

CUTTEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD MINUTES

Board Meeting

May 8, 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: Jorey McComas, Verne Skjonsby, Tracy Boobar-Korenstein, Mary DeWald, and Becky Reece

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 2.1 Motion by Tracy Boobar-Korenstein, 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 INFORMATION / DISCUSSION AGENDA

- 4.1 Tina Standish reported on behalf of the PTA that they had been working hard on the Drama Club musical, *Madagascar*, staff appreciation week and play days at the end of the year. The yearbook is complete and has been ordered. The sub-committee will meet soon to award PTA scholarships. The PTA still has approximately \$5,000 to award; they welcome ideas.
- 4.2 Melissa Seymour reported for the CRSF. She reminded everyone of the Family Barbeque coming up on May 21, 2017 from 12:30 to 4:30 at the Moose Lodge. The advice ticket price is \$20 per person; free hot dogs for children. The CRSF website was “tagged” by the California Department of Education. The next restaurant take-over is set for Gill’s by the Bay on May 23, from 6 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. CRSF is still looking for ideas for their gifts to our schools; put any ideas into the CRSF mailbox as soon as possible.
- 4.3 Christina Baxter, Site Council member, reported the Ridgewood Beautification Day is Thursday, May 11. Notice went home today inviting participation. There will be activities for younger children. The sub-committee working on school safety will be meeting often to try to solve the Ridgewood School parking lot difficulties as well as problems with morning drop-offs. A County of Humboldt engineer has reviewed the area and will offer some ideas to best regulate traffic flow.
- 4.4 Sue Ivey updated the 2017 – 2018 registration numbers. As of this date, we have 24 TK students and 99 kindergarteners registered. Sue Ivey will be sending out invitations to the kindergarten orientation. Grades 1 – 6 are holding steady; looking much like last year.
- 4.5 Julie reported the search for a new Superintendent/Principal was ongoing and Board members were planning a site visit to the top applicant’s place of employment at the end of the week.
- 4.6 Julie Osborne took a look into the 2017 – 2018 enrollment “crystal ball” and surveyed teachers regarding 2017 – 2018 tentative teaching assignments. Please see attached very tentative assignments. To meet Grade Span Adjustment (GSA) rules, we must keep K – 3 classes at or below 24 students. The rules allow us a little flexibility; we can average classrooms across a school site. This is problematic for our third grade. Option A class sizes reflect current numbers moved forward, plus new in-district enrollees, and subtracted students leaving the district. Option B reflects a decrease in anticipated TK/K – perhaps as a result of the interdistrict transfer uncertainties, and the possibility of current fifth graders going to sixth grade at either Zane or Winship.

5.0 ACTION AGENDA

- 5.1 Motion by Mary DeWald, second by Verne Skjonsby to employ classroom aide Taunya Brunton. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- 5.2 Approval of 2017 – 2018 Kids' Club Contract – died for lack of motion.
- 5.3 Motion by Jorey McComas, second by Tracy Boobar-Korenstein to adopt the job description for Food Services Manager. Motion carried 5 - 0.
- 5.4 Motion by Tracy Boobar-Korenstein, second by Verne Skjonsby to accept, with regrets, the resignation of certificated teacher Alexa Andis. Motion carried 5 – 0.

6.0 BOARD MEMBER & ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS / COMMUNICATIONS

- 6.1 Julie Osborne asked for volunteers to present diplomas at the 6th grade promotion ceremony; Mary DeWald and Jorey McComas agreed to do so.
- 6.2 Julie Osborne noted that Ridgewood School second grade teacher, Wendy Branca was receiving the Teachers of Excellence award in a ceremony May 9, 2-17 at the Humboldt County Office of Education.
- 6.3 Jorey McComas announced he will be retiring from the board effective August of 2017.
- 6.4 Board members who saw the musical *Madagascar* reported that students were outstanding and the costumes were amazing. The children's confidence came through clearly.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS – None

8.0 CLOSED SESSION – 7:34 p.m.

- 8.1 Conference regarding Certificated, Classified and Management Employee Negotiations
- 8.2 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

9.0 REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION – No action taken.

- 8.1 Motion by Jorey McComas, second by Tracy Boobar-Korenstein to approve a 2017 – 2018 salary of \$94,670 for Sue Ivey, Ridgewood School principal, a 3.17% salary increase. It was noted that there are automatic step increases for the principal.
- 8.2 No action taken.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Osborne
Secretary to the Board