BOARD OF EDUCATION Minutes

Regular Meeting September 4, 2008 5:30 p.m. The Board of Education of the Colton Joint Unified School District met in Regular Session on Thursday, September 4, 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 Mr. Mel Albiso Clerk

Mr. Mark Hoover Mr. Frank A. Ibarra Mr. Kent Taylor Mr. David R. Zamora

Trustee Absent

Mrs. Marge Mendoza-Ware Vice President (Unexcused)

Staff Members Present /*Excused

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

Mrs. Alice Grundman

<u>Call to Order</u>: Board President Robert 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.

By consensus, agenda item D-3 was brought forward for consideration.

#18

Resolution

Recognition of Connie "Paddy" Cisneros (*D-3*) On a motion by Mr. Zamora, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried on a 6-0 vote (Mendoza-Ware absent), the Board adopted the Resolution, *In Recognition of Connie "Paddy" Cisneros* to honor her achievements as the first Hispanic woman elected to the Colton City Council and the impact she had on the Colton community and the Colton Joint Unified School District.

Board President Armenta provided an overview of the accomplishments of Connie "Paddy" Cisneros during her tenure as Councilwoman for the City of Colton and his personal recollections that helped to influence his educational path. Board member Ibarra read the Resolution and presented it to family members in attendance: Ernest Cisneros, Sr., Ernest Cisneros, Jr., Roman Cisneros, Arturo Cisneros, and Patricia Rivera. On behalf of the family, Arturo Cisneros thanked the Board and Administration for this special recognition to honor their mother.

Hearing Session

- 1. Public Input—Closed Session Items: None
- 2. Public Input: Specific Agendized Items None
- 3. Public Input: Non-Agendized Items
 - a) Darrell Rosenbrock, classified employee and marathon runner, donated a check in the amount of \$1,500 to Grant Elementary School to use to purchase books for students. Principal Kathy Houle-Jackson, accepted the funds and thanked him for his community service and generosity.

b) Laura Salas, parent of former students and teacher at Terrace View Elementary, shared concerns regarding the
lack of playground *for students due to designation of this area for portable classrooms. The area is barricaded
and awaiting project completion and the lack of play area has resulted in student discipline issues. Discussion
included the possibility of removing the fence temporarily and rotating grass usage, and allocating funds to
complete the project. By Board consensus, Superintendent Downs and staff will research this issue and provide
an update to the Board. (*downhill grass area)

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Consent Items	#19	On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Ibarra and carried on a 6-0 vote (Mendoza-Ware absent), the Board approved Consent Items #A-1 through #A-8 as presented.		
Minutes (8-21-08)	#19.1	The Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on August 21, 2008, as presented.		
Field Trip	#19.2	The Board approved the field trip listed and authorized the expenditure of funds; District transportation unless otherwise noted. ASB = Associated Student Body		
		CHS (9/6-7/08) Overnight trip to <i>Leadership Round-up Camp</i> in Pine Summit; ASB leadership camp to develop study unity and plan activities for 2008-09; 7 students (10-12), and 1 certificated staff member; \$850; ASB funds; Strategy #1.		
Consultants • Assemblies & Programs	#19.3	The Board approved the assemblies and programs to be presented at District schools listed and authorized the expenditure of funds: AMPEG = Arts, Music, and Physical Education Grant		

Crestmore (10/8/08) Orange County Performing Arts/The Imagination Machine in Costa Mesa; *Who What When* (Grades K, 1, 2); *Write On* (Grades 3-4-5-6); student writings will be performed; \$1,135; AMPEG funds; Strategy #1.

Crestmore (10/30/08) The Morris Brothers Between Your Ears Entertainment in West Hollywood; *Making Better Choices*; drug prevention knowledge for students; \$1,095; Donations; Strategy #1.

Crestmore (12/11/08) TheatreReach Schools Tour Laguna Playhouse in Laguna Beach; *Island of the Blue Dolphins*; introduction to State-adopted core literature through the arts (students grades 3-6); \$1,000; AMPEG funds; Strategy #1.

