

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes

Regular Meeting
October 16, 2008
5:30 p.m.

The Board of Education of the Colton Joint Unified School District met in Regular Session on Thursday, October 16, 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	(Excused 6:30 p.m.)

Trustee Absent

Mr. Mark Hoover	(Unexcused)
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Staff Members Present

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

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

Public Session—Action Item #33
• Designation of Board's Negotiators for Unrepresented Employee—Superintendent

On a motion by Mrs. Mendoza-Ware, seconded by Mr. Zamora and carried on a 6-0 vote (Hoover absent), the Board appointed Board President Robert Armenta as the Board's Negotiator for unrepresented employee, the Superintendent.

Closed Session
• Superintendent's Performance Evaluation & Contract

At 5:35 p.m., Board President Armenta announced that the Board would recess to Closed Session to discuss the performance evaluation and contract for the Superintendent.

Reconvened
• Closed Session Item Reported

The Board meeting reconvened at 5:54 p.m. and Board President Armenta reported on action taken in Closed Session:

Employee Performance Evaluation & Contract (Closed Session) #34
• Superintendent
• Contract Extended One Year

Board President Armenta stated that discussion took place in Closed Session regarding the Superintendent's performance evaluation and by Board consensus, it was determined that Superintendent James A. Downs meets all expectations and above in all areas. As a result, the following action was taken:

On a motion by Mr. Zamora, seconded by Mrs. Mendoza-Ware and carried on a 6-0 vote (Hoover absent), the Board approved a one-year extension to the Superintendent's contract, through June 30, 2011 and a salary increase, to \$175,000. President Armenta stated that the Board's decision for a salary increase was unanimous and that Superintendent Downs did not request a salary increase.

Hearing Session

1. Bloomington High School. Everett Richardson, ASB President, reported that the SkillsUSA team placed seventh at the annual national competition (*Chapter Business Procedures*) in Kansas City, Missouri, recently. He introduced State Senator Gloria Negrete-McLeod who recognized the students and presented them with a “Certificate of Recognition” for their awards: Veronica Chavez (gr. 12), Jasmin Fregoso (gr. 12), Jacqueline Orozco (gr. 12), *Henry Rodriguez, *Michelle Orozco, and *Horecia Horton. Senator Negrete-McLeod congratulated the students for their accomplishments, and she commended the staff, Board and the Administration for their dedication to the students and for focusing on Career Pathways opportunities. ASB President Everett Richardson provided a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted various clubs and sports events, as well as numerous academic programs. He introduced ASB Vice President and Pep Commissioner, Lydia Kim and Lana Kaissi respectively, and announced two new staff members, ASB Coordinator Misty Wright, and Athletic Director William Webb. (*2008 graduate)
2. Kayos Kidz Club: President Andrew Holmes provided a brief overview of the organization and spoke about goals and programs in place to assist schools. He introduced Vice President Jessica Thompson, Secretary Melody Moorer, Treasurer Richard Sanchez, and Sergeant of Arms Edgardo Navarro. He reported on various school and community events in the District and County. Establishing an FFA scholarship is a priority this year as well as other fundraising activities, i.e., blood drives, and the Santa’s Helpers program at Grimes and Wilson Elementary Schools. Fifteen District sites participate in this program. Mary Margaret Brewer, CEO of the new Chapter at Grimes Elementary School, spoke about this year’s “Sweater Swap” project and efforts will be coordinated with Bloomington High School. Core Club President Melody Moore shared the positive impact the Club has had in the community over the past seven years. They thanked Board member Mendoza-Ware for her monetary donation and invited Board members and staff to participate in the “Teacher Appreciation Breakfast” scheduled on October 22, 2008, 7:00 a.m. Everyone in the audience joined Board members Mendoza-Ware and Taylor in applauding the Club members for their initiative and service to the community. During the months of June, July and August 2008, the Kayos Kids Club and individual members received numerous awards, medals, gifts certificates, and recognition from several organizations and businesses for their community service.
3. Public Input—Closed Session Items: None
4. Public Input: Specific Agendized Items: None
5. Public Input: Non-Agendized Items
 - a) Roger Kowalski, retired educator and resident, thanked everyone in the room for supporting *Measure G* and expressed appreciation to all of the volunteers who have participated in the phone-backing sessions at the campaign headquarters, 1035 South Mt. Vernon, Colton. He urged everyone to vote YES and encourage others to do the same.
 - b) Patt Haro, community member, spoke about the importance of Parent and Teacher Associations (PTA) and the Agua Mansa PTA Council where fostering parent and community involvement is their goal (website: www.amcptps.org). She stated that two secondary schools have formed PTAs: Bloomington Middle School and a *PTSA at Bloomington High School. In addition to planning events to promote student learning, the PTSA will raise funds for scholarships. She extended an invitation to join the Bloomington High School PTSA. (*Parent Teacher Student Association)
 - c) Jesse Rasso, Sr., member of the *Measure B* Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee, stated that a meeting was held yesterday and that the 2007-08 annual report was completed. The committee visited BHS, CHS, Rogers and Smith schools recently and members were pleased with the work regarding the modernization projects. He invited interested persons to attend the next meeting (January 21, 2009).
 - d) Randall Cenicerros, parent and PTA member at Jurupa Elementary School and a member of the PTSA at Bloomington High School, spoke about the importance of the *Measure G* campaign for facility issues. The PTSA has organized a clean-up day on October 25, 2008, “Restoring the Pride” (8 a.m. to 12 noon) for the property

