

# Cold Spring School District Board of Trustees

## MINUTES - Regular Meeting Thursday, November 13, 2014

### Members Present

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

### Staff Present

Dr. Tricia T. Price, Superintendent/Principal  
Coral Godlis, Executive Assistant  
Scott Lathrop, CBO  
Misha Lewis  
Heather Shennum

### Guests

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M.

2. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – no closed session scheduled

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**5.A. October 13, 2014, Regular Session**

Clerk of the Board Wasserman wanted to note the District purchased two laptops computers at the beginning of the school year. He would like to know the guidelines for purchasing laptops: should purchasing laptop computers be a Board approved item? There was a discussion on what type of guidelines for purchasing are typical for public school districts. Clerk of the Board Wasserman would like to set up some guidelines for purchasing, if the Board Policy does not have any specifics.

Trustee Marquis *Motioned*, Vice President Marcillac seconded, to approve the Minutes of October 13, 2014. The Motion carried unanimously.

**5.B October 23, 2014, Special Session**

Clerk of the Broad Wasserman *Motioned*, Vice President Marcillac seconded, to approve the Minutes of October 23, 2014. The Motion carried unanimously.

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

7. **BOARD COMMENTS – COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

9. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**9.A. FINANCE ITEMS:**

1. Warrants (attachment)
2. Regular payroll: \$202,349.68
3. Other financial items since preparation of the agenda

**9.B. Applications for Use of School Facilities**

**9.C. Personnel Items: none**

There was a discussion about Item 9.A.1: warrants. Clerk of the Board Wasserman would like to understand how the monthly cost of the District this year compare to cost two years ago. CBO Lathrop offered to do a cost analysis report if the Board requests it. Trustee Marquis was curious about the Districts cost per student. Vice President Marcillac thought it was \$16-\$18000. One of the significant differences has been an increase in cost from Coastal Copy, this cost coincides with the shift into Common Core. Superintendent Price explained that curriculum is still being developed so many schools are duplicating materials while they wait to adopt a new curriculum. The increase in copy cost are being offset by the lack of textbooks and program materials being bought.

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

Superintendent Price pointed out the significant cost of the last month water bill. She informed the Board we paid the bill however the District submitted an appeal to Montecito Water District due to a leak that was discovered during that particular billing cycle. She noted this month's water bill is under our HCF limit. President Goligoski asked if Dr. Price had a plan for the "brown spots" (dead grass) on the field. She told the Board we will keep an eye on the weather over the course of the winter and look into reseeding those spots in the future. Clerk of the Board Wasserman asked if there had been any recent incidents with dog poop on the field. He would also like Superintendent Price and Mr. Nickson to look into a parasite that he has heard can damage grass.

10. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**10.A. Turkey Trot – November 20**

**10.B. Update on Smarter Balanced Assessment – Misha Lewis**

Misha Lewis gave a presentation on the Smarter Balanced Assessment. She reported to the Board about the new Digital Library available to teachers that provides tools and resources to support formative assessment practices. Mrs. Lewis will guide the teachers through this resource. Mrs. Lewis informed the Board testing is going to be two weeks this year during the spring and the students will be tested in math and ELA. She

discussed how the test is designed to get harder as questions are answered correctly. Superintendent Price, Mrs. Lewis, and Mr. Garfield will be available to help with any technical problems that arise during testing.

Superintendent Price pointed out that communication is important with parents and the public because the scoring metric is different with the Smarter Balanced Assessment than it has been with other testing in the past. Cold Spring School will set baseline data from which to demonstrate growth with scores from this school year.

#### **10.C. Update on Instructional Groups for Upper Grade Math**

Superintendent Price reported fourth, fifth, and sixth grades began regrouping for math the week of October 20. Groups were determined by where students were in the mastery of Common Core. Groups are flexible and may be adjusted after parent/teacher conferences. Dr. Price is working on a proposal for the Board to include Ann Carlyle, UCSB Graduate School of Education, as a resource for teachers K thru 6<sup>th</sup> for Common Core math support.

Superintendent Price attended the Santa Barbara Unified School District's Math Night and reported to the Board some concerns voiced by parents that night: students are not being challenged enough with Common Core math, high school students are not being prepared for math in college and are having trouble once they are freshman.

Vice President Marcillac was curious how Universities are dealing with Common Core math. Superintendent Price replied SATs are being revamped to reflect the Common Core Standards. The SAT test is transitioning and will reflect Common Core standards in 2016.

#### **10.D. Enrollment and Staffing Report**

Cold Spring School received one new second grade student.

#### **10.E. Update on Field and Irrigation**

Superintendent Price reported to the Board, she and Mr. Nickson have been diligently watching and walking the field. Superintendent Price and Mr. Nickson are discussing some areas that could be relandscaped for more drought efficiency while preserving the greater part of the Cold Spring School field.

### **11. ACTION AGENDA**

#### **11.A. Dolphin Center Reorganization Update**

CBO Lathrop gave a power point presentation on the Dolphin Center Reorganization. He gave a brief history of Dolphin Center, the services it provides, a staffing and enrollment update, and the program cost. CBO Lathrop discussed the audit review from last year and the actions the District has taken to address these findings. The goal is to have the Dolphin Center program updated for the start of the 2015-16 school year.

No action was taken.

#### **11.B. Approval, Resolution 2014/15-5 to establish Retiree Benefit Fund (71)**

Trustee Marquis *Motioned*, Vice President Marcillac seconded, to approve the Resolution 2014/15-5 to establish Retiree Benefit Fund (71). The Motion carried unanimously.

**11.C. Approval, Resolution 2014/15-6 to close Self-Insured Fund (67)**

Trustee Marquis *Motioned*, Vice President Marcillac seconded, to approve the Resolution 2014/15-6 to close Self-Insured Fund (67). The Motion carried unanimously.

**11.D. Approval, Rescind Resolution 2013/14-7 Annual Transfer of Funds**

President Goligoski *Motioned*, Clerk of the Board Wasserman seconded, for approval to rescind Resolution 2013/14-7 Annual Transfer of Funds. The Motion carried unanimously.

**11.E. Approval, Resolution 2014/15-7 Transfer of Funds out of Fund (17)**

Trustee Marquis *Motioned*, Vice President Marcillac seconded, to approve the Resolution 2014/15-7 Transfer of Funds out of Fund (17). The Motion carried unanimously.

**12. ACTION AGENDA**

**12.A. Review and/or Approval of Fagen, Friedman & Fulfroft, LLP Proposal to Provide Governance Training to the Cold Spring Board of Trustees**

Vice President Marcillac *Motioned*, President Goligoski seconded, to approve the Fagen, Friedman & Fulfroft, LLP proposal to Provide Governance Training to the Cold Spring Board of Trustees. The vote was: Ayes: 3: President Goligoski, Vice President Marcillac, Clerk of the Board Wasserman and Nays: 1: Trustee Marquis.

**12.B. Review and/or Approval of So. Cal. Pest Control Proposal to Decontaminate for Rodents**

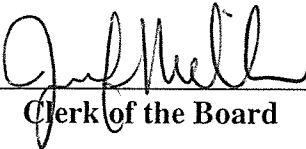
Clerk of the Board Wasserman *Motioned*, Trustee Marquis seconded, to approve the So. Cal. Pest Control Proposal to Decontaminate for Rodents. The Motion carried unanimously.

**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.*

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular meeting of the Cold Spring School District Board of Trustees was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

  
Clerk of the Board