

CUTTEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MINUTES
November 9, 2020
6:30 p.m.
Via Zoom Videoconference

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.
Board members in attendance: Becky Reece, Andy Sundquist, Mary DeWald
Verne Skjonsby and Dennis Reinholtzen
- 2.0 CONSENT AGENDA
 - 2.1 Motion by Becky Reece, second by Verne Skjonsby, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.
- 3.0 VISITOR COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None Offered
- 4.0 REPORTS
 - 4.1 Cutten-Ridgewood PTA Report – Elaine Mu reported that the last meeting of the PTA was held on November 3rd. Winners of the Halloween costume contest were announced with the winner’s receiving Target gift cards. The online Spirit Shop is now up and running. The next meeting will be held December 1st.
 - 4.2 HBTA Report – Amy Chastain reported that distance learning was going well, teachers are bonding with students even over distance. Week 4 of Blended Learning has some challenges. Classrooms are very cold with the windows open for air flow. School is definitely not the same with social distancing. The social-emotional component is lacking due to masks and social distancing, but teachers are doing the best they can with help from the social workers. Teachers are grateful for Friday meeting day, Blended Learning only works with Friday as a meeting day so that teachers can collaborate and attend IEP meetings. Teachers are worried about families travelling for the upcoming holidays. You can’t stop people from travelling but maybe go to Distance Learning for the first week after holiday breaks.
 - 4.3 School Site Council Report – August Deshais reported that the council is short one member in the other school employee category. At the last meeting the council discussed the Safety Plan, SPSA Federal Funds and the LCAP. The council will approve the Safety Plan at either the November or December meeting. The council is also losing another member as the parent representative Beth Johnston is now the new board member.
 - 4.4 Bond Update – Cutten has received approval from DGS for projects at Cutten. The DSA has cleared the previous projects. Ridgewood is still waiting for DSA clearance for the previous projects, the district is expecting a letter by Friday for uncertified projects. The new building at Ridgewood will not tie in to the existing fire alarm system. Replacing the fire alarm system was added to the scope of construction.
- 5.0 INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS
 - 5.1 Consider Shade Structure – Due to Covid-10 it is recommended that outdoor teaching be used as much as possible. Currently there is no space for outdoor teaching. The district is considering using Learning Loss Mitigation Funds to purchase 30 ft x 40 ft shade structures at each campus for outdoor learning. The district has contacted a vendor to get information on the project. The vendor visited each campus and approved the building sites and also offered help with DSA approval. Price from the vendor did not include the concrete pad needed for each structure. The board asked if we had temporary shade structures and the

Superintendent informed them that we have 6 10 ft x 10 ft temporary shade structures. The Board asked what else the money could be spent on. The Superintendent said other ideas for the funds were additional chromebooks, short-throw projectors and screens. Topic was tabled pending information on if the structures need to be ordered or installed by the deadline.

5.2 Consider Purchase of Server – Brief discussion ensued. Board was surprised we did not already have one. Motion by Becky Reece to approve purchase of a server, second by Mary DeWald. Motion carried 5-0.

5.3 Consider Continuation of Blended Learning Schedule – Discussion ensued about the Blended Learning Schedule. Friday meeting days are vital for IEP, 504 and other meetings. The district currently has 66 upcoming SST meetings and 36 initial IEP meetings scheduled. SST meetings generate follow-up meetings. With the learning loss students are experiencing these meetings are needed more than ever. Becky Reece made a motion to continue the current Blended Learning Schedule until the end of the second trimester and re-evaluate, second by Verne Skjonsby. Motion carried 5-0.

5.4 Consider Acceptance of District Superintendent Resignation – Becky Reece motioned to accept the District Superintendent's resignation, second by Dennis Reinholtsen. Motion carried 5-0.

6.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION – None Offered.

7.0 CLOSED SESSION – 7:26 p.m.

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR 9GC SECTION 54957.6)

Agency Negotiator: Susan Ivey

Organization representing Employees: Humboldt Bay Teachers Association

8.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 8:22 p.m.

8.1 No reportable action was taken.

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL REPORT

10.1 Sue Ivey reported that the district leadership team is enrolled in the California Rural Leadership Academy (CaRLA). The district now has one on-staff substitute, which has been a huge asset to the district during this time. District Social Workers have been addressing the student's social/emotional needs and mindfulness. The RFP for the HVAC project is scheduled to go out soon. Both playgrounds are being painted with mindfulness stencils purchased through the district's MTSS grant. August Deshais reported that the district has sent a survey out to Distance Learning families to see if they want to transition to on-campus learning. Most have decided to stay with distance learning. Any changes would take place on November 30th. Cutten held student council elections on election day. Student Council Meetings are held two times a month upcoming items for the student council are spirit day themes and school climate survey results. Sue thanked Verne Skjonsby for his service to the district.

10.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/COMMUNICATION

11.1 Dennis Reinholtsen thanked the staff for the great jobs they are doing.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Sue Ivey
Secretary to the Board