directly in front of Bloomington High School. Assistance will be sought from County Supervisor Josie Gonzales and the Burrtec Waste and Recycling Company for donation of a dumpster.

Consent Items	#35	On a motion by Mr. Zamora, seconded by Mrs. Mendoza-Ware and carried on a 6-0 vote (Hoover absent), the Board approved Consent Items #A-1 through #A-10 as presented. See Board member comment regarding A-5.
Minutes (10-2-08)	#35.1	(A-1) The Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on October 2, 2008, as presented.
Field Trips	#35.2	(A-2) The Board approved the field trips listed and authorized the expenditure of funds: ASB = Associated Student Body CHS (11/7-9/08 F,S,S): Las Vegas High School; <i>Las Vegas Marching Band Invitational</i> ; 70 band students (9-12), 1 certificated staff member, and 24 other adults; \$24,981.10; (\$16,600, ASB; \$8,381.10 discretionary funds); 2 charter buses; Strategy #1. BHS (11/7-9/08 F,S,S): Las Vegas High School; <i>Las Vegas Marching Band Invitational</i> ; 50 band students (9-12), 1 certificated staff member, and 10 other adults; \$8,015.15; (\$3,600, ASB; \$4,415.15 discretionary funds); 1 charter bus & 1 District van; Strategy #1. BHS (11/15/08): Six Flags Magic Mountain in Valencia; <i>Fall Rally 2008</i> ; Key Club students will attend annual leadership rally; 120 students (9-12), 1 certificated staff member, and 2 other adults; \$5,400; Key Club ASB funds; Strategy #1. CMS (6/13/09): Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park; <i>Eighth Grade End-of-Year Activity</i> ; 280 8 th grade students, 1 certificated staff member, and 8 other adults; \$12,900; (\$12,825 ASB funds, \$75 discretionary funds); Strategy #1.
Consultants • Assemblies & Programs	#35.3	(A-3) The Board approved the assemblies and programs to be presented at the District schools listed and authorized the expenditure of funds: AMPEG = Arts, Music and Physical Education Grant ASB = Associated Student Body Birney (10/28/08): Mad Science of the Inland Empire in Riverside; <i>Be Tobacco Free</i> ; 3 one-hour performances for K-6 students to provide drug, alcohol, and tobacco prevention education; \$900; Title I funds; Strategy #1. Smith (11/5/08): Kyle's Cartoon Platoon in San Diego; <i>Drawing Secrets Revealed</i> ; art lessons in line with the California Visual and Performing Arts Standards; \$950; AMPEG funds; Strategy #1. Terrace View (11/6/08): Kyle's Cartoon Platoon in San Diego; <i>Drawing Secrets Revealed</i> ; art lessons in line with the California Visual and Performing Arts Standards; \$750; Lottery funds; Strategy #1. Sycamore Hills (2009 TBD): Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach; <i>Aquarium on Wheels</i> ; interactive educational experience for kindergarten students; \$750; ASB funds; Strategy #1.
Consultants • Staff Development	#35.4	(A-4) The Board approved the consultants to present at the District schools listed and authorized the expenditure of funds:

AMPEG = Arts, Music, and Physical Education Grant
EIA = Economic Impact Aid
HPSGP = High Priority Schools Grant Program

Smith (2008-09 TBD): Denise Donovan of Colton; *Dance Exploration*; teaching strategies for K-6 instruction aligned to the California Visual and Performing Arts Standards; \$405.35; AMPEG funds; Strategy #1.

