BOARD OF EDUCATION Minutes

Regular Meeting September 18, 2008 5:30 p.m.

Celebration – **API Success** (prior to Regular Meeting)

The Board of Education of the Colton Joint Unified School District met in Regular Session on Thursday, September 18, 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. Frank A. Ibarra Mr. Kent Taylor Mr. David R. Zamora

Trustees Absent

Mr. Mark Hoover (Unexcused)

Mrs. Marge Mendoza-Ware Vice President (Excused)

Staff Members Present /*Excused

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

Mrs. Alice Grundman

Celebration (4:30 p.m.) – Academic Performance Index (API) Growth—Test Results: Prior to the meeting, a celebration was held to recognize the staffs, students, and parents at eighteen (18) schools (76 percent) for meeting their school wide API growth targets. Fifteen of those sites (64 percent) met their school wide API growth targets and all subgroup targets. To recognize those accomplishments, Assistant Superintendent Yolanda Cabrera distributed Certificates of "Recognition for Academic Growth" and "Recognition for Outstanding Academic Growth." Board members, the Administration and everyone in the audience joined in congratulating all stakeholders for their achievements. The Bloomington High School jazz band and the D'Arcy Elementary School choir provided the entertainment. [Academic Performance Index (API) is a State accountability measure initiated in 1999]

API Test Results: Academic Growth School Wide and *Outstanding Academic Growth School Wide and in all Subgroups

*Alice Birney Elem. (+19)
*Michael D'Arcy Elem. (+26)

*Grand Terrace Elem. (+38)

*Ulysses S. Grant Elem. (+17)

*Ruth Grimes Elem. (+20)

*Mary B. Lewis Elem. (+20)

*Abraham Lincoln Elem. School (+45) Reche Canyon Elem. (+31)

*Paul J. Rogers Elem. (+14)

*Walter Zimmerman Elem. (+15)

*Woodrow Wilson Elem. (+37)

*Gerald Smith (+15)

*Sycamore Hills Elem. (+17)

*Colton Middle School (+19)

*Bloomington Middle School (+24)

*Ruth O. Harris Middle School (+24) Bloomington High School (+16)

Colton High School (+14)

<u>Call to Order</u>: Board President Robert Armenta called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board member Frank Ibarra led in the Renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Hearing Session

- 1. <u>District Assistance and Intervention Team (DAIT) Report</u>: Superintendent Downs introduced Dr. Linda Gonzalez, External Representative, New Directions for Academic Advancement, Inc., and provided an overview of her background and expertise. Dr. Gonzalez provided a Power Point presentation that provided a comprehensive plan to improve student achievement and remove the District Program Improvement Level 3. The Power Point included:
 - Overview of DAIT and how it works
 - Possible Corrective Actions
 - Charts: Regarding English/Language Arts & Mathematics
 - Seven-Year Growth Trend District wide
 - Seven-Year Growth District wide API Growth
 - Seven-Year Growth Trend Ethnic/African American
 - Seven-Year Growth Trend Ethnic/Hispanic
 - Seven-Year Growth Trend English Learners
 - Seven-Year Growth Trend Socioeconomically Disadvantaged
 - Seven-Year Growth Trend Students with Disabilities
 - Seven-Year Gap Analysis English Learners, Students w/ Disabilities
 - Longitudinal Grade Level Progress Content Standards Test (CST) Results (grades 6, 7, 8, 9)

- Longitudinal Grade Level Progress Content Standards Test (CST) Results -- Algebra (gr. 7-11) & Geometry (gr. 8-11)
- Goal 1: Needs of English Learners & Students w/ Disabilities
- Goal 2: Use of Data
- Goal 3: Teacher Support
- Majority Activity of the DAIT Plan
- · How it will work
- Priority of DAIT

Board members thanked Dr. Gonzalez and staff for a comprehensive report. Board member Taylor referenced agenda item C-14, *LEA Plan Revision:* on page 13, he suggested that coordinators and directors be included in the training and curriculum outlined; on page 9, he suggested that extra duty be allocated for clerical staff and clerical support. Dr. Gonzalez stated that all principals will participate in SB 472 and AB 430 training. Board member Albiso inquired about provisions for special education students and Dr. Gonzalez stated that the process regarding "strategic abandonment of ineffective programs" would be reviewed carefully and specific recommendations would be made. Board member Albiso suggested that the Strategic Plan be revisited to ensure that it coincides with DAIT recommendations.

