

CUTTEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD MINUTES

June 8, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Meeting was Held via a ZOOM platform

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

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

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

3.0 VISITOR COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

3.1 The board heard comments regarding reflecting back on virtual learning: how we did, what we learned. Other comments included the desire of parents and children to get back on campus for school and the need to address the emotional needs of students. One attendee offered, if needed, to coordinate others in making masks for needed PPE requirements.

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 August Deshais reported on behalf of the School Site Council that the District Wellness Policy was reviewed and approved. The last meeting held was the final meeting of the year. The Council is waiting until September for elections for any open positions.

4.2 Melissa Seymour spoke on behalf of the HBTA, noting that teachers have decided to learn more about the district's budget and so may have questions for Sue and Jeannemarie in the coming weeks. They believe that now is a good time to look at staffing needs, with the priority being to keep programs that effect students and their needs. HBTA is glad to know that administration agrees with this point.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 The Board reviewed the interest apportionment letters from the County of Humboldt.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS

6.1 Andy Sundquist, Board President, opened the meeting for a public hearing on the EPA and spending plan to spend all the funds on teachers' salaries. There being no public comment, the President closed the public hearing.

6.2 Andy Sundquist, Board President, opened the meeting for a public hearing on the 2020-21 district budget. The board listened to numerous comments, carefully considering each point made. The President closed the public hearing.

7.0 INFORMATION / POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Motion by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Verne Skjonsby, to approve Resolution 1020-11, EPA Spending Plan. Motion carried via roll call vote, 5-0.

7.2 Motion by Becky Reece, second by Verne Skjonsby, to approve the COVID-19 Operations Written Report. Motion carried via roll call vote, 5-0.

7.3 The Board reviewed the District Wellness Policy and made no changes.

- 7.4 Motion by Verne Skjonsby, second by Dennis Reinholtsen to approve a new Cutten School District Mission Statement. Motion carried via roll call vote, 5-0.
- 7.5 Motion by Becky Reece, second by Verne Skjonsby to approve Resolution 1020-14 Regarding elimination of Classified Employee Services: 8.25 FTE Instructional Aide Positions; .50 FTE MAP Coordinator Positions; .25 FTE Speech Coordinator Position; .7813 FTE Kitchen Aide Positions; 1.0 FTE library Technician Position; .40 FTE After School Program Aide Position and .925 FTE After School Program Coordinator Positions. Motion carried via roll call vote, 5-0.
- 7.6 Motion by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Verne Skjonsby to approve Resolution 1020-15 Regarding Creating Certain Classified Employee services: 6.75 FTE Instructional Aide Positions. Motion carried via roll call vote, 5-0.
- 7.7 Motion by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Verne Skjonsby to adopt Resolution 1020-16, *Regarding Creating Certain Classified Employee Services: .50 FTE Library Technician*. Motion carried via roll call vote, 5-0.
- 7.8 Motion by Verne Skjonsby, second by Becky Reece to adopt Resolution 1020-17, *Regarding Creating Certain Classified Employee Services: .3125 FTE Kitchen Aide*. Motion carried via roll call vote, 5-0.
- 7.9 Motion by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Becky Reece to accept certificated employee resignations: .40 FTE TIP Coordinator; .20 FTE MAP Coordinator, .25 FTE MAP Coordinator and .20 FTE Tier III Teacher. Motion carried via roll call vote, 5-0.
- 7.10 Motion by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Verne Skjonsby to approve elimination of vacated positions: 40 FTE TIP Coordinator; .20 FTE MAP Coordinator, .25 FTE MAP Coordinator and .20 FTE Tier III Teacher. Motion carried via roll call vote, 5-0.

8.0 SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- 8.1 Sue Ivey reported that both administrators are meeting with teachers individually to close out this very unusual year. They have been great conversations. August Deshais reported that teachers are meeting by phone or Zoom with each family to close out the school year. These meetings are an opportunity to review end-of-year progress reports, discuss any concerns heading into summer and just to connect with families. Sixth grade promotion may look different but that isn't stopping the district from honoring and celebrating sixth graders. Wednesday night There is a live viewing of a promotion ceremony video Wednesday night. Two of the PTA scholarship recipients, Stasia Young and Marina Benson, will be speaking to the remote audience. Several grade levels are planning farewell drive-through events on Wednesday and Thursday at both schools. Guidelines from Public Health and HCOE are being followed to ensure these events are safe for all. The Cutten play structure is fully assembled and received a preliminary inspection by Taylin Titus from HCOE. Sue indicated that the solar project is moving forward. By early July, all panels will be up, and the final phase of the project will be to do the groundwork to hook everything up. Sue reported that she met with Rich Fenton to continue working on getting old modernization projects cleared up. Sue indicated that she remains in regular contact with HCOE and meets with Chris Hartley, his team and other superintendents weekly. The Consolidated Application has been delayed because of uncertainty in federal funding and federal waivers. CDE has moved the release of the application to July 6. HCOE will revise the instructions to reflect the new application, send it out the first week of July and set a due date at the end of July. This is the first time in recent history that the Con App has not been brought to the school board in a fiscal year. Sue reviewed the key features in the Assembly's proposed budget; negotiations between the state assembly and Governor Newsom have begun. The Legislature expects to meet the June 15 deadline to pass a balanced budget bill. August shared we will continue to work on development of a robust Remote Learning Plan, started within the Leadership Team, based on eventual state guidelines and all that we have learned over the past months. Several teachers have already offered to help review this over the summer. To plan for next year, several committees made up of

teachers will meet over the summer. In other news, Sue shared State Superintendent Tony Thurmond and CDE team members have produced a new guidance document that was released today. The three key considerations for opening schools are: face coverings for students and staff; social distancing of six feet for students and staff; and daily symptom screening. Also, the guidance notes that cleaning is paramount and, if possible, teaching outside or with open doors and windows is preferable.

9.0 BOARD MEMBER & ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS / COMMUNICATION

- 9.1 Dennis Reinholtsen offered his congratulations to Mary DeWald and the other teachers recently honored for their commitment to teaching; he watched the video presentation and said it was fun.
- 9.2 Verne Skjonsby offered his thanks to all staff for their willingness to “go with the flow” these past months and the remainder of the Board agreed.
- 9.3 Motion by Becky Reece, second by Verne Skjonsby, to correct the date in item 3.1 from 2018-2019 to 2020-2021. Motion carried via roll call vote, 5-0.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

- 10.1 The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ivey
Secretary to the Board