Language Support Services (2008-09, 15 days TBD): Lisa Urrea and Fran Ochoa-Smith of *S.T.E.P. Associates, Inc., Yucaipa; *Servicing At-Risk English Learner Students*; training to target, track, and monitor English Learner at-risk high school students; \$30,000; EIA funds; Strategy #1. (*Success Through Educational Planning)

BMS (10/27/08 to 5/18/09 30 days TBD): Action Learning Systems of Pasadena; *High Priority Grant Implementation*; Direct Instruction training/demonstrations within State-adopted instructional materials, classroom management, accountability coaching, and benchmark analysis; \$60,000; HPSGP funds; Strategy #1.

Language Support Services (10/27-31/08): Sopris West Educational Services of Longmont, CO; *LANGUAGE!* preparing teachers to implement the *Focus on English Learning* reading program; \$12,500; EIA funds; Strategy #1.

M.O.U. for SB 472 English Learner Professional Develop. (ELPD) #35.5
• K-12 Staff Training
• w/ SB Co. Supt. Office
• 2008-09

(A-5) The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools for SB 472 English Learners Professional Development (ELPD) training for K-12 *teachers during the 2008-09 school year as presented, for a cost of \$750 per participant, to be paid from AB 466/SB 472 funds.

Board member Taylor suggested that principals, directors, and coordinators participate in the training in addition to the teachers.

[*Requirement: successful completion of the initial 40 hours of training in English Language Arts or Mathematics; training will include scaffolding strategies across all content areas, integration of language objectives in the four language domains, and strategies to engage students in building academic language.]

Career & Technical Education Local Plan: Four-Year Funding (2008-12; per Carl W. Perkins Guidelines) #35.6

(A-6) The Board approved the four-year Career & Technical Education (CTE) Local Plan for school years 2008 through 2012 as presented, in accordance with Carl W. Perkins *Guidelines for Vocational Education, for annual funding in the amount of approximately \$200,000 for the CTE program. The complete plan is on file in the Curriculum and Instruction Office.

[*Requires update and Board approval every four years; The program provides guidance in the development and implementation of the 21st Century technology and training in Career and Technical Education. Funds are used to pay shop assistants, design and provide staff development, re-align current courses of study to area needs, design new courses of study, instructional materials and equipment for CTE classes, and for CTE club conference attendance for students in VICA, SKILLS-USA, FHA Hero, and DECA.]

Acceptance of Gifts #35.7

(A-7) The Board accepted gifts from donors as presented; site discretion unless otherwise noted.

Birney Target (Minneapolis, MN) \$86.91

Cooley R. Kiwanis Club of Cooley Ranch (Colton) \$200, Red Ribbon Week

Crestmore Target (Minneapolis, MN) \$127.93

<u>D'Arcy</u>	Edison International Employees Contributions Campaign (Princeton, NJ) \$369.45 Target (Minneapolis, MN) \$268.94 Lifetouch (Eden Prairie, MN) \$56.70
<u>Grimes</u>	Target (Minneapolis, MN) \$151.21
<u>Jurupa V.</u>	Target (Minneapolis, MN) \$185.68
<u>McKinley</u>	Target (Minneapolis, MN) \$133.20
<u>Smith</u>	PTA \$1,120 for Science Boards
<u>Syca. Hills</u>	PTA \$750 for Kindergarten field trip
<u>Wilson</u>	Target (Minneapolis, MN) \$67.78 Ecology Auto Parts (Cerritos, CA) \$500, projects for students
<u>Zimm.</u>	Target (Minneapolis, MN) \$203.14
<u>BMS</u>	Target (Minneapolis, MN) \$62.37
<u>CMS</u>	Target (Minneapolis, MN) \$167.33
<u>ROHMS</u>	Target (Minneapolis, MN) \$96.64
<u>Slover Mt.</u>	Target (Minneapolis, MN) \$48.57

