Harrington shared that the 5th grade students are excited for Shady Creek.

Rochelle Simmons shared that Jen Bretney received a check for \$1200.00 from the California Fertilization Foundation (CFF) for ag and garden in the classroom.

Ed Gregorio reported that Monday's emergency response showed great communication and no anxiety. He also shared that Books and Breakfast was a great event and Sierra's Autumn Festival will be on Wednesday October 25th and the board is welcome to help as in past years.

Superintendent

Mr. Blake commended management for their communication and cohesiveness working together on Monday. There were 545 students absent on Monday, will work to see if we can recoup the ADA. Now the District is keeping apprised of the air quality and trying to do the very best we can for the students. Mr. Blake also reported Lisa Cruikshank was kind enough to sponsor him to join Kiwanis and he and his wife were able to attend the Hmong New Year festivities this past weekend. He had a meeting with Kevin Seamas with OUHSD for transitioning our 8th grade students to high school. Mr. Blake shared an article with the Board that showed psychological safety is the number one requirement for successful teams. He also shared that he will be attending an AVID demo at Live Oak tomorrow with Michelle Sanchez.

New Business:

Water Testing

Joyce Dennison reported she met with Thermalito Irrigation District today and they will in the next two weeks test the water at 5 different sites on each

campus. Once they get the samples and receive the results they will have 60 days to report to us. If there are areas with issues they will direct us as to next steps. Mrs. Dennison reported to the board on the status of the water filling stations.

Change of date for December Board Meeting

Requesting the December Board Meeting date be changed from December 7, 2017 to December 14, 2017.

The motion to approve was made by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Shields. Motion passed with four ayes.

Approval of Amended Child Development Contract

The motion to approve was made by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Walker. Motion passed with four ayes.

Approval of contract with Cody Walker,
Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations

Mrs. Fultz stated she was excited to have Mr. Walker join Thermalito.

The motion to approve was made by Mrs. Walker and seconded by Mrs. Shields. Motion passed with four ayes.

Board Comments:

Gail Shields reported she is anxious to hear about AVID as it sounds interesting.

Alicia Walker shared that Sierra still needs help with the carnival and she was impressed with how things went on Monday. She was proud to see all of our staff in action and taking care of business.

Tori Anderson reported she was pleased with Monday and it was nice to see how the staff were communicating and the teachers desire to get to work to support our students. Mrs. Anderson also shared that Nelson Avenue's lunch with parents was a fun and successful event that she was happy to be a part of.

Darlene Fultz expressed thanks to staff for all of their work on Monday. It was a great learning experience and gives us something to think about. Mrs. Fultz shared she learned from Debbie Lerner that the older IMAX were being repurposed and was happy to see equipment being reused. Mrs. Fultz shared an edsources.org article she read.

Adjournment:

The regular board meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Date Board Approved: _____

Board President: Darlene Fultz