Consultants #19.4
• Staff Development

The Board approved the consultants to present at the District schools listed and authorized the expenditure of funds:

HPSGP = High Priority Schools Grant Program

Wilson (2008-09 TBD): Greg Nelsen of Data Gurus in Grand Terrace; *Data Assessment* for program improvement; \$9,100; HPSGP funds; Strategy #1.

Lincoln (Sept, 2008 to June 2009; 3 full-day sessions TBD): Action Learning Systems in Pasadena; *Accountability Coaching*; training in the nine essential program components and data-driven decision making to implement and monitor the Program Improvement Year 4 Plan; \$6,000; Title I funds; Strategy #1.

Honor Music Groups & Choral #19.5 Clinic Festivals (2008-09)

The Board approved District participation in the San Bernardino County Schools honor music groups and choral clinic festivals during SBCSS

the 2008-09 school year as presented, for a cost of \$675, to be paid from General funds.

GAMUT Online Policy Service Agreement Renewal (2008-09; CSBA) The Board renewed the agreement with the California School Boards Association (CSBA) for *GAMUT online policy information services for the 2008-09 school year as presented, for a cost of \$4,250, to be paid from General funds. (*Governance And Management Using Technology

Acceptance of Gifts

#19.7

#19.8

#20

#20.1

#19.6

The Board accepted monetary gifts from donors as presented; site discretion unless otherwise noted.

BHS Target Take Charge of Education (Minneapolis, MN) Total 2 checks: \$730.68: \$365.34 -- California Scholarship Foundation \$365.34 -- National Honor Society

D'Arcy Edison International (Princeton, NJ) \$369.45

Wilson Arrowhead Water (Colton) \$111.00

Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign (Princeton, NJ)

Total 2 checks: \$100

Notice of Completion

• Bid 07-17, Wilson

• Bid 08 04, Terrace View

The Board authorized the filing of a *Notice of Completion* for the bid and project listed and released the final 10 percent (10%) contract retention per the contract documents, in the amount of \$15,232.53, to be paid from funds indicated. *Bid 08-04 was withdrawn*.

Bid	Project	Site	Contractor	Total Amount / Funding
07-17	Bldg demolition & sitework for portable restroom bldg	Wilson	Cornerstone Concrete & Construction	\$15,232.53 – Developer Fees & State Matching
08-04	Classroom and Restroom Addition Project	Terr. View	KCECO, Inc.	\$7,444.56 Capital Facilities Fund 25

Action Items

(C-1 through C-11)

On a motion by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried on a 6-0 vote (Mendoza-Ware absent), the Board approved action items C-1 through C-11 as presented.

Regarding item C-4, Board member Albiso stated that utilizing Title I funds for conference costs was inappropriate and that Title I expenditures should be related directly to English Learner students.

Personnel Employment

Certificated

The Board approved employment of personnel as presented.

Regular Staff

Elliott, Andrew Special Ed. Resource. Specialist – CMS

Geltch, April Librarian – CHS

Gomez, Guillermo Math Teacher – Slover Mtn. HS

Martinez, Ramona
Pister, Michelle
Ruiz, Jesse
Sotelo, Michelle
Spence, Theresa
Wescott, Erica
Wilkinson, Cari

Math Teacher – BHS
Counselor – CMS
English Teacher – CHS
Math Teacher – ROHMS
Math Teacher – BHS
Wilkinson, Cari
Science Teacher – BHS

Activity / Coaching Assignments

Fraijo, Edrina Volleyball Assistant – BHS

Substitute Teachers Moen, Vicky

Classified

Allen, Ilene Nwosu, Henry Ramirez, Andra Curran, Geoffrey Fletchall, Erin Richardson, Natasha Galvan, Arlene Rivas, Elodia Lizcano, Stephen Wallace, James

