

Cold Spring School District Board of Trustees

MINUTES - Regular Meeting Monday, October 13, 2014

Members Present

Bryan Goligoski, President
Allison Marcillac, Vice-President
Michael Wasserman, Clerk of the Board
Matt Marquis, Trustee
Julie Hayashida, Trustee

Staff Present

Dr. Tricia T. Price, Superintendent/Principal
Coral Godlis, Executive Assistant
Scott Lathrop, CBO
Taiwo Madison, DFS
Stephanie Carey, Linda Edwards, Jean
Gradias, Vivian Dres, Johanna Thorpe, Amy
Campbell, Diana Wilson, Justin Pierce,
Melissa Katzenstein, Heather Shennum,
Kelly Orwig, Lara Wooten

Guests

Michael Deiana, Maureen Wooten, Lori Walker, Aaron Brinegar, Blair Whitney, Sara Thomas, Mick and Kim Thomas, Robert and Cindy Hann, Brett and Jennie Grube, Mary McMaster, Maury Hayashida, Kathrine Davidson, Kim and Ray Ferrarin, Marty New, Gabriella Salsbury, Patricia Noormand, Diane Morgan

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M.

2. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – 5:55 P.M.

2.A. **Conference with Labor Negotiator** (Government Code § 54957.6)
Agency designated representative: Tricia Price, Ed.D.,
Superintendent/Principal.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION- No action was taken.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. September 8, 2014 Regular Session

Clerk of the Board Wasserman *Motioned*, Trustee Marquis seconded, to approve the Minutes of September 8, 2014. The Motion carried unanimously.

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6. RECOGNITIONS, RECEIPT OF GIFTS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, AND ACCEPTANCES

7. BOARD COMMENTS – COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

Several parents of Cold Spring School students communicated their concerns to the Board about the new learning strategies for math implemented in the upper grade classes, corresponding with the Common Core standards. President Goligoski directed this discussion and public comment to the Conference Agenda item 13.D.

Vice President Marcillac commended Executive Assistant Godlis for implementing the Board Policy requirement of annual Proof of Residency for all enrolled students. Ms. Godlis along with the Cold Spring School office staff collected Proof of Residency from 100% of the families in the Cold Spring School District.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

9. CONSENT AGENDA

9.A. FINANCE ITEMS:

1. Warrants (attachment)
2. Regular Payroll: \$198,845.02
3. Other financial items since preparation of the agenda

9.B. Applications for Use of School Facilities

9.C. Approval Of Superintendent/Principal Contract Amendment

9.D. Personnel Items

1. Classified: one temporary to permanent status

Vice President Marcillac *Motioned*, Trustee Hayashida seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. The Motion carried unanimously.

10. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

10.A. Curriculum and Instruction Update – Misha Lewis

Mrs. Lewis presented an update to the Board detailing her assignment as a “Teacher On Special Assignment”. She updated the Board by explaining her duties including: researching new curriculum and instruction for the Common Core standards, making herself available to classroom teachers for instruction and coaching, working on a template for a report card that reflects the Common Core standards, and taking the lead on the Smarter Balance Assessment. Mrs. Lewis also provided the Board with a schedule detailing her daily activities.

10.B. REMINDER: November Board meeting on the 17th

The Board decided to change the date of the Regular Session meeting from Monday, November 17, 2014 to Thursday November 13, 2014.

Trustee Marquis *Motioned*, Vice President Marcillac seconded, to approve the Monday November 17, 2014 Board Meeting move to Thursday, November 13, 2014. The Motion carried unanimously.

10.C. Behavior and Discipline Plan Update

Superintendent/Principal Price explained to the Board the revised Behavior Report. The Discipline Plan was improved at the beginning of the year to provide more consistency and clarity to all staff and students. "Stop Tickets" are given to a student when they are breaking school rules or misbehaving. A copy of the ticket is also given to teachers when they are not present. This helps to communicate behaviors that occur when the classroom teacher is not present. The Board suggested to Dr. Price to get input from the students and student council.

10.D. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaint

There have been no complaints.

10.E. Monthly Enrollment Report

Enrollment has been consistent since the start of school: 161 students enrolled.

10.F. Report on first Parent Math Night

Superintendent Price reported to the Board about the first Parent Math Night that took place at the beginning of October. The meeting was well attended by parents from the community. Superintendent Price would like to hold additional math nights in the future. She also mentioned Santa Barbara Junior High School is making adjustments with their pathways for math. Superintendent Price will keep communicating with Santa Barbara Junior High about their future plans for math.

