

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes

Regular Meeting

October 2, 2008

5:30 p.m.

The Board of Education of the Colton Joint Unified School District met in Regular Session on Thursday, October 2, 2008, 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the CJUSD Student Services Center, 851 So. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Colton, California.

Trustees Present

Mr. Robert D. Armenta, Jr.	President
Mrs. Marge Mendoza-Ware	Vice President
Mr. Mel Albiso	Clerk
Mr. Frank A. Ibarra	
Mr. Kent Taylor	
Mr. David R. Zamora	

Trustee Absent

Mr. Mark Hoover	(Unexcused)
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Staff Members Present

Mr. James A. Downs	Mrs. Alice Grundman
Mr. Jerry Almendarez	Mr. Todd Beal
Mrs. Yolanda Cabrera	Mrs. Ingrid Munsterman
Mr. Mike Snellings	Mrs. Julia Nichols
Ms. Sosan Schaller	Dr. Patrick Traynor
Mrs. Bertha Arreguín	Ms. Katie Orloff
Dr. Diane D'Agostino	Mrs. Chris Estrada
Mrs. Mollie Gainey-Stanley	Mr. Michael Townsend

Call to Order: Board President Armenta called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board member Mendoza-Ware led in the Renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Hearing Session

1. Colton High School. ASB President and Vice President, Ian Pollard and Janay Sinclair, respectively, provided a PowerPoint presentation that showcased an increase in the API score (+14 points), beginning-of-the-year activities and events, a new tardy policy, sustained silent reading and advisement programs, and upcoming events for October and November.

Principal Robert Verdi spoke about the California Interscholastic Foundation's (CIF) *Pursuing Victory with Honor Program* and introduced Athletic Director David Drake who provided an overview of the program. He introduced the recipients of individual awards and reviewed their qualifications:

- Reann Rago – Athlete Award: *CIF Champion for Character & Sportsmanship Award 2008, Girls' Basketball*
- Diego Garcia – Coaches Award—Girls' Soccer: *CIF Champion for Character*
- Colton High School -- *2008 CIF School of Character award.* CHS was one of seven schools out of 562 schools in the CIF Southern Section selected to receive the award, and one of two recipients in the Inland Empire.

A school banner and a “patch” for student athletes (Letterman jackets/sweaters) are being developed. Everyone in attendance joined Board members in congratulating the recipients for the accomplishments leading to their selection of these prestigious awards.

2. Employee Recognition Program: Assistant Superintendent Jerry Almendarez introduced the honorees for the month of September, 2008 and Board members congratulated the recipients:

Classified -- *Santiago Sanchez*, Head Custodian, Smith Elementary School
Certificated -- *Frank Acosta*, Teacher, Colton Middle School
Educational Partner -- *Patricia Haro*, Parent Volunteer (District/Regional/State Science Fairs, GATE)

3. Nova Meridian Academy (NMA) Charter School: Michael Arroyo, President of Nova Meridian Academy, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding recent changes in the NMA leadership. He introduced newly-

appointed Principal Nyeshia Williams, who provided an overview of her responsibilities and goals. Individual teachers introduced themselves and provided an overview of their qualification and the A-G courses they teach.

Additional Information Provided

- California Standards Test results in English Language Arts, World History, Biology, Geometry, and Algebra 1 and 2
- Attendance & Enrollment (ADA Update)
- Plans for growth
- 2007-08 Unaudited Actuals
- Financial Update Overview
- 2008-09 Forecast Net Income & Cash Flow
- 2009-12 Forecasts Budget Summary

4. Public Input—Closed Session Items: None

5. Public Input: Specific Agendized Items: None

6. Public Input: Non-Agendized Items

Rachael Warner, community representative for Wilson Elementary School, shared positive comments regarding Principal Diana Carreon and Assistant Principal Ernesto Calles and attributed the increased API score and community atmosphere to their leadership and teamwork.

Roger Kowalski, retiree and volunteer for *Measure G* (bond election), distributed “endorsement/volunteer” forms and encouraged participation in the bond campaign.