Regular Staff

D.I.S. Tutor - PPS Barrientos, Maribel

Activity Coaching / Assignments

Conner, Alexander Asst. Varsity Football – BHS (walk-on) Reza, David Head Football Frosh/Soph – BHS (walk-on)

Hourly

Alarcon, Maritza **AVID Tutor - BMS** AVID Tutor - BHS Barragan, Edlyn Campbell, Byron AVID Tutor - BHS Campos, Triny AVID Tutor – ROHMS Elmore, Phyllis Child Development Teacher

Gutierrez, Stephanie AVID Tutor - CHS Hernandez, Irma AVID Tutor - BHS AVID Tutor - BHS Jueden-Pytel, Breanna AVID Tutor - BHS Martinez, Lethie Pulido, Leroy AVID Tutor - BHS Sanchez, Kendra AVID Tutor - BHS Sandoval, Veronica AVID Tutor - BHS Zambrano, Gary AVID Tutor - BHS

Substitutes

General Laborer Amaya, Carlos Astorga, Victor **Bus Driver Bus Driver** Barajas, Antoinette Guzman, Richard **Bus Driver**

Nutrition Services Worker Lobato, Kimberly

Lopez, Eliseo **Bus Driver** Lozano, Robert General Laborer

Nutrition Services Worker Moreno, Elizabeth

Mungia, Alma **Bus Driver**

Norman, Antoinette Special Ed. Instructional Asst.

High need area: Speech-Language Pathology Services.

Employment / Assignment of Teacher Under Calif. Commission on Teacher Credentialing Variable-Term Waiver Auth.

- Speech Therapist (Add'l one)
- 2008-09

Assignment of a Teacher Under California Commission on **Teacher Credentialing** Variable-Term Waiver

- BCLAD
- 2008-09

#20.3

#20.2

The Board approved the assignment of the teacher listed in the identified position utilizing a California Commission on Teacher Credentialing Variable-Term Waiver option for the 2008-09 school year as presented, in accordance with Title 5, Section 80122(i); High need area: Bilingual EL Authorization—BCLAD.

The Board approved the employment and assignment of the teacher

listed in the identified position utilizing a California Com-mission on Teacher Credentialing Variable-Term Waiver option for the 2008-09

school year as presented, in accordance with Title 5, Section 80122(j);

Sara Lourenco - Speech Therapist -PPS (grades K-12)

Eva Heras – Dual-Immersion Teacher, Grade 1 Credential: Clear Multiple Subject w/ CLAD

Conference Attendance #20.4 The Board approved conference attendance as presented, with all necessary expenses to be paid from funds indicated.

> Sandy Torres – **ROHMS** Solution Tree: Building Common

Principal John Chovan Matthew Crispin David Johnson Aquarius LaRue Robert Lemoine Karry Santiago Teachers

Annette Chulos Teachers Assessments September 8-9, 2008 San Diego, CA

SLI/EIA funds: \$875 add'1 cost (Originally approved 7/17/08)

Raquel Posadas-Gonzalez – **Zimm.**Principal
Greg Brown
Assistant Principal
Monique Almendarez
Bonnie Simpson
Teachers on Assignment
Anita Peukert
Curriculum Prog. Specialist
Martha Aguilar
Rebekkah Carrillo

Failure is Not an Option November 10-15, 2008 Denver, CO Title I funds: \$39,103.48

Purchase Orders #20.5

(*C-5*) The Board approved purchase orders issued as presented. All pertinent information is on file in the Business Office.

Disbursements #20.6

(*C*-6) The Board approved payment of disbursements as summarized and listed. All pertinent information is on file in the Business Office.