Reimbursement for Damage to Employees' Vehicle (EINs 3821, 3825, 5143, 4741, 1334)	#35.8	(A-8) The Board approved *reimbursement for damage to employees' vehicle in the amount of \$100 <i>each</i> after proof of repair is received in the Business Office. (*Board Policy 4356.3) EINs 3821, 3825, 5143, 4741, 1334
Notice of Completion • Bid 08-07 • Shade Shelter Project • Sycamore Hills • Fleming Environmental, Inc.	#35.9	(A-9) The Board authorized the filing of a <i>Notice of Completion</i> regarding Bid 08-07, the Shade Shelter Project at Sycamore Hills Elementary School, completed by <i>Fleming Environmental, Inc.</i> , and released the final 10 percent (10%) contract retention per the contract documents, for a total amount of \$8,101.12, to be paid from Capital Facilities Fund 25.
Agreements w/ Colleges & Universities • Student Teaching and/or Internships • Supt. or Asst. Supt., Business to Sign • Various Sites, Terms • Begin 2008-09	#35.10	(A-10) The Board authorized the Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent, Business, to enter into agreements with colleges and universities for student teaching and/or internships as presented (various terms) beginning the 2008-09 school year. A stipend is paid to the supervising teachers. Student teachers and interns are covered by the District's Worker's Compensation insurance at no cost to the universities. See agreements on file in the Human Resources Office for complete details.
Board Member Excused (D. Zamora)		At 6:30 p.m., Board member Zamora was excused from the meeting due to a personal issue.
Action Items (C-1 through C-8)	#36	On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Mendoza-Ware and carried on a 5-0 vote (Hoover & Zamora absent), the Board approved action items C-1 through C-8 as presented.
Personnel Employment	#36.1	(C-1) The Board approved employment of personnel as presented.

Certificated

<u>Regular Staff</u>	
Davila, Gabriel	Earth Science Teacher – CHS
Kelley, Cherise	Language Arts Teacher – BMS
<u>Substitute Teachers</u>	Gomez, Paloma Scott, Eric

Carrera, Maria
Collins, Brian

Nino, Samar
Pakpahan, Sandra

Sevilla, Alfredo
Valencia, Ligia

Classified

Hourly

Arrelliano, Sheila	Noon Aide – Reche Canyon
Avila, Aaron	AVID Tutor – CHS
Bautista, Jeanna	AVID Tutor – BHS
Camacho, Frank	AVID Tutor – BHS
Ferguson, Britni	AVID Tutor – BHS
Gomez, David	AVID Tutor – CHS
Gusman, Makia	AVID Tutor – CHS
Herrera, Celina	Noon Aide – Cooley Ranch
Kaai, Delight	Noon Aide – D’Arcy
Linares, Leslie	AVID Tutor – ROHMS
Malagon, Kimberly	AVID Tutor – CHS
Melendez, Lauren	AVID Tutor – BHS
Puffer, Garry	AVID Tutor – BMS
Rios, Teresa	Noon Aide - Birney
Renteria, Jocelyn	AVID Tutor – ROHMS
Villa, Cecilia	Sub Child Dev. Inst. Asst. – San Salvador
Whall, Andrew	AVID Tutor - BHS

Conference Attendance #36.2 (C-2) The Board approved conference attendance as presented, with all necessary expenses to be paid from funds indicated.

Lisa Lennox – PPS/ESC Curriculum Prog. Specialist	WorkAbility I: Region 5 Fall 2008 Mtg Oct. 19-21, 2008; Temecula, CA
April Becerra Kathleen Carlisle WorkAbility Technicians	WorkAbility funds: \$1,249.14