Dr. Manuela Sosa, community member, spoke about the positive leadership and college-going behaviors exhibited by Wilson Elementary School Principal Diana Carreon and Assistant Principal Ernesto Calles and applauded them for raising the standards for students and staff.

Consent Items	#31	On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Ibarra and carried on a 6-0 vote (Hoover absent), the Board approved Consent Items #A-1 through #A-8 as presented.
Minutes (9-18-08)	#31.1	(A-1) The Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on September 18, 2008, as presented.
Field Trip	#31.2	(A-2) The Board approved the field trip listed and authorized the expenditure of funds: ASB = Associated Student Body BHS (10/6/08) Auto Club Speedway in Fontana; <i>ASB Renaissance Conference</i> ; 6 students (10-12), and 2 certificated staff members; \$540; ASB Leadership funds; Strategy #1.
Consultants • Assembly / Program	#31.3	(A-3) The Board approved the assembly / program to be presented at the District school listed and authorized the expenditure of funds: AMPEG = Arts, Music, and Physical Education Grant Grand Terrace (10/24/08) Cantares de Mexico in San Bernardino; <i>Mariachi Cantares de Mexico</i> ; performance in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month; \$500; AMPEG funds; Strategy #1.
Consultants • Staff Development	#31.4	(A-4) The Board approved the consultants to present at the District school listed and authorized the expenditure of funds:

Agreement with SBCSS for Food Services—Operation and Claiming Meals at County Programs #31.8 (A-8) The Board approved the agreement with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools authorizing the District to continue to operate and claim the meals served under the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Programs for students enrolled in County programs at the five (5) sites as presented, at no cost to the District’s General fund. The cost of all meals will be funded through the Nutrition Services Fund and the Nutrition Services Department will claim and collect all state and federal reimbursement provided for these meals. (*08/09-0630)

- Nat’l School Lunch & Breakfast Programs
- 5 Sites; 2008-09

- Colton High School
- Bloomington High School
- Gerald Smith Elementary School
- Ayala Community Day School
- Visions Community Day School

Action Items #32 On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Mendoza-Ware and (C-1 through C-8) carried on a 6-0 vote (Hoover absent), the Board approved action items C-1 through C-8 as presented.

- Board member Albiso requested information:
- a) Which schools have bilingual assistants and what are the bilingual resources available to them and students?
 - b) Regarding high school #3, what has been accomplished at the site thus far in preparation for construction to commence?

Personnel Employment #32.1 (C-1) The Board approved employment of personnel as presented.

Certificated

Regular Staff
 Sandoval, Mark Physical Ed. Teacher – THMS
 Carrera, Cynthia Children’s Ctr. Teacher – San Salvador

Activity / Coaching Assignment
 Schaefer, Gabriel Football Asst. Frosh/Soph - BHS

Substitute Teachers

Armstrong, Kenneth	Hadaway, Adrienne	Overturf, Heather
Arroyo, Noah	Hamilton, William	Richmond, Anne
Ballesteros, Jessica	Harbert, John	Rodriguez, Mary Ann
Bitzko, Beverly	Hudson, Sheldon	Rogel, Christopher
Cooper, Josiah	Jones, Alisha	Sessions, Patricia
Evans, Ann	Martin, Olivia	Smith, Cleon
Galvez, Marisa	Martindale, Kimberly	Sparks, James
Garcia, Oscar	Montesdeoca, Kimberly	Torres-Escobedo, Cecilia
Garza, Eileen	Najera, Joy	Vizcaino, Jeanne
Gil, Maria	Nelson, Linda	Gandy Zulema

Classified

Regular Staff
 Sean Clark Systems Support Specialist – D.O./I.T.
 Wilkinson, Jon Special Ed. Inst. Asst. - Crestmore

Hourly - AVID Tutors / *Noon Aide

Calderon, Michael – CHS	Martinez, Jeremy – CHS
Carbajal, Samantha – THMS	Reyes, Harold – BHS
Corral, Victor – CHS	Riser, Ashley – THMS
Heredia, Erika – BHS	Swaim, Keri – BHS
Hernandez, Paulina - CHS	Velasco, Margarita – BHS
Franco, Gabriela – THMS	*Wells, Shawn, Noon Aide – Reche Canyon
Hidalgo, Joshua – THMS/CHS	

