

CUTTEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MINUTES
February 11, 2019
6:30 p.m.
Ridgewood School Commons

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
Board members in attendance: Mary DeWald, Andy Sundquist, Dennis Reinholtsen, Verne Skjonsby and Becky Reece
- 2.0 CONSENT AGENDA
2.1 Motion by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Mary DeWald to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.
- 3.0 VISITOR COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None Offered
- 4.0 REPORTS
4.1 Melissa Seymour, PTA Committee Member, reported the Founders’ Day celebration was a wonderful event including Reflections participants being honored. The committee is working to fill seats on next year’s Board; please contact any board member if you are interested. Total membership is only 15 members short of goal, please consider joining the PTA if you have not already done so.
4.2 Melissa Hall, CRSF President reported that CRSF’s next restaurant take-over will be at Bella Italia on February 28. There will be a Spring Fundraiser on May 4 with a Star Wars theme; more details to follow soon.
4.3 Lauren Bryie reported for the Site Council, noting the Safe School plan was adopted with changes. The council is now working on the district’s Single School District plan. Sue Ivey and Kim Blanc reviewed the LCAP process and current data. Future agenda items include the campus work day which will be at Ridgewood this year.
4.4 Sue Ivey introduced Susie Smelser, Cutten’s computer technician. Susie distributed a report detailing our technology equipment numbers, along with a summary of her duties and future ideas.
- 5.0 CORRESPONDENCE
5.1 The Board received the Quarterly Interest Apportionment Rate and Other Considerations letter from the County of Humboldt.
5.2 The Board reviewed the summary of Cost of Bond Issuance.
- 6.0 INFORMATION / POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS
6.1 Brian Whitmore from BCA Architects, shared information from the latest FPAC meetings, along with rough cost projections, timelines and campus maps with overlays of changes being considered. He also introduced a guest, Dirk Dinmore from Dinsmore Construction. One comment Brian Whitmore made was that it was important to get out in front of the bond projects and generate interest in the projects among contractors.
6.2 Motion by Becky Reece, second by Andy Sundquist to approve Amendment #0001 of Agreement with BCA Architects for implementation of Phase 1 and 2, Cutten and Ridgewood Schools. Motion carried 5-0.
6.3 Motion by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Becky Reece to approve 2018-2019 Comprehensive Safe School Plan (CSSP). Motion carried 5-0.
6.4 Motion by Becky Reece, second by Mary DeWald to approve Low Performing Student Block Grant. Motion carried 5-0.
6.5 Motion by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Andy Sundquist to adopt Resolution 1019-11, Board of Trustees of the Cutten School District Authorizing Entering into a Funding Agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board and Authorizing and Designating Susan Ivey, Superintendent, for the Cutten/Ridgewood Drinking Fountain Project. Motion carried 5-0.

6.6 Sue Ivey presented an update to student registrations, noting that we are now in line with prior years. It will be interesting to watch how these numbers change now that the Interdistrict Transfer window has closed. We are currently projecting 91 Kindergarteners and 19 to 22 Transitional Kindergarteners. We also have registrations from 7 in-district students in grades 3 through 6 and 4 out-of-district students in the same grades.

6.7 Sue Ivey reviewed three tentative staffing options for 2019-2020. In the first option, class sizes in grade 3 are 24, 24, 24 and 23. This threatens our Class Size Funding as it leaves only 1 space for any in-district students we need to enroll. The second option is for a grade 2/3 combination class on the Ridgewood campus. The third option is for a grade 3/4 combination class on Cutten's campus, however, at present there is not a classroom available for this class.

6.8 Sue Ivey presented a summary of the Governor's 2019-2020 Proposed Budget as it relates to education. Key elements of the proposed 2019-20 budget, from CSBA:

Proposition 98: The initial budget carries a Proposition 98 guarantee of \$80.7 billion. Statewide per-pupil spending from Proposition 98 comes in at \$12,003, an increase of \$435 per student.

Accountability System: To increase the meaningful engagement between communities and local educational agencies, the Budget proposes \$350,000 one-time Proposition 98 General Fund to merge the Dashboard, the LCAP electronic template, and other school site and school district reporting tools (including the School Accountability Report Card) into a single web-based application

LCFF: A \$2 billion investment increase reflects a cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) of 3.46 percent, outpacing the 3.1 percent projected by the Legislative Analyst in November.

Special education: \$576 million in Proposition 98 funding (\$186 million is one-time) to "support expanded special education services and school readiness supports at local educational agencies with high percentages of both students with disabilities and unduplicated students who are low-income, youth in foster care, and English language learners."

Facilities: \$1.5 billion in Proposition 51 bond funds are proposed to be released to address school facilities construction and modernization projects currently on the backlog.

PERS/STRS: \$3 billion total one-time non-Proposition 98 General Fund payment proposed for CalSTRS.

\$700 million of the \$3 billion would be provided to buy down the employer contribution rates in 2019-20 and 2020-21. The remaining \$2.3 billion would be paid toward the employers' long-term unfunded liability."

6.9 The board reviewed some potential new logo designs. Other designs were encouraged to be submitted to Sue Ivey for further consideration.

6.10 The board reviewed and accepted Board Policy Uniform Complaint Procedure, BP 1312.3, E(2)1312.4(a), first reading.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

7.1 Sue Ivey reported the "100 Days" celebration was fun for all. The Founders Day event was well attended and uplifting. In consideration that the detailed report on the Governor's Budget was given earlier, this report was kept brief.

8.0 BOARD MEMBER & ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS / COMMUNICATION

8.1 Verne Skjonsby shared a note from Jared Huffman congratulating Cutten on a successful bond election.

9.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM – The Board accepted public comment.

10.0 CLOSED SESSION – Convened at 8:34 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: Sue Ivey

Name of organization representing employees: Humboldt Bay Teachers Association

10.2 Public Employee – Discipline/Dismissal/Release (GC Section 44954.5€)

11.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 10:14 pm.

11.1 During the previous closed session, the Board acted to authorize the district Superintendent, or designee, to notify 2.8 F.T.E. temporary certificated employees, pursuant to Education Code Section 44954(b), that they will not be reemployed for the 2019-2020 school year. The vote was: Trustee: Reinholtsen – yes; DeWald – yes; Sundquist – yes; Skjonsby – yes. Trustee Reece recused herself from discussion and vote.

11.2 During the previous closed session, the Board acted to authorize the district Superintendent to notify an administrator pursuant to Education Code Section 44591, that he or she will be released from his or her position for the 2019-2020 school year. The vote was taken with only voting members present. The vote was unanimous in favor: 4 - 0. Becky Reece recused herself due to a potential conflict of interest.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ivey
Secretary to the Board