

CUTTEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD MINUTES

February 13, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Ridgewood School Commons

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Board members in attendance: Becky Reece, Jorey McComas, Tracy Boobar-Korenstein and Mary DeWald

Board members absent: Verne Skjonsby

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Motion by Mary DeWald, second by Tracy Boobar-Korenstein to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

3.0 VISITOR COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

3.1 Harriet Watson, 3rd grade teacher, introduced herself to the board.

4.0 INFORMATION / DISCUSSION AGENDA

4.1 Julie Osborne and Sue Ivey reported that PTA is currently taking suggestions for their Gifts to Schools. Everyone was encouraged to attend the Founders Day Celebration Thursday, February 16, 6:30 p.m. at Ridgewood School. A free family skate party is scheduled Sunday, March 5 in Rohner Park.

4.2 Lucky Syphanthong, CRSF President, reported they have been very busy, with another restaurant takeover taking place Tuesday, February 14 at Marcelli's Pizza and Italian Restaurant. The restaurant is donating 10% of the day's proceeds to our schools. The Discover the Decades, *Back to the 80's* gala is Saturday, March 11 at the Lodge on the Hill. Lucky distributed "Cutten Ridgewood Student Foundation" car stickers, designed to help establish the Foundation as a entity separate from the PTA. In the planning stages is the annual oyster and tri-tip BBQ in June.

4.3 Sue Ivey reported on behalf of the School Site Council that they are almost finished with the Single School plan and intend to bring it to the Board of Trustees at their next meeting in March. The Ridgewood parking lot subcommittee has no solutions yet, but have a number of parents eager to work on the challenges. The *Welcome to Cutten* slide show has been completed. The Grounds Beautification Day is Thursday, May 11, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Ridgewood School. The Council is considering offering a barbeque after the event. Comments included suggesting encouraging Cutten alumni participate, as well as the ASP program and/or the 6th grade.

4.4 Susan Ivey reviewed the current year new student registrations. Our total transitional kindergarten and kindergarten enrollment forms out are 95, and including 19 current TK students, would project a total enrollment for TK and K of 114. She reminded the board that not all students return nor follow up on enrollment packets taken out.

- 4.5 Julie Osborne reported on the status of the inter-district transfer proceedings, noting there is a lot of information floating around but nothing of substance that is new. Our highest priority is resolving the matter with Eureka City Schools fairly, with minimal disruption to transferred students' education, and maintaining parental choice for their children. All permits have been signed and returned from the districts of residence except those remaining at the Eureka City Schools administrative office. We are unclear on the status of those permits at this time.
- 4.6 Julie Osborne presented several very tentative certificated staffing options for the 2017 – 2018 school year. One option moved current enrollment forward, and projecting transitional and regular kindergarten enrollment based upon the previous three years' enrollment, maintaining 26 classrooms. A second option anticipated lower transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and sixth grade enrollment, reducing the number of classes to 25. The third option reflected the loss of Eureka City Schools registrants in transitional kindergarten and kindergarten, plus a higher number of sixth grade students exiting to attend Eureka City Schools junior high schools, lowering the number of classes to 24.
- 4.7 Julie Osborne reviewed some key points in the Governor's Proposed 2017 – 2018 Budget, including an increase to Prop 98 funds, a small increase in LCFF funding (enough to support a COLA of 1.48% but little else), one-time funds of approximately \$48 per ADA, a reference to a possible realignment of special education funds and the effects of the increase to employer-paid contributions to PERS and STRS pension funds.

5.0 ACTION AGENDA

- 5.1 Motion by Jorey McComas, second by Tracy Boobar-Korenstein to approve the 0.40 FTE leave of absence request for Jaime Hague for the 2017 – 2018 school year. Motion carried 4-0.
- 5.2 Motion by Tracy Boobar-Korenstein, second by Mary DeWald to approve the contract with Total Compensation Systems, Inc. for health insurance liability valuation. Motion carried 4-0.
- 5.3 Motion by Tracy Boobar-Korenstein, second by Jorey McComas to adopt the 2017 – 2018 School Calendar as presented. Motion carried 4-0.
- 5.4 Motion by Tracy Boobar-Korenstein, second by Mary DeWald to select Donald McArthur as our 2017 CSBA delegate. Motion carried 4-0.
- 5.5 Motion by Tracy Boobar-Korenstein, second by Mary DeWald to adopt Board Policies 4000, 4030 and Board Policy and Exhibit 4040, *Personnel*, Second Reading. Motion passed 4-0.
- 5.6 Motion by Tracy Boobar-Korenstein, second by Mary DeWald to accept Board Policy AR 4031, *Personnel*, first reading, for movement to second reading. Motion passed 4-0.
- 5.7 Motion by Jorey McComas, second by Tracy Boobar-Korenstein to approve a full day summer day care program pending approval by legal counsel. Motion passed 4-0.
- 5.8 Motion by Jorey McComas, second by Tracy Boobar-Korenstein to approve Mary DeWald and Verne Skjonsby and Alternate Tracy Boobar-Korenstein as representatives for salary/benefit negotiations. Motion passed 4-0.

- 5.9 Motion by Tracy Boobar-Korenstein, second by Mary DeWald to approve the hiring of Jamie Biagi as classified aide. Motion passed 4-0.

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- 5.10 Motion by Tracy Boobar-Korenstein, second by Jorey McComas to table adoption of 2016 – 2017 Single School District Plan to a later meeting. Motion passed 4-0.
- 5.11 Motion by Tracy Boobar-Korenstein, second by Mary DeWald to approve contract with Schools Legal Service. Motion passed 4-0.
- 5.12 Motion by Jorey McComas, second by Tracy Boobar-Korenstein to accept, with deep regret, the resignation of Julie Osborne, Superintendent/Principal of Cutten School District. Motion passed 4-0.

6.0 BOARD MEMBER & ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS / COMMUNICATION

- 6.1 Jorey McComas commented that he felt it important to post the Superintendent/Principal job opening as soon as possible to attract the best candidates. He also suggested staff input should be solicited. The possibility of an additional part-time administrator was brought up for the board's consideration.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT – 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Osborne
Secretary to the Board