Substitute
 Zamaro, Brisa -- Noon Aide

Conference Attendance	#32.2	<p>(C-2) The Board approved conference attendance as presented, with all necessary expenses to be paid from funds indicated.</p> <p>Todd Beal – Student Serv Cntr Director, Admin. Services Amelia Villalpando Dist. Attendance Technician Alicia Martinez, Community Liaison</p> <p>William Reedy – BHS Teacher</p> <p>Frank Miranda – McKinley Principal</p> <p>Creig Aday – CMS Jeff Cruz Diddier Andrade Alexi Swonger Teachers</p> <p>Alice Grundman – Facilities Dept. Director</p>	<p>Fall Coordinator Homeless Ed. Education Conference October 6-7, 2008 Sacto, CA Homeless Grant funds: \$1,948.54</p> <p>Fall CAWEE In-Service October 6-7, 2008; Ventura, CA SLI funds: \$707.20</p> <p>2008 ACSA Leadership Summit Nov. 6-8, 2008; San Diego, CA Lottery funds: \$1,195.42</p> <p>Calif. Mathematics Council Fall Conf. November 7-8, 2008 Palm Springs, CA QEIA funds: \$1,864.96</p> <p>Green California Schools December 8-10, 2008; Anaheim, CA General funds: \$631.25</p>				
Purchase Orders	#32.3	(C-3) The Board approved purchase orders issued as presented. All pertinent information is on file in the Business Office.					
Disbursements	#32.4	<p>(C-4) The Board approved payment of disbursements as summarized and listed. All pertinent information is on file in the Business Office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Batch #0374 <u>through</u> Batch #0450 <u>\$2,216,993.47</u></p>					
Amendment No. 2 to Agreement w/ HMC Architects	#32.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation: Portable Classrooms • QEIA Program • CMS 	<p>(C-5) The Board approved Amendment No. 2 to the agreement with HMC Architects for architectural services for the installation of portable classrooms at Colton Middle School for the Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) for school years 2007-08 and 2008-09 as presented, for a cost of \$23,744 for the architect’s fee, to paid from General funds (QEIA program); <i>reimbursables</i> in the amount of \$1,400.</p>				
One-Year Agreement with Superior Construction Services (SCS) for DSA Inspection Services (2008-09)	#32.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QEIA Program • CMS 	<p>(C-6) The Board approved the one-year agreement with Superior Construction Services (SCS) for Division of the State Architect (DSA) inspection services for the Colton Middle School Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) Project for the 2008-09 school year as presented, for a cost \$55,000, to be paid from General funds (QEIA program).</p>				
Ratification of Change Order	#32.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birney Elem. Sch. Project 	<p>(C-7) The Board ratified a change order approved by staff for the Birney Elementary School project (Resolution 08-05) for a total amount of \$5,058.60, to be paid from Fund 25. All pertinent information is on file in the Business Office.</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Net Additional construction costs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$4,683.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Architect (8%)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">374.71</td> </tr> </table>	Net Additional construction costs	\$4,683.89	Architect (8%)	374.71
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Resolution 08-14: <i>Signatories</i>	#32.8	(C-8) The Board adopted Resolution 08-14, <i>Authorizing Signatories</i>					

- State School Facilities Program
- Project Documentation
- CEQA Officers
- 2008-09

for the State School Facilities Program, Project Documentation and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Officers for the District for the 2008-09 school year, as presented. This resolution is required to be updated annually.

