

CUTTEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MINUTES
November 8th, 2021
6:30 p.m.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

- 1.1 Board members in attendance, Mary DeWald, Dennis Reinholtsen, Becky Reece, Beth Johnston, and Andy Sundquist.

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 2.1 Motion by Andy Sundquist, second by Dennis Reinholtsen to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

3.0 VISITOR COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None.

4.0 REPORTS

- 4.1 Cutten Ridgewood PTA Report – Elaine Mu reported that raffle ticket sales have started. All tickets are due on November 30th for the top seller prize, winners will be announced on December 7th. The spirit wear on demand website will be up soon, and the PTA is waiting on a ship date for the flash sale. There will be a drive through membership drive on Saturday December 11th where the PTA will be giving out candy canes and membership packets.
- 4.2 HBTA Report – Amy Chastain reported that Halloween went well and was almost normal, there were special events happening in each classroom. A fine motor group was started in Kindergarten this week, and there is also social-emotional learning happening once a week in Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten. Amy is proud of the group effort of the district on tackling the social-emotional needs of the students, social workers, administration and teachers. Teachers are working on report cards now, and there will be no conferences now due to having back to school conferences at the beginning of the year. Although we have had COVID cases on campus we have had no outbreaks, thank you to everyone for following protocols and keeping our students and staff safe.
- 4.3 School Site Council Report – August Deshais reported that the council has welcomed 2 new parents and 1 returning parent. Katrin Lemmon and Annette Sligh are the staff representatives on the council. Council meeting time has changed to 5:45 p.m. The council will be reviewing the School Safety Plan in November to take to the Board in December.

5.0 PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC HEARING – AB 130 Educator Effectiveness Plan and Expenditure of Funds. Becky MacQuarrie presented the Educator Effectiveness Plan for the \$191,000 in funding for 5 years. The plan focuses on two major areas math and language arts. The district is planning on grade level math professional development for the next 5 years with Kim Sutton. This professional development will focus on strategies for understanding math standards. In language arts the district is transitioning from National Geographic to the Fountas & Pinnell curriculum piloted last summer in summer school and used in our Tier II program. The plan is to send 2 teachers to professional development to become Fountas & Pinnell trainers. They can then come back and offer Fountas & Pinnell training to the rest of the staff.

6.0 INFORMATION / POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

- 6.1 Motion by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Mary DeWald, to approve Resolution 2022-02, Exemption to the Separation from Service Requirement Pursuant to Section 24214.5 or 26812 of the Education Code. Motion carried 5-0.
- 6.2 Becky MacQuarrie provided an update on the Bond status. The district is putting pieces of the bond project at Cutten out to bid starting in November and December. The district is working with our architects Studio W on the paperwork and DSA approvals. The district is hoping to start the projects after the bid process is completed.
- 6.3 Becky MacQuarrie provided an update on the district HVAC project. Ridgewood is ready for a walk-through. Ventilation work has started at Cutten. The district is still waiting for DSA approval for the attic doors. Ventilation may be completed after Thanksgiving, allowing classrooms to close the doors and use the old heaters. Phase 3 at Cutten is in the preparation phase as PG&E work needs to be done before it moves forward.
- 6.4 Becky MacQuarrie provided an update on the property at 4140 Walnut Drive. The property needed some work and extra cleaning to be up to code and rentable. The rent for the front property is \$1800 per month, and the back duplex is \$800 each per month. The back duplex already has occupants and the front house was just rented. 10% of the rent will go to property management.
- 6.5 Becky MacQuarrie reported that the Humboldt County Department of Public Health has removed the outdoor masking mandate. Public Health still recommends masking outdoors in crowded settings such as school playgrounds. A discussion ensued about the district requirements for masking outdoors. The decision would be based on many factors including but not limited to county color tier, vaccination rates and rate of spread. The district will look at the factors weekly and adjust masking requirements accordingly. At this time the district will still continue to mask outside, but will start to mix cohorts of students.
- 6.6 Motion by Beth Johnston, second by Andy Sundquist, to approve Stipend to Computer Coordinator for Covid-19 Organization, Structure and Implementation of Testing for Staff and Students.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT AND PRINCIPAL REPORT

Becky MacQuarrie reported that the district had a professional development day on November 1st. Each site had CPR/First Aid certification. Bill Funkhouser with HCOE presented on the role of Art with social emotional learning, and Foss Science professional development was conducted. The district will be updating the refurbished printers and copiers with new ones hopefully over Winter Break. The district is using outdoor tents and tables daily for lunch Staffing is fluid, there is some Instructional Aide turnover and Ridgewood is in need of a breakfast aide. Two aides have applied for substitute teaching credentials and are almost cleared. Ridgewood has started Art Lesson with Haley Jones, and Cutten is coming next. Kitchen is running well with the new Food Service Coordinator, Alanzo Arenivaz. The Book Fair will be happening at Cutten School November 15th-19th. Girls basketball has started.

8.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – None

10.0 ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky MacQuarrie
Secretary to the Board