

-CUTTEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING Minutes
June 23, 2025 6:00 pm
Ridgewood Commons
2060 Ridgewood Drive Cutten, CA 95503

Board members in attendance: Dennis Reinholtsen, Mary DeWald, Mindy Sehon, and Becky Reece

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE 6:02 pm called to order. Flag salute.

2.0 ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE:

PROVISIONAL BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT UNTIL NOVEMBER, 2026 ELECTION:

MINDY SEHON- Pledged herself into the governing Board

Date of Vacancy May 12, 2025- Andy Sundquist Resignation

Unless a petition calling for special election pursuant to Ed Code 5091 is filed in the office of the County Superintendent within 30 days of the provisional appointment, it shall become an effective appointment.

The person appointed shall hold office until the next regularly scheduled election for district Board members and shall be afforded all the powers and duties of a Board member upon appointment (Ed code 5091)

Moved item to after comments section.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM- None

4.0 CLOSED SESSION - 7:29 pm opened

*4.1 Hearing to Consider/Deliberations Regarding the Expulsion of a Student (Ed. Code sec. 48918)
Case No. 1*

5.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION -Opened at 8:06 with decision of expulsion through spring semester of 2025 plan with rehabilitation plan which was recommended. Motioned by Becky Reece seconded by Mary DeWald. Carried 4-0.

5.1 Final Action on Expulsion of Pupil (Ed. Code §§ 48918, 72122) Case No. 1
Board took action to expel Case No 1 until 6/11/2025

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA - Moved as corrected. Moved by Becky Reece, Seconded by Mary DeWald. Moved 4-0.

- 6.1 Approval of Minutes, May 12, 2025; June 9, 2025 4.0 and 4.2 z instead of C and 4.6 Moved but not by who; June 16, 2025 - Board members in attendance
- 6.2 Approval of Warrants and Payroll
- 6.3 Approval of 2025 Summer School Temporary Positions (Teachers, Aides, After-School Program Aides, After-School Director, Afterschool coordinator, and Summer School Principal)
- 6.4 Approval 2025-26 Consolidated Application for Funding
- 6.5 Approval of Resignations of .425 FTE Cutten ASP Coordinator .625 ASP Director, 1.31 FTE, ASP/Classroom Aides
- 6.6 Approval of a 1.0 FTE Resignation Ridgewood School Bus Driver/Custodial Position
- 6.7 Approval of a 1.0 FTE Ridgewood School Bus Driver/Custodial Position
- 6.8 Approval 1.0 FTE Classified Library Tech Position; .425 FTE Cutten ASP Coordinator .625 ASP Director, 1.31 FTE :ASP/Classroom Aide Positions.

7.0 VISITOR COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS- Kencke- Reading improvement (dibbles) quick assessments used to score kids early on their reading. 10-20% of students on the dyslexia spectrum which dibbles helps in identifying how to help. Improvements in grade 1, 3 and 5. Appreciate low numbers in classrooms especially in the lower grades to allow for students to learn to read and excel in areas to help them move forward to higher grades.

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.

8.0 REPORTS

8.1 Cutten-Ridgewood PTA Report

8.2 School Site Council Report

8.3 HBTA Report- Welcoming new board members. The school year ended great and summer school has started well thus far. Format this year is 45 minutes sessions switching students around with 4 sessions throughout the year. Members were bummed they couldn't speak at prior sessions but glad that it's being corrected in further agenda items.

Negotiations are officially underway to agreement.

8.4 2025 – 2026 Enrollment/Staffing- If it stays as is, enrollment will be a little more than the estimated prior enrollment. Kencke spoke on how much better it would be to have smaller classes in 1st grade, but understands that money is tight.

8.5 Superintendent/Principal Report- Becky-Besc project is starting over at cutten to finish the HVAC project from 4 years ago. If the bond goes through they will break ground on the 27th and it will happen during the year unfortunately. The district office is getting its roof redone because of leaks that need to be upgraded as well as a few offices redone since there are a lot of people in there now. 6th grade teachers get huge props to the work that goes on for promotion. Class lists are getting finalized and schedules as well as hiring new paras for those who have left. ASP to keep the gate secured during summer school all day to keep kids safe. Scores are imported for data so everyone knows where students are at in terms of learning.

9.0 PUBLIC HEARING-

9.1 2025 – 2026 EPA and Spending Plan Resolution 2025-6

9.2 2025 – 2026 Local Accountability Plan (LCAP)-Becky Reece specification on costs of special education. Kencke questioned why the cost of the Psychologist was much higher and it's due to them being a director instead of just a psychologist.

9.3 2025 – 2026 District Budget - Question from Kencke in regards to Terms in the Budget Adoption Working Budget.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE- None

11.0 INFORMATION / POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Brown Act Correction from June 16, 2025 Special Board Meeting Public Comments on Agendized Items:

3.1 Discussion Regarding Interview Process to Make a Provisional Appointment to Fill Vacancy on the Cutten Board of Trustees- No Comments

3.2 Consideration and Possible Action to Make a Provisional Appointment to Fill

Vacancy on the Cutten Board of Trustees (Ed Code sect. 5091)- Richards made a comment that it be the same moving forward with no changes.

11.2 Discussion/Consider Approval Ridgewood Elementary School Phase 2 with Additional Service

Revise DSA approved Plans & Specs Studio W Project Number 19006.1- Motioned by Becky Reece and seconded by Mindi Sehon. Moved 4-0.

11.3 Discussion/Consider Approval of Bid for Concrete Work at Cutten School(\$15,000-20,000 Estimate)- Motioned by Becky Reece and seconded by Mary Dewald. Moved 4-0.

11.4 Discussion/Consider Approval of Second Step Social Emotional learning Curriculum Upgrade (Using CalHope funding)- Motioned by Becky Reece and seconded by Mindi Sehon. Moved 4-0.

11.5 Discussion/Consider Approval of NextGen Math and Reflex Math Online Programs 1 Year (Learning Recovery Funding/Educator Effectiveness Funding) - Motioned by Becky Reece seconded by Mindy Sehon. Moved 4-0.

11.6 Discussion First Review of the Revised Cutten Elementary School District Board Policies: Index 12-18 CESD- 0000 Series: Philosophy, Goals, Objectives, and Comprehensive Plans 1000 Series: Community Relations 2000 Series: Administration 3000 Series: Business and Non Instructional Operations 4000 Series: Personnel 5000 Series: Students 6000 Series: Instruction 7000 Series: Facilities 9000 Series: Board Bylaws

11.7 Discussion/ Approval of Mural Project Cutten School: Donation Linda Forbes- Motioned by Becky Reece seconded by Mary DeWald. Moved 4-0.

12.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS / COMMUNICATION- Reinholtsen, enjoyed handing out diplomas to students.

13.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM- No comments

14.0 CLOSED SESSION - closed again at 8:10

40.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GC § 54957.6)

Agency Negotiator: Becky MacQuarrie

Name of organization representing employees: Humboldt Bay Teachers

Association

Moved 4-0.

15.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION- 8:15 reconvening Motioned by Becky Reese seconded by Mindy Sehon with approval of HBTA agreement.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT- Meeting adjourned at 8:24