Marcella Cook – CHS Linda Faulk Teachers	NCTM Regional Conference Nov. 5-7, 2008; Reno, NV HPSG funds: \$1,416.40
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Priya Morlock – Dist. Office Curr. Prog. Specialist (K-6) K-6	CMC-South 49 th Annual Fall Conf. Nov. 7-8, 2008; Palm Springs, CA C & I funds: \$496.99
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Orville Groves – Crestmore Teacher	CMC South, 49 th Annual Fall Conf. Nov. 7-8, 2008; Palm Springs, CA HPSG funds: \$528.34
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Juanita Battistone – Dist. Office Benefits Technician Risk & Safety Dept.	High Desert & Inland Trust Annual Board Retreat Nov. 14-15, 2008; Temecula, CA Risk/Safety funds: \$63.18
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Victoria Patterson – CMS Librarian	CA School Library Association: School Libraries Make Connections Nov. 20-23, 2008; Sacramento, CA Lottery funds: \$1,073.40
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Celia Gonzales – Dist. Office Coord., Staff Development	RIMS AVID Fall 2008 Site Team Conf. Dec. 3-4, 2008; Rancho Mirage, CA Title II funds: \$450.00
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Purchase Orders #36.3 (C-3) The Board approved purchase orders issued as presented. All pertinent information is on file in the Business Office.

Disbursements #36.4 (C-4) The Board approved payment of disbursements as summarized and listed. All pertinent information is on file in the Business Office.

Batch #0451 through Batch #0549 **\$4,440,577.95**

Award of Bid 08-11: #36.5
 Carpet Installation Project
 • Eleven (11) Sites
 • 2008-09
 • *New Image Commercial Flooring*

(C-5) The Board awarded *Bid 08-11 to the lowest responsible bidder, *New Image Commercial Flooring, Inc.*, for the carpet installation project at eleven (11) sites during the 2008-09 school year as presented, for a cost of \$165,231, to be paid from Deferred Main-tenance Fund 14. (*Public Contract Code 20111 and 20112)

Sites: Birney, Crestmore, Jurupa Vista, Lincoln, Terrace View, Wilson, CMS, THMS, Slover Mt., Washington, BHS

Award of Bid 08-12: #36.6
 Portable Classrooms & Sitework at Colton Middle School
 • QEIA Program
 • 2008-09
 • *GTA Construction, Inc.*

(C-6) The Board awarded *Bid 08-12 to the lowest responsible bidder, *GTA Construction, Inc.*, for the Colton Middle School Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) Portable Classroom and Sitework Project during the 2008-09 school year as presented, with costs to be paid from Deferred Maintenance and Redevelopment Agency funds. (*Public Contract Codes 20111 and 20112)

\$1,245,000 -- Base Bid
40,000 -- Deductive Alternate
 \$1,205,000 -- Total

Agreement w/ Practi-Cal, Inc., #36.7
 for Billing Services
 • LEA Medi-Cal
 • 2008-09

(C-7) The Board approved the agreement with Practi-Cal, Inc., for Local Education Agency (LEA) Medi-Cal billing services for the 2008-09 school year as presented. The District will pay for services based upon the recovered amount received as follows:

District Recovery Amount	Practi-Cal Percentage
\$0 - \$ 250,000	15.00 %
\$250,001 - \$ 500,000	14.50 %
\$500,001 - \$ 750,000	14.00 %
\$750,001 - \$1,000,000	13.50 %

CRY-ROP Master Agreement #36.8
 • Program & Services
 • 2008-09

(C-8) The Board approved the Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa Regional Occupational (CRY-ROP) Master Agreement (including Addendums A-I) for programs and services during the 2008-09 school year as presented, for a cost not to exceed \$3,000 for inkind services, to be paid from General funds. (Education Code Section 52300 et seq.)

Action Items—Resolutions #37
 (D-1 through D-3)

On a motion by Mr. Ibarra, seconded by Mrs. Mendoza-Ware and carried on a 5-0 vote (Hoover & Zamora absent), the Board approved action items D-1 through D-3 as presented.

Resolution: #37.1
In Support of the California Dream Act

(D-1) The Board adopted the Resolution, *In Support of the California Dream Act* and supports the intentions of SB 1301 (Cedillo), *The California Dream Act*, to assist high-achieving California students who have overcome incredible odds to qualify for a university education and strongly urges the State legislature to overturn Governor Schwarzenegger’s veto of this legislation.

Resolution: #37.2

(D-2) The Board adopted the Resolution, *Designation of November as*

*Designation of November
as Honorary Veterans
Month*

Honorary Veterans Month to recognize and commemorate the contributions of war veterans to this country and encourages instructional activities during this month to increase awareness. Veterans' Day will be observed on November 11, 2008.

Board member Mendoza-Ware suggested that representatives from the San Bernardino County Veterans' Office be invited to attend the Board meeting on November 6, 2008, in addition to the local VFW and American Legion Posts. Following discussion and by Board consensus, staff will invite guests to attend the meeting in celebration of Veterans' month.

