

CUTTEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MINUTES
December 16, 2019
6:30 p.m.
Ridgewood School Commons

2.0 CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Motion by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Andy Sudquist to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

3.0 VISITOR COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None Offered

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 August Deshais reported for the PTA that the volunteers had been busy with preparations for the Breakfast with Santa; kudos to Emily who did a fine job chairing this annual event. The organization voted to give \$100 to each teacher, the 2 RST classes and our libraries for their classroom accounts.

4.2 Sue Ivey reported for the CRSF that they have decided not to have a platter project this year. They will be holding the end of the year Barbeque at the Moose Lodge; this year it will be more of an activity and less of a fundraiser. There are plans to discuss in closed session the Foundation going dormant at their next meeting.

4.3 August Deshais reported that the Council has been working on and plans to finalize the Safe School Plan at its meeting tomorrow evening. It will then go on the Board for adoption.

4.4 Sue Ivey reported registration numbers are similar at this point in time to previous years. We have seven TK registrations returned; 39 packets out for Kindergarten and 24 current TK students who will be moving into Kindergarten for a total of 63 K already. We plan to start the wait list with lower numbers than in previous years.

4.5 Melissa Seymour noted that there was little to report, however, the union will meet with all members at both sites in January. Also in January, Melissa plans to discuss the “Schools and Communities Initiative”. They will also be discussing item to sunshine in the spring.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE - None

6.0 INFORMATION / POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Motion by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Mary DeWald, to appoint Andy Sundquist to the position of Board of Trustee President. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Andy Sundquist, second by Dennis Reinholtsen to appoint Becky Reece to the position of Board of Trustees Clerk. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Andy Sundquist that the Board of Trustees shall meet on the second Monday of each month, at the time of 6:30 p.m., in the Ridgewood Commons, 2060 Ridgewood Drive, Eureka, California. Motion carried 5-0.

6.2 Motion by Mary DeWald, second by Becky Reece to enter into a contract to provide lunch meals to Northern United Humboldt Charter Schools. Motion carried 5-0.

6.3 Motion by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Becky Reece to certify the First Interim Report as Positive. Motion carried 5-0.

- 6.4 Motion by Becky Reece, second by Andy Sundquist to adopt BP 4216, BP 0420.4 and AG 0420.4. Motion carried 5-0.
- 6.5 Motion by Becky Reece, second by Mary DeWald to adopt BP 4361.9 and AG 4361.9. Motion carried 5-0.
- 6.6 Motion by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Becky Reece to approve California Energy Commission ECAA-Ed Solar Loan Award. Motion carried 5-0.
- 6.7 Motion by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Andy Sundquist to approve new classified position – ASP Director. Motion carried 5-0.
- 6.8 Motion by Becky Reece, second by Dennis Reinholtsen to approve updated Classified Salary Schedule for 2019 – 2020. Motion carried 5-0.
- 6.9 Sue informed the Board that the district participated in a S & P Global Bond Rating conference call with our financial advisors included on December 11, 2019. The analysts were the same two gentlemen that were involved with our first bond sale. They reviewed the Rating Presentation with us and had very few questions. We anticipate receiving the bond rating by Thursday, December 19, 2019.
- 6.10 Sue noted that the Board had received copies of the “*Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Cutten School District Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Not to Exceed \$2,000,000 Aggregate Initial Principal Amount of Bonds of the District,...*” for informational purposes only. The board will be asked to vote on this Resolution at the regular January meeting.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT / PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Sue Ivey reported since our last board meeting there have been a number of facilities improvements at Cutten: the old paint has been removed from the walkways and a clear nonslip sealer has been applied, August had a new display case mounted, the kitchen grease interceptor was installed, the plumbing was completely redone at the Annex, the access points were upgraded, and a new upgraded alarm system was installed. Jennifer, always trying to reduce costs, is taking full advantage of commodities. She is finding that she doesn't have adequate freezer space. There were plans to buy a new freezer during the kitchen remodel and due to the needed freezer space, the architects gave the go-ahead to purchase it now instead of waiting. Another meeting is being organized to review and revise the plans for Bond facility improvements in early January. The first TK/Kindergarten orientation is January 8 at 6:30 p.m. At this event, information is shared with parent about TK/K programs and the Ridgewood School. If you want to smile, try to stop by Ridgewood for daily assemblies featuring the sweet voices of students performing holiday tunes. The times are 8:20 and 8:40 every day this week. Both sites continue to promote school attendance with the trophies, extra recess minutes, and student recognition for perfect attendance at assemblies. At Ridgewood, 127 students were at school every day and on time in November, up from 104 in October. Classified aide evaluations have been completed. Certificated evaluations for all teachers who have worked for the district for less than ten years (for a total of 20 teachers) are in process.

August Deshais reported that he recently observed the Student Council and it was amazing. They came up with the idea of a Candygram as a fundraiser and then went on to assure that every student received a Candygram so no one felt left out. They are also considering inviting Rex Bohn and Cliff Berkowitz to speak at an upcoming assembly about running for county supervisor. He noted that Cutten has had the pleasure of three student teachers: Haillie Cagle, Shannon Fowler and Deirdre Bise. August has taught ten classes of coding at Cutten and anticipates doing more in the future.

Twelve classes have received ecology lessons sponsored by Recology, and our own kitchen manager, Jennifer Johnston, has been teaching Cutten students nutrition lessons. She plans to bring the nutrition lessons to Ridgewood in the spring. The Spirit Stick winners (a tie) were Ms. Ng's third grade and Ms. Cook's sixth grade. Grade level attendance winners were recognized and the class with the best attendance received the trophy for the month.

8.0 BOARD MEMBER & ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS / COMMUNICATION - None

9.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM – None offered

10.0 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: Verne Skjonsby

Unrepresented Employee: Superintendent

11.0 REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

11.1 No action taken

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

12.1 The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ivey
Secretary to the Board