



Cutten School District

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CUTTEN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BOARD MEETING Minutes

October 10, 2024 6:00 pm

Ridgewood Commons
2060 Ridgewood Drive
Cutten, CA 95503

1. Dennis Reinholdtsen 2. Mary DeWald 3. Andy Sundquist 4. Becky Reece 5. Beth Johnson

1.0 CALL TO ORDER-FLAG SALUTE- Meeting called to order at 6:01pm

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA- (possibly bring back percentage of reimbursement) Motioned by 3 seconded by 5. Motion carried 5-0

- 2.1 Approval of Minutes – September 9, 2024
- 2.2 Approval of Warrants and Payroll
- 2.3 Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints
- 2.4 Approval of 10 Hours of Budget Consultation- Jeannemarie Baker
- 2.5 Approval of Resignation One .8125 Classified Aide/Intervention Coordinator Cutten
- 2.6 Approval of Employment of 3.4625 FTE (Classroom Instructional Aides; RSP Aide; RW Afterschool Aides) Filling Vacant Positions, Added One .75 FTE SCIA
- 2.7 Approval of the Declaration of Need- Beth Question if we need to approve something in specific
- 2.8 Approval of Contract With Fagan, Friedman & Fulfroast, Agreement for Legal Services 2024-2025
- 2.9 Approval of 2024-2025 Bus Routes
- 2.10 Approval of Certificated Teacher Unpaid Leave from 9/27/24-10/31/24
- 2.11 Approval of Certificated Teacher Unpaid Leave from 9/17/24-10/8/24

3.0 VISITOR COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - No Comments

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

- 4.1 Cutten Ridgewood PTA Report- Stacy Gabbert-Multicultural Night Friday was wonderful and the attendance was excellent and will need bigger space next year. Mod Pizza PTA fundraiser for 25% return to school. 190 members in PTA. The Spirit store will open soon with a new design.
- 4.2 School Site Council Report- 2 new parents and 4 new teachers. Meeting 10/11/24.
- 4.3 HBTA Report- CoLab meetings replacing the SST process for individual students to provide best support. CoLab led by Tonya Speed. Admin offering half day sub day for 2nd grade to work together with Karla Troyer to incorporate new curriculums related to the Science of Reading.
- 4.4 Superintendent/Principals' Report- Buddies started last week. Art teacher is doing a great job and is splitting time at each site. New sub calling system is running well. Author festival starting this week with 3 presentations Friday at RW and 2 at Cutten on Thursday. Using pillars of character instead of red ribbon week. Halloween parades coming as well. TK play structure set up. Fossil field trip went great with many fossils making it back. Veterans McKay run -5\$ off if Cutten school is mentioned. Student council officers have been selected and speeches were great. Girls basketball team 5th/6th grade will be starting practice with Coach Jason Marrow. 10/25 awards assembly at Cutten. Superintendent attended the SSDA conference in Sacramento and expanded knowledge on deficit spending and options of what others are doing to cut back.
- 4.5 2024-2025 Student Registration Report/Enrollment Demographics- 551 enrollment one of the biggest big littles as shown by HCOE's census data. Decline in total enrollment all throughout the County.
- 4.6 LCAP-CAASPP Data update- 3rd-6th grade data results bringing us to one of the top districts in terms of improvement. Certain areas where things were done differently showed the most improvement overall. But over 7% growth is great for one year's difference.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 Cutten ESD LCAP and Adopted Budget approved by HCOE- Approved by HCOE with no warning of anything



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serious in terms of financial aspects.

6.0 INFORMATION / POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

- 6.1 Discussion/Action on the Selection of Board Member to Serve on Delegation to Elect Members for the County Committee- Beth Johnson selected. Motioned by 1 second by 3. Motion carried 5-0
- 6.2 Budget Update from School Business Officer/Superintendent- Explanation of deficit showing 900k but in actuarial 370k which isn't as bad and we can still streamline to reduce even more.
- 6.3 Discussion/Consider Approval of Increase to Substitute Teacher daily pay rate to \$175, and Retired Teacher \$200- Moved stating 10/10/24 1 seconded 3. Motion carried 5-0.
- 6.4 Discussion/Consider Approval to Increase the School Bus Driver/Custodian/Maintenance Person Position From a .5 to a 1.0 Position (Optional Trainee incentive for Interested Applicants).- Motioned by 3 second by 5. Motion carried 5-0.
- 6.5 Discussion/Consider Approval of Updated Board Policy Independent Study First & Second Reading- 68% done with updating policies. Important one that needs to be brought to board to approve a policy saying below 16 days. Motioned by 5 seconded by 3. Motion carried 5-0.

7.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS / COMMUNICATION- Becky Reece attended Multicultural night and learned a lot and enjoyed the performances by the students.

8.0 CLOSED SESSION Adjourned open session at 7:08pm

8.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GC § 54957.6)

Agency Negotiator: Becky MacQuarrie
Unrepresented Employee: Classified

Closed Session 7:32pm

9.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION-7:33pm

Reported to increase the School Business manager Salary by 10% to reflect like jobs at like districts in the area. Motioned by 1, seconded by 3, Motion carried unanimously.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT-7:34pm

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