Resolution: #37.3
*School Psychology Week
November 10-14, 2008*

(D-3) The Board adopted the Resolution, *School Psychology Week, November 10-14, 2008*, to recognize the vital role that school psychologists play in the personal and academic development of District students and services for teachers and families, specifically, their skills in the areas of assessment, intervention, crisis response, child development, and mental health services that can reduce roadblocks to learning and increase performance of target students.

Study, Information and Review Session

1. Personnel -- Resignations
2. FMLA Leave for Classified Employees (EINs 3292, 6779)
3. Associated Student Body (ASB) Financial Reports as of September 30, 2008: Interim Assistant Superintendent Sosan Schaller stated that summaries were provided regarding elementary, middle, and high school accounts, and an ASB workshop was held on October 1st for site administrators, club advisors, and activities directors.
4. Facilities Update: School #28 (High School #3 – Grand Terrace): Facilities Director Alice Grundman stated that relocation of the last three tenants continues to be the critical milestone: Mason Mart will be relocated by the end of October and plans will continue regarding Inland Timber and Direct Towing. She provided the following schedule and stated that additional information would be provided in Board Correspondence.
 - Advertise and solicit bids by mid November, 2008 to the end of January, 2009;
 - Award bids by end of February or by mid-March, 2009;
 - Begin construction March/April, 2009;
 - Property acquisition and relocation settlements continue to progress;
 - The project profile is available on the District website;
 - New District signs have been placed on the property (Michigan and Main Streets);
 - An information letter and a copy of the project profile will be sent to ASE Highgrove, LLC, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD, and the City of Grand Terrace.
5. Facilities Update: School #29: Bloomington, Fontana, Southridge and Rialto Area Schools: Facilities Director Alice Grundman stated that based on the passage of *Measure G*, projects would be prioritized project and recommendations regarding architects and consultants. Proposals from ten firms were screened, *five firms were interviewed, and a recommendation would be provided for the Board meeting on November 6, 2008. Board member Albiso suggested that a Board subcommittee be developed at the next meeting to assist with project prioritizing and oversight to ensure project completion at high schools #28 (Grand Terrace) and #29 (Bloomington area) simultaneously. (*Firms: ATI Architects and Engineers, NTD Architecture, PCH Architects, Ruhnu Ruhnu Clarke, WLC Architects)

6. Modified Single-Track Proposal for Grant Elementary School (Beginning 2009-10): Assistant Superintendent and Grant Elementary School Principal, Jerry Almendarez and Kathy Houle-Jackson, respectively, stated that the process to inform staff, parents, and the community regarding changing to a modified single-track schedule beginning the 2009-10 school year has begun: staff meetings, parent meetings (EL, ELAC, Booster Club, School Site Council). In addition, three community meetings are scheduled. Sixth grade teacher Bernadette Pedroza stated that research indicates that English Learner students benefit from a single-track schedule, and she looks forward to the opportunities that could be provided to all students, specifically EL students (i.e., services, intersession and enrichment classes). There would be no financial impact with this schedule and it is anticipated that Crestmore and Grimes Elementary Schools would be considered for this change beginning the 2010-11 school year.
7. Update/Discussion: Support of the “Diploma Bound Initiative”: Board member Ibarra stated that Superintendent Downs and Yolanda Cabrera met with San Bernardino City Councilman Tobin Brinker regarding this effort and discussion included joining Districts in Rialto and San Bernardino to develop a program to reach out to dropout students and allow them to return to school to earn their diploma. Superintendent Downs provided an update:
 - Research and studies in other districts across the country indicate that programs are effective;
 - Currently, participation includes Rialto, Colton, and San Bernardino and the committee will seek involvement from the Highland, Grand Terrace and Fontana areas;
 - A conference will be held in January and May 2009 to share ideas and develop plans and incentives to attract participants;
 - Develop a work-to-school program (participants return to school and work simultaneously);
 - Joint programs whereby a student could attend a campus in another district;
 - Superintendent’s recommendation: CJUSD should be a major participant in this effort to decrease the drop-out rate and assist students with earning their diploma.

