

# CUTTEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD MINUTES

February 10, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Ridgewood School Commons

2.0 CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

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

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Motion by Verne Skjonsby, second by Dennis Reinholtsen 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 reported for the PTA that the Founders' Day celebration was a great evening, with the following people honored: *Honorary Service Award* to Shannon Fazio; *Continuing Service Award* to Humboldt County Children's Author Festival Committee; and Outstanding Teacher Award to Bethany Ibbitson. She also noted that the group is accepting ideas for the Gifts for Schools donation. It was shared that Kaytee Henson has resigned as President and Amy Coleman will take her place in the interim.

4.2 August Deshais reported that the Council has a new Mission Statement to propose for the district. August read the statement aloud. From here it will go out to teachers then back to the Site Council before sending a final version to the Board.

4.3 Sue Ivey reported registration numbers are down slightly from last year at this time but not so much as to be a concern. She reviewed the information sheet and noted that the district would probably begin to waitlist TK children at 16.

4.4 Jen Code reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> grade activities, including the plan to take students to Wolf Creek for a 2 night camping trip in the spring instead of the fall as has been done in the past. This gives teachers a chance to get to know their students better before the trip. Lindsay Watkins reported on the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade activities, acknowledging that the teachers are an awesome team. Thanks to the PTA, the students are working on a mask-making project again this year.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Cost of Issuance, \$2,000,000 Bond

6.0 INFORMATION / POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Motion by Becky Reece, second by Mary DeWald, to accept the resignations of teachers Jennifer Aguilar and Teresa Baginski. Motion carried 5-0.

6.2 Motion by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Verne Skjonsby, to accept the resignation of business manager, Jeannemarie Baker, with regrets. Motion carried 5-0.

6.3 Motion by Becky Reece, second by Mary DeWald, to approve a certificated stipend for scheduled extended time. Motion carried 5-0.

6.4 Sue Ivey shared the tentative staffing arrangements for 2020-2021.

- 6.5 Sue Ivey gave a short summary of the Governor's proposed budget for 2020-2021. Highlights include a 2.29% cost of living increase, a Proposition 98 guarantee of \$84 billion (a \$3 billion increase over last year), a proposal to release \$1.5 billion in Proposition 51 bond funds, proposed funds for a variety of teacher retention programs. No additional funds are proposed to supplement districts' share of PERS/STRS payments.
- 6.6 The Board considered the following policies and administrative guidance in a first reading: AG 4111.2-4211.2-4311.2, BP 4112.42-4212.42-4312.42, AG/E 4112.5-4212.5-4312.5, AG 4112.6-4212.6-4312.6, BP/AG 4112.61-4212.61-4312.61, BP 4121, BP 4136-4236-4336, BP/AG 5145.13. A change was made to AG 4111.2-4311.2, first paragraph: ~~Within three business days~~ "No later than the first day . . ."
- 6.7 Sue Ivey reported there were nine people present at the first community LCAP meeting. She shared the Dashboard and some of our metrics along with our two goals and actions. She requested the audience to think about actions they would like to share with us in our next meeting in late April/early May. Sue shared that the LCAP template is now available and the writing of next year's LCAP has begun.
- 6.8 Sue Ivey spoke to the Board regarding the current after-school program at Ridgewood. Dennis Reinholtsen recused himself from any discussion due to a potential conflict of interest. She asked the Board to explore offering a district-managed program similar to Cutten's. The expansion to Ridgewood would bring some consistency with the district's policies and goals to the younger students. The expansion at Cutten is going smoothly. Anne Robbins, the Program Direction, has indicated she is willing to take on a further expansion to Ridgewood. The Board requested this item be placed on next month's agenda with a financial projection for their consideration.

## 7.0 SUPERINTENDENT / PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Sue Ivey reported we will be interviewing a potential speech and language pathologist on February 24. Four contractors attended the Ridgewood Bus Turnaround Project walk-through. Our scope of work left some questions unanswered and the contractors worked together to make sure they were all in agreement about a variety of specifics. We will extend the deadline to bid by a couple of weeks so we can prepare a more detailed scope of work for the contractors. The next step in the Annex remodel is new sheetrock work and window replacement; Jennifer is excited about getting her canned goods moved from the bus garage to the Annex. We are beginning work on the 2020-21 LCAP. The big community meeting is tentatively set for April. We have a few exciting changes to designs for the bond work here at Ridgewood. The lunch room will gain the corner where the current bathroom is, the current tiny work room will become storage and a 14' x 21' work room will be in the front building where the secretary and principal are located.

August Deshais reported that the winners of our Spelling Bee held on January 31, are as follows: Third place was Kaiya Wolven (4<sup>th</sup>), Second place was Jerome Everta (5<sup>th</sup>) and First place was Ayden Mai-Salhi (6<sup>th</sup>). All three attended the regional Spelling Bee at Lafayette School on Friday, with Jerome competing and Kaiya serving as an alternate. Both our students made it to the final five, and Ayden was named co-champion. He will represent Cutten at the county level Spelling Bee on March 6. Two co-champions will advance to the state level. Famed storyteller Baba Jamal Koram gave two assemblies at Cutten on January 27. His blend of traditional and personal tales, and sense of humor, were enjoyed by all. For Kindness Challenge Week, students were given a kindness checklist of 50 small, but meaningful, things to do throughout the week. Cutten hosted buddies from Ridgewood. Spirit Stick Winners for Twin Day were Mrs. Code and Ms. Cook. Grade level attendance winner was 4th grade (they earned extra recess time), Attendance Trophy Winner, with 97.43%, was Mr. Nelson's 6th grade class. Students responded to a survey on technology. Two-thirds of all students participated in the survey; just over

half have their own phone; half of all students use some form of social media regularly; 50% of students reported, in their own opinion, that they have "A lot/Too Much" screen time each day.

8.0 BOARD MEMBER & ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS / COMMUNICATION

Verne Skjonsby shared a story about excessive use of video games and its consequences.

9.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM – None offered

10.0 CLOSED SESSION – 8:04 pm

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: Andy Sundquist

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 8:53 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ivey

Secretary to the Board