By consensus, item C-14 was brought forward for consideration.

#23

Revised Local Educational Agency (LEA) Plan Addendum

· DAIT Mandates Included

(*C-14*) On a motion by Mr. Zamora, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried on a 5-0 vote (Mendoza-Ware & Hoover absent), the Board approved the revised Local Educational Plan (LEA) Addendum in response to District Assistance Intervention Team (DAIT) mandates as presented, including the two suggestions regarding AB 472 and AB 430 training for certificated staff and extra duty for clerical support. The complete addendum is on file in the Curriculum and Instruction Office and the Special Projects Office.

- 2. <u>Public Input—Closed Session Items</u>: None
- 3. Public Input: Specific Agendized Items
 - a) ACE President Ken Johnson addressed two items:

<u>C-14: Revised LEA Plan</u>: He asked that in the future, the Board not take action on any agendized item until the public has had an opportunity to comment (see action item #23). Board President Armenta responded that before he requested action on the item, he made sure there were no "comment cards" submitted to address this specific item.

<u>A-4: Consultants</u>: He noted discrepancies in the statistics provided regarding Zimmerman Elementary School and asked that future items reflect accurate information. He requested that ACE be provided an opportunity to review the consultant information prior to submission for action.

4. <u>Public Input: Non-Agendized Items</u>

Hilda Alvarez, on behalf of parents at Rogers Elementary School, shared positive comments regarding the leadership of Principal Lisa Mannes and Assistant Principal Rachael Malatesta.

Consent Items • Deferred (1)	#24	On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Albiso and carried on a 5-0 vote (Mendoza-Ware & Hoover absent), the Board approved Consent Items #A-1 through #A-11 as presented, which the exception of item A-4, which was deferred for separate consideration. (see item #25)
Minutes (9-4-08)	#24.1	(A-1) The Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on September 4, 2008, as presented.
Field Trips	#24.2	(A-2) The Board approved the field trips listed and authorized the expenditure of funds; District transportation unless otherwise noted.
		ASB = Associated Student Body SLI = Schools-Library Improvement

CMS (9/25/08) Staples Center in Los Angeles; Walking with Dinosaurs—The Live Experience; Science Club students will study evolution; 10 students, 1 certificated staff member, and 2 other adults; \$721; ASB funds; Strategy #1.

CHS (10/3 & 4/08) Overnight trip to Singing Pines Lodge in Big Bear; *ASB Leadership Retreat*; team building and activities planning; 45 students (9-12), 1 certificated staff member, and 4 other adults; \$2,294; ASB funds; Strategy #1.

CHS (10/4 & 10/5/08) Cal State University Long Beach; *Jack Howe Memorial Speech Tournament;* 24 students (9-12), 1 certificated staff member, and 1 other adult on 10/4/08; 7 students (9-12), and 1 certificated staff member on 10/5/08; \$1,565; SLI funds; Strategy #1.

Terrace View (10/20/08): Disney California Adventure Park in Anaheim CA; *Animation Magic*; magnet students will experience a hands-on animation lesson; 96 5th grade students, 3 certificated staff members, and 18 other adults; \$6,174; donations; Strategy #1.

Terrace View (2/24-27/09): Overnight trip to the Pinecrest Conference Center in Lake Arrowhead; *Outdoor Science School;* curriculum-based study of ecology, geology, and wildlife biology; 130 6th grade students and 4 certificated staff members; \$27,800; donations; Strategy #1.

Consultants #24.3
• Assemblies & Programs

(A-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

Reche Canyon (9/30, 10/2 & 3/08): Riverside Art Museum; *Exploration In Art*; reinforcing Visual Arts Content Standards for 2nd grade students; \$1,075; AMPEG funds; Strategy #1.