Batch #0206 through Batch #0283 \$2,022,403.04

"Piggyback" Wilsona SD Bid for #20.7 Modular Classroom Bldgs

#20.8

#20.9

- District Wide
- 2008-11

(C-7) The Board authorized the District to "piggyback" on the Wilsona School District *bid to purchase and/or lease modular class-room buildings District wide for school years 2008 through 2011 as presented, for an estimated cost of \$276,761, to be paid from Capital Facilities Fund 25. An itemized listing of sites and classrooms is on file in the Facilities and Business Offices. (*Public Contract Code 20118)

"Piggyback" Wilsona SD Bid August 2007 for Three-Year Lease Agreement Renewals w/ Class Leasing, Inc.

- DSA Modular Classrooms
- District wide (2008-11

The Board authorized the District to "piggyback" on the *Wilsona School District Bid August 2007* for three-year (2008-11), lease agreement renewals with Class Leasing, Inc., for DSA modular classrooms District wide as presented, for an approximate total cost of \$720,000, to be paid from Fund 25—Capital Facilities Fund. An itemized listing of sites and classrooms is on file in the Facilities and Business Offices.

Submission of Form J-13A & Affidavit—Board Members to California Dept. of Education Due to Emergency Conditions at Mary B. Lewis Elem.

- August 5-7, 2008
- · Maintain ADA Funding Level

The Board authorized submission of *Form J-13A* and Affidavit of Governing Board Members to the California Department of Education, *Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of the Emergency Conditions* at Mary B. Lewis Elementary School on August 5-7, 2008, in accordance with Education Code Section 46392. If granted, this request would maintain ADA funding at the level that otherwise would have been received if the primary electrical panel failure had not occurred.

American Red Cross Agreement #20.10 Renewal (2008-09)

- Inland Empire Chapter
- Shelter during Emergencies
- Six District Sites

The Board renewed the agreement with the American Red Cross, Inland Empire Chapter, to provide potential mass care shelters during emergencies at the six sites listed during the 2008-09 school year as presented; no budget implications. Agreement excerpt: "...The American Red Cross agrees to use reasonable care in the conduct of its activities in such facilities and will reimburse the District for any food or supplies that may be used..."

- Bloomington High
- Bloomington Middle
- · Ruth O. Harris Middle

- Colton High
- Colton Middle
- · Terrace Hills Middle

Youth Alternative Sentencing Prog. #20.11 (YASP) Agreement Renewal

- 1. w/ Loma Linda Univ. Medical Center
- 2008-09

The Board approved the agreement with the Loma Linda University Medical Center to provide the Youth Alternative Sentencing Program (YASP) services to District students referred through the Administrative Service Department during the 2008-09 school year as presented, at no cost to the District's General fund. AB 1113 Safety Grant funds are utilized to fund the program at \$100 per student. (Forty students were referred in 2007-08)

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

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Ibarra and carried on a 6-0 vote (Mendoza-Ware absent), the Board approved action items D-1 and D-2 as presented. Item D-3 was acted upon separately. (*See item #18*)

Board member Albiso suggested that a resolution be generated next year to recognize "el diez y seis de septiembre" (September 16th) and that educational activities for students be developed.

Resolution: #21.1

National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 -- Oct. 15, 2008)

(D-1) The Board adopted the Resolution, National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 through October 15, 2008, to recognize Hispanic contributions, past and present, and to encourage staff, students, parents, and the community to commemorate this occasion with appropriate educational activities.

Resolution

#21.2

#21

National Red Ribbon Week (Oct. 23-31, 2008)

<u>Theme</u>: Ask Me, See Me, Be Me, I'm Drug Free

(D-2) The Board adopted the Resolution, National Red Ribbon Week, October 23-31, 2008 to encourage staff, students, parents, and the community to participate in drug prevention and educational activities, making a visible statement that the District is firmly committed to a drug-free, alcohol-free, and abuse-free lifestyle. This event honors the anniversary of the death of DEA Special; Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. The National Family Partnership has established this year's theme: "Ask me, See me, Be me, I'm Drug Free." [Partnership with Californians for Drug-Free Young, Inc.]

Resolution

Recognition of Connie "Paddy" Cisneros

(D-3) ADOPTED (See item #18).