Board member Ibarra clarified that there is no financial impact at this time—only “staff” attendance at meetings to develop the program. Board member Albiso suggested that the District develop a student “profile” process of Colton students as a Colton profile differ from students in other districts. This process is necessary in order to develop high-intensity programs suited to each district in order to maintain enrollment. He expressed interest in allocating funds to develop a student-intern program for good students and challenged students, and suggested that the District begin developing plans for District students.

8. Superintendent’s Communiqué: Superintendent Downs thanked the Board for their vote of confidence and appreciated the extension of his contract. He distributed a copy of the Board log, information regarding bilingual staff and resources at each site, information titled “Whatever it Takes—How Twelve Communities are Reconnecting Out-of-School Youth” relative to the proposed Diploma Bound Program and encourages committee participation. CSEA’s recent *CALEIDOSCOPE* publication applauds Human Resources Director Ingrid Munster for including CSEA and ACE representation on interviews panels. He is scheduled to visit all sites between now and the end of May, 2009 regarding the Strategic Plan, goals and objectives, and site concerns. Cabinet representatives are visiting sites regarding student improvement goals in the areas of Special Education and English Learners in an effort to exit program improvement status. He encourages committee participation,
9. ACE President Karen Houck recognized ACE officers Rebekah Acord and Bernadette Pedroza and stated that additional officers would be announced next week. ACE members are *participating in the student “perfect attendance” program at Grant and Grimes Elementary Schools, community/outreach events are planned in the Southridge area, and campaigning efforts for *Measure G* and Board seats are ongoing. (*Birney and Crestmore participated last year)
10. CSEA – no report.
11. MAC representative Celia Gonzales stated that MAC members are taking on leadership roles relative to the Strategic Plan and congratulated Superintendent Downs on his positive performance evaluation. MAC members have participated in *Measure G* telephone-banking efforts.

12. ROP Board Member Frank Ibarra reported on items from last night’s meeting:
- He was voted in as Clerk of the Board and he will participate in “parent night” on November 14;
 - Superintendent Stephanie Houston received a great evaluation;
 - Upon Superintendent Downs’ suggestion, the three CRY-ROP Superintendents are meeting with Superintendent Houston regularly;
 - Shared a letter to State Controller John Chang regarding budget-cut concerns relative to special education, ROP, and adult education (copy to Board members);
 - CHS and BHS staff and the ROP Director worked cohesively and developed a five-year Perkins plan (copy to Board members);
 - Eighteen complete sequences of courses are offered; collaboration with Crafton Hills College, San Bernardino Valley College, and Riverside City College;
 - The plan to transport BHS students to participate in ROP classes is working well and it is hoped that CHS can join in on this opportunity; and
 - Research continues regarding the possibility that the Sign Language course currently at BHS could meet the second language requirement.

Regarding San Bernardino Valley College, Board member Albiso shared concerns regarding the decision to change numerous transferable courses to non-transferable status and the two-year waiting list for acceptance into the Nursing Program. He suggested that Superintendent Downs and staff, accompanied by San Bernardino City Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Delgado, meet with the Chancellor to discuss possible modification of the two-year waiting period for local area students.

Closed Session

- Student Discipline
- Personnel
- Real Property Issues
- Labor Negotiators

At 7:45 p.m., Board President Armenta announced that the Board would recess to Closed Session to discuss agenda items.

Reconvened

- Closed Session Items Reported

The Board meeting reconvened at 8:14 p.m. and Board President Armenta reported on action taken in Closed Session:

Student Discipline
(Closed Session)

- Student Discipline (4)
- Revocation (2)

#38

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

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| (1) 132190 | (3) 78555 | (5) 95608 (Rev.) |
| (2) 79225 | (4) 83418 | (6) 153604 (Rev.) |

Administrative Employment
(Closed Session)

- Assist. Supt., Business Services
(Jaime R. Ayala)

#39

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Mendoza-Ware and carried on a 5-0 vote (Hoover & Zamora absent), the Board employed the administrator listed.