CMS

Sword in the Stone; \$650; AMPEG funds; Strategy #1. Deferred (A-4) DEFERRED (See item #25) Consultants • Staff Development "Grad Nite" at Disneyland #24.5 (A-5) The Board approved Slover Mountain High School graduates to · Slover Mt. H.S. attend "grad nite" at Disneyland in Anaheim on June 18-19, 2009, at • 6-18-09 no cost to the District. Students and chaperones will board chartered buses at 9:30 p.m. on June 18 and return at 7 a.m. on June 19, 2009. Approx. 90 students; one chaperone for every 15 students will attend. Transportation arrangements will be made by the District Transportation Department. Resolution #24.6 (A-6) The Board adopted the Resolution, Approval of Request for Emergency Closure for State Preschool, to be submitted to the Emergency Closure of State Preschool (emergency closure) California Department of Education, Child Development Division, for at Lewis Elem. reimbursement of funds for days of operation or days of attendance (August 4-7. 2008) relative to the *emergency closure of Lewis Elementary School (August 4-7, 2008) as presented. Projected earnings of \$1,678 is based upon the child per day reimbursement rate for State Preschool contract, CPRE-8287. [*power failure—blown electrical transformer] #24.7 (A-7) The Board renewed the Computer Program License Agreement Skills Tutor Computer Program License—Agreement Renewal with *Skills Tutor (web based) to provide supplemental instruction and (2008-09)tutoring services for students at the four middle schools (grades 7-8) • Supplemental Instruction during the 2008-09 school year as presented, for a cost of \$27,635, to & Tutoring Program (web based) be paid from Title III funds. This program is aligned to standards and will target advanced English learners who are functioning at high basic • Grades 7-8 levels: building comprehension skills, vocabulary development, math and working with key content standards. [*Houghton Mifflin, English Language Arts & Math; program utilized since 2005-06] Acceptance of Gifts #24.8 The Board accepted gifts from donors as presented; site discretion unless otherwise noted. **Birney** Fiesta Village (Colton) \$147.55; field trips, playground, incentives Crestmore Marcos A Mata-Aburto (Moreno Valley) \$200; staff lounge purchases PTA \$7,000 for grade level field trips Gr. Terrace Gr. Terrace **Edison International Employees Contributions Campaign** (Princeton, NJ) \$210 Cherrydale Fund Raiser #24.9 (A-9) The Board approved Colton Middle School's request to organize a Sept. & Oct. 2008 fund raiser with Cherrydale (catalog) for a two-week period in

revenue, \$20,000.

Jurupa Vista (10/30/08) The Grail Theatre of Britain in Monrovia;

September-October 2008. Proceeds will be used for student assemblies, activities, recognition and awards. No cost to the District; potential

Notice of Completion (Bid 08-04)

#24.10

- Classroom & Restroom Addition Proj.
- · Terrace View Elem.
- Williams Scotsman, Inc.

(A-10) The Board authorized the filing of a Notice of Completion regarding *Bid 08-04 for the classroom and restroom addition project at Terrace View Elementary School completed by Williams Scotman, Inc., and released the final 10 percent (10%) contract retention per the contract documents, for a total amount of \$7,444.56, to be paid from Capital Facilities Fund 25.

Bid	Project	Site	Contractor	Total / Funding Source
08-04	Classroom & Restroom	Terrace View	William Scotsman, Inc.	\$7,444.56 – Capital Facilities Fund 25
	Addition Project			_

Unpaid Leave of Absence for Classified Employee (EIN 3236)

#24.11

#25

(A-11) The Board approved an unpaid leave of absence for the employee listed who will pay for any health insurance premiums, if applicable, as per the current CSEA Agreement.

> Classified EIN 3236

Leave

10-01-08 through 6-19-09

Deferred

Staff Development

Consultants

(A-4) Deferred. Discussion was held prior to action taken and by consensus, the item was amended to exclude the request regarding Zimmerman Elementary School.