Study, Information and Review Session

1. Personnel -- Resignations

2. Proposed Amendment of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation:

1376 BP 7310 Naming of Plant Facilities 1376(a) AR 7310 Naming of Plant Facilities

Superintendent Downs reviewed the policy, the proposed changes to the administrative regulations, and distributed a draft copy of the form to be utilized for all requests. An action item will be submitted for consideration at the Board meeting on September 18, 2008.

- 3. <u>Proposed Board Policy for Fund Raisers and Scholarships</u>: Superintendent Downs stated that suggested policy language regarding this topic was not available through CSBA's Gamut policy services. Following discussion and by Board consensus, this item will continue to be agendized for study and information for further discussion.
- 4. <u>Discussion: Support of the Diploma Bound Initiative</u>: At the request of Board member Ibarra, Superintendent Downs distributed a sample copy of the resolution adopted by the San Bernardino City Council and stated that he and Yolanda Cabrera would attend the meeting on September 29, 2008. Board member Ibarra stated that the initiative supports policies and programs that decrease high school dropouts. He asked the Board to consider supporting the initiative by adopting the Resolution and joining the cities and districts of San Bernardino, Rialto, and Colton to meet, review, research, and develop a regional approach to abate dropouts. He, too, will attend the meeting on September 29 and will provide a Board report. Board member Albiso requested statistics on dropouts. While he commended staff for minimizing dropout rates, Board member Albiso reminded staff that the District should maximize its focus on the needs of English Learners (Program Improvement). By consensus, this item will be agendized for study and information at the October 2nd Board Meeting.
- 5. <u>Update: School #28 (High School #3—Grand Terrace)</u>: Assistant Superintendent Cridelich reported the following:
 - Planning team is meeting to finalize changes to the plans, prepare bid packages, advertise at the end of October;
 - Bids include base campus: an additive bid alternate for the gymnasium and a deductive bid alternate for the completion of the interior performing arts building (separate the cost for each component);
 - District will solicit bids in mid-November 2008 and will allow additional time to prioritize other amenities;
 - Other coordination meetings are ongoing, i.e., development of Main Street (City of Grand Terrace and the County of Riverside Transportation Dept.; and
 - Property acquisition and relocation negotiations continue to progress with Inland Timber.
- 6. <u>Update: Bloomington Area Schools:</u> Assistant Superintendent Cridelich stated that the Facilities Department would implement the following process this week for school #29 in Bloomington:
 - Draft timeline for planning and design that outlines some of the necessary main tasks in order to develop a school project and be able to construct when funding becomes available.
 - Request proposals, interview and hire architect and other consultants (September and October 2008); actual planning and approval costs will be known; save time and money by re-using plans and alternate methods to the construction;
 - County Counsel and California Financial Service will evaluate the lease-lease back process in order to coordinate with hardship funding (Board approval or update, October 2008);
 - Develop educational specifications (grade level & curriculum) and size of school (Oct. 2008 through January 2009);
 - Budget and design development (January through April 2009);
 - California Environmental Review, State Department of Education, Department of Toxics and Dept. of the State Architect; this phase can delay the progress of any lease-lease back, i.e., design-build process;
 - The State agencies approval process can take place concurrently (October 2009 through November 2010);
 - Most critical components of this projected schedule are obtaining all of the State agencies' approval.
 - Start construction: January 2011 to June 2012, and open school September 2012 (a year after high school #3 in Grand Terrace—school #28);
 - As soon as school #28 in under construction and all of the District's bond funds have been exhausted, the District can apply for the State's Hardship Program for funding along with the possibility of a future local bond;
 - Projected timeline to apply for hardship status is approximately March, 2009.