Authorized Signatories & CEQA Officers

- James A. Downs, Superintendent
- Sosan Schaller, Interim Assist. Superintendent, Business Services
- Alice H. Grundman, Director, Facilities Planning & Construction

**Updated: Resolution 08-15;
see Minutes 11-6-08**

Documentation related to the State School Facilities Program (SSFP):

- Project applications
- Acting as liaisons with the State Allocation Board
- Designated CEQA officers for any SSFP project

Board-Approved Contracts, Agreements, Changes Orders

- James A. Downs, Superintendent
- Sosan Schaller, Interim Assist. Superintendent, Business Services

Study, Information and Review Session

1. Personnel -- Resignations
2. Facilities Update: School #28 (High School #3—Grand Terrace): Facilities Director Alice Grundman stated that progress is being made regarding property relocations and plans are on schedule. As soon as Inland Timber vacates the site, a groundbreaking event can be scheduled, possibly in spring 2009. She stated that utility improvements, infrastructure and coordination with the City of Grand Terrace and the County of Riverside Transportation are ongoing. Board member Mendoza-Ware suggested that ASE and the communities be informed so that they are aware that plans are moving forward. Superintendent Downs requested new signs to be placed on the property and he and staff would begin working on groundbreaking details over the next few months. Board member Taylor suggested that an “information night” be provided regarding “groundbreaking details and *Measure G* information” so that the community is aware that plans are on schedule.
3. Facilities Update: Bloomington, Fontana, Southridge and Rialto Area Schools: Facilities Director Alice Grundman stated that five architectural firms responded to the RFP and were interviewed and an update would be forthcoming. She stated that she would meet with surrounding agencies to discuss joint-use agreements. President Armenta thanked Board member Mendoza-Ware for suggesting this process.
4. Update/Discussion: Support of the “Diploma Bound Initiative”: Board member Ibarra stated that that the meeting scheduled on September 29, 2008 was canceled and would be rescheduled in the near future; thereafter, an update would be provided.
5. Superintendent’s Communiqué: Superintendent Downs thanked Ingrid Munsterman and Dale Clark for obtaining a display case for the *District Community Quilt* (representing all sites) hanging on the Board room wall. He distributed an updated copy of the Board log and stated that a presentation would be agendized at the Board meeting on October 16, 2008 regarding preliminary plans to transition Grant and Grimes Elementary Schools to a single-track schedule for the 2009-10 school year. Board member Albiso requested that the presentation include staffing information.

Regarding the request to prepare a Resolution “*In Support of the California Dream Act*” (SB 1301), Superintendent Downs stated that it was learned that the Governor vetoed the bill and requested Board direction. Board member Albiso stated that surrounding districts adopted the Resolution to support the bill and requested that a Resolution be drafted to overturn the Governor’s veto of this legislation. Other information provided: documents distributed to parents regarding AB 540 and a newspaper article entitled, “Court Puts Strain on Illegal Immigrations Study at California Colleges” by Stephen Wall, staff writer (9/17/08).

6. Newly-Appointed ACE President Karen Houck stated that she was invited to the Superintendent’s Office to meet Cabinet members, would participate in the interview process for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, and is becoming acquainted with site administrators.
7. CSEA representative Paul Rasso stated that there were no union issues to report at this time but stated that Board candidate endorsements have been announced. On a personal note, he shared positive comments regarding the leadership of Wilson School Principal Diana Carreon, stated that he was appointed to the Community Health Care Systems, Inc., and received the “volunteer member of the year award” from the Riverside County Democratic Party recently. President Armenta thanked him for attending the meeting and sharing information. He asked him to inform CSEA President Anthony Diaz that the Board expects him to attend Board meetings or assign a representative to represent the membership.
8. MAC President and golf tournament chairperson, Angelia Dischinger and Amanda Corridan respectively, reported that MAC donated \$10,000 to the APPLE Scholarship Foundation recently, the annual golf tournament would be held on April 11, 2009, and the MAC membership supports *Measure G*. New MAC Officers in attendance were introduced. Board member Albiso suggested that bond and architect companies be approached regarding donations for scholarships. Newly-appointed Coordinator of Student Services & Child Welfare, Amanda Corridan, thanked the Board for her appointment and she looks forward to serving the District in this capacity.