10.G. Superintendent Goals – 2014-15

Superintendent Price summarized the progress toward the completion of her goals for the 2014-15 school year. Superintendent Price told the Board she loves observing the teachers and students in the classroom. President Goligoski would like to take another look at the Superintendent Goals in December or January.

11. ACTION AGENDA

11.A. City of Santa Maria's Summons and Complaint

CBO Lathrop informed the Board of the City of Santa Maria's Summons and Complaint. He presented this to the Board just as information however it does not apply to our district.

11.B. Presentation on Certificate of Participation (COP)

CBO Lathrop gave a presentation on the Certificate of Participation. This is information for the Board to review. No action was taken.

11.C. Dolphin Center Reorganization

The topic of the Dolphin Center Reorganization was postponed and will be rescheduled for another Board Meeting.

11.D. Property Tax revenue expected for 2014-15 update

The Board reviewed Property Tax revenue expectation for 2014-15 update. The District expects to receive a 3.3% increase in property taxes this school year. No action was taken.

12. CONFERENCE AGENDA

12.A. Scheduling the Board's Annual Organizational Meeting for December 8, 2014

Vice President Marcillac *Motioned*, Clerk of the Board Wasserman seconded, to approve scheduling the Board's Annual Organizational Meeting for December 8, 2014. The Motion carried unanimously.

13. CONFERENCE AGENDA

Conference items may recognize people and programs, provide reports, request operational actions, discuss proposals, or make recommendations. The Board may comment, provide direction or take action on these items. Generally, items requiring action will be placed on a following agenda.

13.A. Proposal to Extend Instructional Assistant Time in Sixth Grade

Trustee Marquis *Motioned*, Trustee Hayashida seconded, to approve the Proposal to Extend Instructional Assistant Time in Sixth Grade. The Motion carried unanimously.

13.B. Proposal to Extend Instructional Assistant Time in Third Grade

Vice President Marcillac *Motioned*, Trustee Marquis seconded, to approve the Proposal to Extend Instructional Assistant Time in Third Grade. The Motion carried unanimously.

13.C. Revisions to Conflict of Interest Code

Trustee Marquis *Motioned*, Clerk of the Board Wasserman seconded, to approve the Revisions to Conflict of Interest Code. The Motion carried unanimously.

13.D. Review and Discussion of Instructional Practices in Mathematics

The Board open up the podium for public comment. The following people spoke to the Board: Stephanie Carey, Blair Whitney, Lori Walker, Kelly Orwig, Sarah Thomas, Mary McMaster, Robert Hann, Lara Wooten, Linda Edwards, Mick Thomas, Kim Ferrarin, Patricia Noormand, Cory Cordero-Rabe.

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The comments included: teachers expressed that they are adjusting to the new Common Core standards and they need time to work with students to see results; teachers informed the Board they have spent time developing their teaching methods; there is concern from parents that their children are not being challenged enough with the new teaching methods; some parents expressed that they were in support of the new math teaching practices, they liked the mixed groupings so students that were previously in "low" math groups no longer label themselves as "bad" at math; parents would like to be included more in the decision making process concerning curriculum and implementation of curriculum.

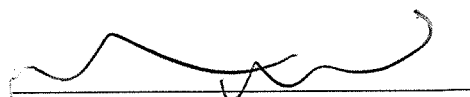
President Goligoski asked Superintendent Price for a chronology of how the math program for 2014-15 was put into place. Dr. Price reported that last year the lower and upper teaching teams researched and selected materials and resources to pilot that were Common Core based. The math group leveling was decided by the upper teaching team during their summer work. The Board granted time to teachers during the month of August to meet and develop teaching strategies for math. It was not a required workshop but it was well attended by our staff. Teachers decided the previously used method for grouping students did not fit with Common Core math. The teachers decided on a new ability grouping for students that made more sense for Common Core math. They decided to differentiate math instruction within their homerooms to best meet the needs of students.

The Board expressed that they would have liked more communication from Dr. Price regarding this topic. They would like to be kept in the loop with new teaching practices in order to answer questions in the community when they arise. Dr. Price took responsibility for not anticipating the concern parents would have about how teachers decided to group students for math. Vice President Marcillac discussed the importance of keeping the Board informed in order to keep the community united by providing as much information as possible. Everyone agreed the students are the common denominator and they are the priority in all decision making.

President Goligoski decided to schedule the Board to meet in a Special Session in order to give Superintendent Price time to meet with staff and bring more information to the Board. Superintendent Price would also like to give aides and support staff more training with Common Core so they can implement the new standards and can support teachers in the classroom. Further information will be discussed during the Special Session Meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular meeting of the Cold Spring School District Board of Trustees was adjourned at 8:26 P.M.


Clerk of the Board