Board member Albiso stated that the Rialto USD is considering boundary changes and requested research and a Board report. Board member Taylor inquired about the status of partnerships with UCR and a program in Fresno and Clovis. Assistant Superintendent Cabrera stated contacts would begin soon. Board member Hoover inquired about Board member Mendoza-Ware's request from the previous meeting to designate "east end & west end schools" when updates are agendized. Superintendent Downs responded that the items would be agendized appropriately. Superintendent Downs stated that through the Strategic Planning process, the job description for the certificated position has been developed titled "Coordinator, Career Technical/Adult Education."

7. Superintendent's Communiqué: Superintendent Downs distributed

- A copy of the Board log and requested clarification on the request (7-17-08) regarding "timeline and options" relative to leasing Bloomington property. Board member Albiso stated that he appreciated the legal information relative to purchasing property in order to maximize use;
- A letter from David Tellyer regarding his resignation as Chief Executive Officer and Principal of the Nova Meridian Charter Academy that was effective September 2, 2008. The Charter is still active and discussions and decisions will need to be made regarding the current students and the Charter renewal due in January 2009. Board member Albiso suggested that staff research the charter association relative to the financial (auditing practices) and educational impact on students and determine a plan if students need to enroll in regular District schools, as well as District liability issues. Assistant Superintendent Cridelich stated that a Board report would be generated (in accordance with Education Code Ed 4716.5) delineating oversight information and status.
- The list of school activities regarding Hispanic Heritage Month;
- Policies and procedures regarding "naming of facilities " from surrounding districts;
- Two news articles: CHS—advisement program and the first day of school; Grant—the monetary donation for Grant Elementary School to purchase books for students. Superintendent Downs thanked Darrell "Rosie" Rosenbrock for his donation to Grant Elementary School and for implementing the "marathon for books" program to benefit students.
- 8. \underline{ACE} no report
- 9. <u>CSEA</u> no report
- 10. MAC representative Julia Nichols spoke on behalf of President Angela Dischinger and conveyed the feelings of *success* District wide. She thanked all certificated and classified employees for a smooth opening of school and thanked District representatives for assisting the sites.
- 11. ROP no report
- 12. Comments / Requests from Board Members

Kent Taylor looks forward to celebrating and acknowledging the staffs at the sites as a result of increased API scores. Regarding the CAHSEE, he stated that the Valenzuela requirements should be posted in the classrooms and in the Board room (public notice) and the mandate was designed to serve current 11th and 12th grade students as well as 2007 and 2008 graduates. He requested an update on how funds are being utilized to provide CAHSEE support and other required services.

Mel Albiso commended Yolanda Cabrera and all site staff for improved test scores and commented on his visit to Ruth O. Harris Middle School recently. He thanked Assistant Superintendent Almendarez for the Bilingual Community Liaison positions and thanked staff for publishing the agenda listing in Spanish. Regarding CSEA non-representation at Board meetings, CSEA indicates that problems are being resolved and they do not have issues to share at meetings at this time. In addition, union members are complimentary of Superintendent Downs for implementing the Strategic Plan and they look forward to his leadership to carryout the Plan.

David Zamora commended all of the employees for their hard work to improve student performance and acknowledges that increased scores is a group effort.

Robert Armenta thanked Superintendent Downs, Yolanda Cabrera, and all of the principals and their staff for successful API scores. He introduced newly-appointed McKinley Elementary School Principal, Dr. Frank Miranda, who provided an overview of his background and thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve in the District.

Closed Session

- Student Discipline
- Real Property Negotiators
- · Anticipated Litigation
- Labor Negotiators

At 6:36 p.m., Board President Armenta announced that the Board would recess to Closed Session to discuss agendized items.

Reconvened

• Closed Session Items
No reportable action
(4 Items)

#22

The Board meeting reconvened at 6:41 p.m. and Board President Armenta reported that there was no reportable action in Closed Session.

- Student Discipline -- None
- Anticipated Litigation
- 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

At 6:42 p.m., the Board adjourned to the next Regular Board of Education Meeting on September 18, 2008, at the Colton JUSD Student Services Center, 851 South Mt. Vernon Avenue, Colton, California.