MAC Officers 2008-09			
Office	Name	Office	Name
President	Angelia Dischinger	Representative	Celia Gonzales
President-elect	Katie Orloff	Representative	Diane D'Agostino
Secretary/Treasurer	Diana Herington	Membership Chair	Rick Feinstein
Social Chair	Julia Nichols	Past President	Ernie Guillen
Golf Tournament Chair	Amanda Corridan	Communication Chair	Jennifer Wold
Representative	Patty Navarro		

9. ROP – nothing to report
10. Comments / Requests from Board Members

Marge Mendoza-Ware stated that she was pleased that the guilt on the Board room wall was encased and thanked everyone who participated in this project.

Kent Taylor commended Superintendent Downs for his leadership (improved API scores), Yolanda Cabrera for her assistance in including all stakeholders in the process, and Wilson Elementary School Principal Diana Carreon and Assistant Principal Ernesto Calles for their leadership and ability to embrace the community.

Frank Ibarra stated that he endorses *Measure G* and encouraged everyone to endorse the bond and share information to elevate the community’s understanding of the need for a successful bond election.

Mel Albiso thanked Roger Kowalski and Dan Rocha for being in the forefront of the bond effort, and specifically, Dan Rocha, for speaking at a service club meeting recently. He expressed interest in pursuing efforts to establish a “central kitchen.” Staff will research this issue.

Robert Armenta expressed appreciation for District support of the Young Woman’s Health Conference and thanked those who attended the Empowerment Luncheon held on September 25, 2008. He thanked Wilson School Principal Diana Carreon and Assistant Principal Ernesto for their hard work. He stated that Board member Mendoza-Ware has asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Hortensia Abril and John Odenbaugh.

Withdrawn

Withdrawn—no action

~~Public Session—Action Item~~

- ~~• Designation of Board's Negotiators for Unrepresented Employee Supt.~~

Closed Session

- Student Discipline
- Personnel: Supt. Evaluation
- Anticipated Litigation
- Real Property Issues
- Labor Negotiators

At 6:56 p.m., Board President Armenta announced that the Board would recess to Closed Session to discuss agenda items.

Board Member Excused

(F. Ibarra)

At this time, Board member Ibarra was excused from the meeting due to a personal issue.

Reconvened

- Closed Session Items Reported

The Board meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m. and Board President Armenta reported on action taken in Closed Session:

Student Discipline

#33

- (Closed Session)
- Student Discipline (4)
 - Revocation (2)

On a motion by Mr. Zamora, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried on a 5-0 vote (Hoover & Ibarra absent), the Board approved four (4) *Student Discipline* items and two (2) *Revocation of Suspended Expulsion* items, as presented:

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| (1) 94385 (Rev.) | (3) 89083 | (5) 152814 |
| (2) 94849 | (4) 132833 | (6) 152814 (Rev.) |

Claim Rejected

#34

(Closed Session—Anticipated Litigation)
#08-67542 DD)

On a motion by Mr. Zamora, seconded by Mrs. Mendoza-Ware and carried on a 5-0 vote (Hoover & Ibarra absent), the Board rejected claim #08-6742 DD filed against the Colton Joint Unified School District, as recommended by the District's claim adjuster.

Other Closed Session Items

#35

No reportable action
(3 Items)

Other Closed Session Items—*No reportable action*

- ~~• Superintendent's Performance Evaluation~~
- ~~• Real Property Negotiator—High School #3 Issues~~
APNs ~~1167 151 37; 1167 151 32, 33, 34; 1167 151 31, 43, 44;~~
~~1167 151 35, 36, 38, 39; 1164 151 65, 01, 02; 1167 151 45;~~
~~1167 151 59, 58, 60~~
- Labor Negotiators

Adjournment

Prior to adjournment at 7:22 p.m., a moment of silence was observed in memory of two individuals who passed away recently: *John Odenbaugh, Sr.*, former Colton JUSD teacher, coach and administrator, and *Hortensia Abril*, wife of former Colton JUSD Board member Ray Abril, Jr. The Board adjourned to the next Regular Board of Education Meeting on October 16, 2008, at the Colton JUSD Student Services Center, 851 South Mt. Vernon Avenue, Colton, California.