On a motion by Mr. Albiso, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried on a 5-0 vote (Mendoza-Ware & Hoover absent), the Board approved the consultant to present at the District schools listed and authorized the expenditure of funds:

HPSGP = High Priority Schools Grant Program

Grimes / Lewis / Smith (9/29, 10/1,6,8,13,15,20,22,27/08) ¡Hola! Language Services of Oceanside; Algebra Readiness for Parents; help parents improve their math skills so they can assist their children with math homework; \$5,500 total (\$3,668 Title I & \$1,832 HPSGP funds); Strategy #1.

API growth comparisons:	2006	2007	2008
Grimes	679	667	691
Lewis	629	643	669
Smith	730	728	749

NOTE: Approved 10-2-08; See Minutes

Withdrawn Zimmerman (2008-09 TBD) Action Learning Systems, Pasadena; External Evaluator for Program Improvement; \$84,000; HPSGP funds.

Action Items (C-1 through C-15)

#26

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Ibarra and carried on a 5-0 vote (Mendoza-Ware & Hoover absent), the Board approved action items C-1 through C-15 as presented. Item C-14 was approved (see item #23). Discussion was held regarding C-13.

Personnel Employment #26.1

Regular Staff Coaston, Angela

Certificated

School Nurse - PPS

(C-1) The Board approved employment of personnel as presented.

Management

Amanda Diaz Corridan Coord.. Student Services & Child Welfare

Activity / Coaching Assignments
Kirkland, Elissa Head Varsity Swimming - CHS

Classifie	'n

Employ / Assign Teacher Under #26.2 Calif. Commission on Teacher Credentialing Variable-Term Waiver Auth.

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

Conference Attendance

Substitute Teachers

Address, Sean Hughes, Lindsy Allen-Jefferson, Larissa Martin, Stacy Buckingham, Wendy Montesdeoca, Kimberly Campanella, Stephen Mullin, Karyn Costales, Gerald Ogea, Anna Dye, Clayton Ogea, Walter Ortiz, Veronica Elam, Susan Fisher, Norma Otis, Michelle Gandy, Zulema Paramo, Maricela Hewitt, Hopeton Pena, Nancy

Perez, Arnulfo Quintero, Jacqueline Repede, Ramona Rodriguez, Alexa Sarmiento, Robin Smith, Pamela Sudarso, Irene Taylor, Nettie Vo, Hai

Regular Staff

Almada, Pauline Special Ed. Inst. Asst. – ROHMS

Carrillo, Griselda Bilingual Receptionist – D.O./Communications

Garcia, Elizabeth
Guinto-Godoy, Araceli
Moreno, Elizabeth
Moreno, Gabriel
Pacheco, Elizabeth
Viramontes-Lara, Sandra

Community Liaison – ROHMS
Language Assistant – CHS
Nutrition Svcs. Wrkr. I – CHS
Nutrition Svcs. Wrkr. I – THMS
Special Ed. Inst. Asst. – CMS
Special Ed. Inst. Asst. - Birney

Activity / Coaching Assignments

Brown, Nathanial
Guerrero, Olivia
Martinez, Laura
Martinez, Monique
Sifuentes, Joshua

Brown, Nathanial
Stage Director - CHS (walk-on)
Head Varsity Swimming - CHS
Pep Squad Director - CHS (walk on)
Asst. Pep Squad Director - CHS (walk-on)
Football Asst. Frosh/Soph - BHS (walk-on)

Wierenga, Jacob JV Cross County – BHS (walk-on)

Williams, James Stage Director – CHS

Hourly - AVID Tutors

Arroyo, Elysa – CMS
Calderon, Abraham – CMS
Diaz, Elizabeth – CMS
Herrera, James – BHS
Jones, Markus – BHS
Ortiz, Kimberly – CMS

Magnant, Jake – CMS
Mares, Rene – CMS
Mares, Rita – CMS
Mares, Rita – CMS
Martinez, Jeremy – CMS
Nortiz, Kimberly – CMS
Segura, Angela – BHS

Substitutes

#26.3

Bozarth, Lorena
Herrera, Rebecca
Madden, Kimberly
Rodriguez, Eric
Child Dev. Inst. Asst.
Child Dev. Inst. Asst.
Child Dev. Inst. Asst.
General Laborer

(*C*-2) The Board approved the employment and 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(j); high need area: Speech-Language Pathology Services.

