

CUTTEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2021
6:30 pm

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Board members in attendance: Becky Reece, Andy Sundquist, and Dennis Reinholtsen

Beth Johnston arrived at 6:38 during Reports.

Mary DeWald arrived at 8:07 for Closed Session.

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Andy Sundquist to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried by roll call vote 3 – 0.

4.0 VISITOR COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS None

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Elaine Mu provided the Cutten Ridgewood PTA Report. She shared news of the PTA's two back to back June meetings. She announced the scholarship recipients. The PTA made plans to include distance learning students with goody bags since they will not be involved in Play Day. The next meeting will be August 10. There are a few open chair positions.

5.2 The minutes of the June 8, 2021 School Site Council were reviewed by August Deshais. Sue Ivey attended their meeting and presented on the LCAP. There will be two vacant parent seats in the fall.

5.3 Amy Chastain gave an HBTA Report covering how hard staff has worked over this highly unusual year. They have made learning both engaging and fun, especially the end of the school year. TK had a pirate celebration party. K students raised butterflies. First grade students participated in scavenger hunts. In Mike's Richard's second grade class, students put on a virtual talent show. Third graders in Mrs. Ng's class took apart and reassembled small appliances. Fourth graders finished their gold rush unit by "panning for gold", fifth graders grew wheat, and sixth graders have been busy building toothpick bridges. Amy thanked Sue Ivey for her dedication to the district and for taking on extra tasks. She stated that Sue is so loved and will be missed.

5.4 Sue Ivey reviewed the latest registration numbers. We gained 5 more registrations for kindergarten. We expect more registrations to come in, just later than usual.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE - None

7.0 PUBLIC HEARING

7.1 Becky Reece, Board President, opened the Public Hearing on the 2021 – 2022 Local Accountability Plan (LCAP). Sue Ivey gave a brief overview of the LCAP providing the public with some of our successes including low suspension rate, good reading and math academic achievement, and the outstanding music program. She also shared some areas of focus for improvement. We want to promote higher levels of parent involvement and focus on the social emotional well-being of students. Heating and ventilation improvements will be addressed. We did a really good job with gathering stakeholder feedback utilizing many types of communication including surveys. A new feature in this LCAP will be to measure arts integration. We added more speech services to meet our increased need. Students who don't have access to technology devices at home will be able to check out a Chromebook next year. To address learning loss, summer school is planned for this summer and next. We have begun the planning process for outdoor learning structures. Plans will need DSA approval. We set some actions for our unduplicated students - foster youth, low income, and English learners. There was no public comment and the President closed the public hearing.

7.2 Becky Reece opened the meeting for a Public Hearing on the 2021 – 2022 district budget. The Board listened to a brief overview by Thor Arwood. There was no other public comment given and the President closed the public hearing.

7.3 Becky Reece opened the Public Hearing on the proposed purchase of property at 4140 Walnut Drive, Eureka, CA. Dennis Reinholtsen recused himself. Andy Sundquist gave a brief overview of the Board's reasoning for the property's use. Becky Reece shared that the Cutten campus has been overcrowded for many years and this property might enable the District to gain space. Andy stated that with the housing development from behind Redwood Fields, it is possible the District would receive developer fees. Elaine Mu shared that she is happy the Board is thinking ahead and about the future. Joe Kencke asked about the property in between and whether the Board would consider acquiring this property as well. Andy stated that since that property is a rental it is a possibility it may come up for sale. A facilities

plan is in the works and will include the 4140 Walnut Drive property. The President closed the Public Hearing. Dennis Reinholtsen rejoined the meeting.

8.0 INFORMATION / POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

- 8.1 Motion was made by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Beth Johnston to approve the tentative contract with a speech-language pathologist not to exceed 12 hours per school week without prior approval by Board, subject to agreement on provision of insurance. Motion carried by roll call vote 4 – 0.
- 8.2 Motion was made by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Andy Sundquist to approve Board Policies and Administrative Guides 3550, *Food Service – Child Nutrition Program* and 6142.7, *Physical Education and Activity*. Motion carried by roll call vote 4 – 0.
- 8.3 Motion was made by Andy Sundquist, second by Beth Johnston to approve the LCAP Federal Addendum Revision. Motion carried by roll call vote 4 – 0.
- 8.4 Sue Ivey provided the California Dashboard LCAP Local Indicators Report covering the following: Priority 1 – Basic Services, Priority 2 – Implementation of State Academic Standards, Priority 3 – Parent Engagement, Priority 6 – Parent Engagement and Priority 7 – Access to a Broad Course of Study. She gave a brief overview of how the District measures each priority. Our staff and Board put forth great effort and this report showcases our many strengths.
- 8.5 Motion was made by Beth Johnston, second by Andy Sundquist to approve the Cutten Hallway Roofing Project. Motion carried by roll call vote 4 – 0.
- 8.6 Motion was made by Beth Johnston, second by Andy Sundquist to approve the Shade Structure Project, including concrete slabs. Motion carried by roll call vote 4 – 0.

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT/ PRINCIPAL REPORT

August Deshais shared that two weeks ago there was an afternoon high school grad walk. The twenty graduates enjoyed being back on the Cutten campus and offered words of advice to current students. It was exciting to hear the exciting plans of the graduates. He also reported that both the EHS valedictorian and salutatorian were Cutten graduates. Both sites are hosting Play Days. Jennifer Johnston will provide a healthy snack for all students. Sixth grade promotion is this Wednesday in the upper Cutten field. A flatbed truck will serve as the stage. The sixth grade ensemble will provide live music. Sue Ivey reported that there will be a jazz band concert at Ridgewood on the last day of school. The concert will be held outside. The final day of school is Thursday, June 17, and the first day of the 2021-22 school year is Thursday August 26, which is also a minimum day. August has been tracking student reading in the Accelerated Reader Program. Students at both schools have read nearly 75,000,000 words this school year! That averages out to over 416,000 words per school day. Over the summer we will be very busy. There will be four weeks of summer school. We are going to order new Foss Science curriculum, and have planned numerous projects including some reroofing and new fencing at Cutten, permanent outdoor learning spaces with concrete slabs at both sites, and the first two phases of the HVAC project. The solar panels at Ridgewood have saved 50,612 pounds of emissions and is equivalent to planting 382 trees.

10.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS / COMMUNICATION

Becky Reece shared she was happy to hear how much students are reading. She also reported that the Masters in Governance Training was very worthwhile.

11.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM None

12.0 CLOSED SESSION 8:07 p.m. Mary DeWald joined meeting.

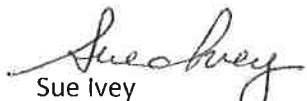
13.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION 8:46 p.m.

- 13.1 Motion was made by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Andy Sundquist to enter into a contract with Kristyn Fresz for school counseling services subject to the elimination of the 0.65 FTE school counseling position and the mutual agreement of a contract not to exceed 12 hours a week without board approval, and at the rate of \$90.00 an hour. Motion carried by roll call vote 5 – 0.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Sue Ivey
Secretary to the Board