

CUTTEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD MINUTES

August 20, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Ridgewood School Commons

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Board members in attendance: Becky Reece, Mary DeWald, Andy Sundquist,
Dennis Reinholtsen and Verne Skjonsby

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Motion by Becky Reece, second by Verne Skjonsby to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

3.0 VISITOR COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None Offered

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Stacey Gabbert, PTA President, reported that they will be providing popsicles on August 17 when class lists are posted as they have in the past. The first meeting was held last night; one action taken was authorizing a donation of \$500 towards the cost of fingerprinting parents who go on the Wolf Creek camping trips. There are a number of trainings available to new PTS members; the committee is trying to get more people involved in PTA activities.

4.2 Sue Ivey reported the CRSF meeting did not have a quorum, so no official action was taken. A request was made for a donation towards payment of fingerprinting parents who go on the Wolf Creek camping trips. Lucky will be President again this year; there is an opening for a Vice-President to be filled. Discussion at the next meeting will include the annual fundraiser.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE – None Offered

6.0 INFORMATION / POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Sue Ivey made one comment regarding the current year bus route, to wit, there was only a small change made from last year's route. The change was a move about 800 feet from one stop which is no longer utilized to another stop which is utilized.

6.2 Sue Ivey reported that we were unable to hire a Speech & Language Pathologist for the upcoming year. In order to provide required services, the district will be contracting for full teletherapy services from Presence Learning. Second through sixth graders will log onto a computer and work with an adult on-screen. TK through first graders will be assisted by Alissa Morey (our Ridgewood library aide) with the logging on and computer use. Presence Learning has been used by several other districts who report being satisfied with their services which will include regular summaries of their work with our students. They will serve approximately 35 children including 2 preschoolers.

6.3 Sue Ivey summarized where we are with the bond measure election process. In the Voter Pamphlet, there will be no argument against the measure. Our argument in support of the bond

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was attested to by Rex Bohn, Dennis Reinholtsen, Karen Suiker, Dave Tyson and Chuck Petrushka. Sue and Kim Blanc met with an architect, who provided them with valuable information. Brian Whitmore was the architect for Freshwater and provided us with the language for the Request for Qualifications. Once the notice has been published 3 times the Board will select an architect from the submitted proposals.

- 6.4 Sue Ivey reviewed the current enrollment of 618 which includes 9 Special Day Class students. We have 84 Kindergarteners. There is a TK-K combination class with 15 Kindergarteners and 6 Transitional Kindergarteners. Sue reviewed the aide position changes and new hires.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 7.1 Sue Ivey led the Board on a walkabout the campus to show off all the work done this summer.
- 7.2 Sue Ivey reported on other updates as follows: we took out a spruce tree from the Cutten campus (its roots were pushing through the blacktop and it was rotten); Jay Seeger installed a sink with hot water in the Cutten staff room, new carpets were installed, new desks and chairs were received. We will be following up on the broken asphalt along the east side of the Ridgewood campus which is shared with several homes along the road. Historically, the district has maintained that road. We are also looking at other sidewalk cracks to ascertain if any are trip hazards and, if so, how the danger can be minimized.

8.0 BOARD MEMBER & ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS / COMMUNICATION

- 8.1 Verne Skjonsby commented the Grand Jury found that Special Education IEP reviews were not being done adequately along with several other findings regarding the number and categories of children placed in Special Education programs. He also noted Humboldt County has reported a high number of unvaccinated children attending schools. Sue Ivey responded that the district has one child with a waiver for immunizations.

9.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS – None Offered

10. CLOSED SESSION

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session:

10.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GC SECTION 54957.6)

Agency Negotiator: Sue Ivey

Name of organization representing employees: Humboldt Bay Teachers Association

11. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

- 11.1 Dennis Reinholtsen reported the articles sunshined by the District.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ivey
Secretary to the Board