

CUTTEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING Minutes
April 6, 2026 6:00 pm
Ridgewood Commons
2060 Ridgewood Drive Cutten, CA 95503

Board members in attendance: Dennis Reinholtson, Mary DeWald, Beth Johnston, Mindy Schon, Becky Reece

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE-** Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm
- 2.0 CONSENT AGENDA-** Moved by Becky Reece, seconded by Beth Johnston. Motion carried 5-0.
- 2.1 Approval of Minutes, March 9, 2026
 - 2.2 Approval of Warrants and Payroll
 - 2.3 Quarterly Report on William Uniform Complaints 2026 1st Quarter
- 3.0 VISITOR COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS-** Cutten teacher shocked by the new front office and classroom looks great.

The Board reserves the right to limit speakers to three minutes only. The Board may comment, but cannot take action at this time. The Board President may refer the matter to the Superintendent for review, if appropriate.

4.0 REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

- 4.1 Cutten-Ridgewood PTA Report-Meeting 04/07/26 to discuss carnival coming up.
- 4.2 School Site Council Report- Single plan for student achievement approved with minor corrections, ready to be included in LCAP.
- 4.3 HBTA Report- Chastain's room had a rainbow day. Buddies for the week is so great for the older kids to reconnect with the littles and how the littles look up to the other kids. 2nd grade finishing up adopting a lamb and will be visiting Foggy bottoms. Tk/K have chickens and one quail egg that might hatch. Students' growth post conference week is showing huge accomplishments. Huge increase in Health & welfare that they would like increases to be considered during negotiations. 3rd grade is headed to the Symphony. Amy also celebrated.
- 4.4 Principal's Report- 04/08/26 Open house at 6pm. Several students attended the March science fair and 3 students placed 3rd place. CEI traveled to San Diego and found a focus group of hispanics to be more involved. The drama club is getting ready for May 1st and 2nd performances, buses are being rented from other schools to get the entire campus over to see the play. The 2nd book fair happened and it was a huge success. Continuing to look at online presentations to come to a conclusion of what math curriculum should be adopted. SEL ventriloquist performances shared out. Alarms and bells being added and completed at Ridgewood site.
- 4.5 2025 – 2026 Student Registration Report- TK numbers not coming up as high as was previously projected. Not all K registration numbers are in either. So far enrollment is dropping by about 28 students for next year. Big 6th grade graduation class moving on.
- 4.6 LCAP Update-Not much update, just waiting for a survey to be returned.

5.0 INFORMATION / POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

- 5.1 Consider Approval of 2026-27 Medical, Dental and Vision Rates, NCSMIG- Motioned by Becky Reece, seconded by Beth Johnston. Motion carried 5-0.

- 5.2 Discussion/Consider Tentative Staffing Options- Lots to consider, but teachers would like it to be advertised more via instagram and facebook as well as the marquees boards to turn in registration as soon as possible.
- 5.3 Discussion/Consider Approval of Updated Principal Job Description- Moved by Becky Reece, seconded by Mindy Sehon. Motion carried 5-0.
- 5.4 Discussion/Consider Approval of Securly Program, to Oversee Student Computer Usage 3rd-6th grade, \$3680- Motioned by Mindy Sehon, seconded by Becky Reece. Motion carried 5-0.
- 5.5 Discussion/Consider Approval to Collaborate with HCOE to Participate in the California Department of Education's Learning Communities for School Success Program (LCSSP), Cohort 10. - Extra PD is the benefit that we gain. Motioned by Beth Johnston, seconded by Becky Reece.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT- Next project options. The second bond half hasn't sold yet. Shared with leadership, big things brought to attention in regards to missing space in Cutten. Two rooms at Cutten would be a benefit and challenge as to where they might be able to go. Ridgewood doesn't have a cafeteria which is considered a hardship school for not having this space. A survey will be sent out on how to rank all these items being considered.

7.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS / COMMUNICATION- None

8.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM- None

9.0 CLOSED SESSION- Closed session adjourned at 7pm Reopened
With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session:

10.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GC § 54957.6)

Agency Negotiator: Dennis Reinholtsen

Unrepresented Employee: Classified

10.2 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GC § 54957.6)

Agency Negotiator: Becky MacQuarrie

Name of organization representing employees: Humboldt Bay Teachers Association

10.3 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GC § 54957.6)

Agency Negotiator: Dennis Reinholtsen

Unrepresented Employee: Principal

10.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Report of Action Taken

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

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