Jaime R. Ayala -- Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Administrative Appointment
(Closed Session)

- Coord., Career Tech/Adult Ed.
(John Conboy)

#40

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Mendoza-Ware and carried on 5-0 vote (Hoover & Zamora absent), the Board appointed the administrator listed:

John Conboy – Coordinator, Career Technical/Adult Education

- Administrative Appointment #41
(Closed Session)
• Assistant Principal -- BHS
(*Tina Petersen*)
- On a motion by Mr. Ibarra, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried on a 5-0 vote (Hoover & Zamora absent), the Board appointed the administrator listed:
Tina Petersen -- Assistant Principal, Bloomington High School
- Administrative Appointment #42
(Closed Session)
• Assistant Principal – Washington Alternative
(*Karla Sandrin*)
- On a motion by Mrs. Mendoza-Ware, seconded by Mr. Albiso and carried on a 5-0 vote (Hoover & Zamora absent), the Board appointed the administrator listed:
Karla Sandrin - Assistant Principal, Washington Alternative High School
- Administrative Appointment #43
(Closed Session)
• Assistant Principal – Crestmore Elem.
(*Albert Estrada*)
- On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Mendoza-Ware and carried on a 4-0-1 vote, the Board appointed the administrator listed:
Albert Estrada - Assistant Principal, Crestmore Elementary School
- Ayes: Taylor, Mendoza-Ware, Ibarra, Albiso
Abstained: Armenta (conflict of interest)
Absent: Hoover, Zamora
- Settlement Agreement #44
w/ The Mullin Family Trust
(Closed Session)
• Property Purchase
• Relocation
- On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Mendoza-Ware and carried on a 5-0 vote (Hoover & Zamora absent), the Board approved a settlement agreement with the Mullin Family Trust for property purchase and relocation costs relative to APN 1167-151-45 in the amount of \$3.2 million, to be paid from Fund 21—Bond Funds.
- Global Settlement Agreement #45
w/ The Melton Corp., dba Mason Mart Co.
(Closed Session)
• Relocation
- On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Albiso and carried on a 5-0 vote (Hoover & Zamora absent), the Board approved a global settlement agreement with The Melton Corp., dba Mason Mart Co. for relocation costs relative to APNs 1167-151-35, 36, 38 & 39 and 1167-221-01, in the amount of \$65,000, to be paid from Fund 21—Bond Funds.
- Other Closed Session Items #46
No reportable action
(3 Items)
- Other Closed Session Items—*No reportable action*
- ~~Personnel: Elementary Assistant Principal (1)~~
 - ~~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~~

13. Comments / Requests from Board Members

Frank Ibarra stated that he was the keynote speaker at the Colton High School National Honor Society induction ceremony recently and commended site staff for a successful event. He suggested that a student-reward system be developed to encourage perfect attendance at Colton High School and inquired about the feasibility of student access to the foot bridge on Rancho Avenue in the morning and after-school hours in an effort to alleviate traffic and safety issues. Staff will research this request.

Mel Albiso commended Grant Elementary School Principal Kathy Houle-Jackson for her leadership and for the good customer service demonstrated during his participation in the “Reading Buddies” event recently. He suggested adding a bilingual component for the Spanish-speaking parents during the daily morning message and ceremony. He commended Superintendent Downs on his leadership, the cohesiveness of the District staff and Board, appreciates all stakeholders, and looks forward to closing the achievement gap soon. He suggested that incentives to improve attendance be developed.

Kent Taylor, as a result of raised API scores (76 percent District wide), inquired about the feasibility of rewarding employees monetarily for their efforts. He commended Superintendent for his leadership and thanked Cabinet and site staff for their work and dedication.

Marge Mendoza-Ware commented on her classroom visits at BHS, Smith, and Crestmore Elementary Schools and was pleased to see clean campuses and students engaged in learning. She had the opportunity to ask BHS students questions regarding their likes and dislikes and was glad to learn that they enjoy school and their teachers. She thanked Alice Grundman for providing facility updates at Board meetings.

Robert Armenta stated that he served as the Master of Ceremonies for the annual breakfast event hosted by Assembly Member Wilma Amina Carter in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month that was held recently. McKinley School Principal Dr. Frank Miranda was one of thirty honorees recognized for their accomplishments. He thanked Patt Haro for being an advocate for PTA and emphasized the importance of parents and teachers working together for students. He thanked Superintendent Downs for his leadership.

Adjournment

At 8:01 p.m., the Board adjourned to the next Regular Board of Education Meeting on November 6, 2008, at the Colton JUSD Student Services Center, 851 South Mt. Vernon Avenue, Colton, California.