Danica Lewandowski - Speech Therapist - PPS (grades K-12)

(*C-3*) The Board approved conference attendance as presented, with all necessary expenses to be paid from funds indicated.

Linda Faulk -- CHS NCTM Regional Conference

Marcella Cook October 1-3, 2008; Oklahoma City, OK

Teachers HPSG funds: \$3,452.04

Celia Gonzales – Dist. Office Coord., Staff Development Failure is Not an Option—Courageous Leadership for School and Success October 14-17, 2008; San Jose, CA

Title II funds: \$1,729.00

		Ingrid Munsterman – Dist. Office Director, Human Res.	IPC 28th Annual Symposium & 1st General Meeting October 22-24, 2008; Temecula, CA General (HR) funds: \$581.16
		Lisa Padilla – BHS Curriculum Prog. Specialist	WASC Accreditation Visit to Middle College High School; April 19-22, 2009; Santa Ana, CA 92706; no cost to District.
Purchase Orders	#26.4	(<i>C-4</i>) The Board approved purpertinent information is on file in	chase orders issued as presented. All
Disbursements	#26.5		ment of disbursements as summarized ation is on file in the Business Office.
		Batch #0284 through Ba	tch #0373 \$3,752,006.60
Financial Statements • Unaudited Actuals (2007-08 Reports) • Transfer of Block Grants (AB 825 Transfer)	#26.6	presented: the 2007-08 unaud Block grants (AB 825) in acco 41500. The information is pr	he District's financial statements as dited actuals (reports) and transfer of ordance with Education Code Section esented in the Standardized Account All financial statements are on file in
			iso inquired about the AB 825 transfer osan Schaller clarified that the funds action.
Resolution 08-13 Appropriations—Gann Limit • Revised 2007-08 Actual Gann Limit • Projected 2008-09 Gann Limit	#26.7	Appropriation Limit (actual Ga 2008-09 Appropriation Limit calculations and documentation years do not exceed the limitatio the provisions of Article XIII- applicable statutory law. All Business Office. \$101,619,879 . Re	lution 08-13, Re-Establishing 2007-08 mn Limit) and Establishing Projected as *required, verifying that the for the 2007-08 and 2008-09 fiscal ms imposed and are in accordance with B of the California Constitution and financial statements are on file in the (*1979 Proposition 4—GANN Amendment) evised 2007-08 Actual Gann Limit rojected 2008-09 Gann Limit
District Authorized Agent (Sept. 2008 until Rescinded) • Director, Fiscal Services	#26.8	an authored agent to sign Distriction in accordance with Education	Director of Fiscal Services to serve as et forms and *documents, as presented, Code Sections 35036, 35161, 35260, 81655, from September, 2008 until on the District.
			nts, electronically release County commercial counts, and documents for the San Bernardino

County School Claims Division.]

various funds as needs arise.

(C-9) The Board authorized the District to "piggyback" on the Val

supplies (Southwest School/Office Supply Company) for school years

2008-11 as presented, for an estimated cost of \$77,655, to be paid from

School District *bid 06/07-006 for classroom and office

(*Public Contract Code 20118)

Bid 06/07-006
• Classroom & Office Supplies

"Piggyback" Val Verde USD

• Southwest School/Office Supply Co.

#26.9

• 2008-11

Ratification of Change Orders #26.10 (Board Resolution 08-05)

- · Net Decrease
- · Shade Shelter Project
- Sycamore Hills

Extended Time for Use of #26.11 Facilities

#26.12

- · Calvary, the Brook Church
- · Grand Terrace Elem.
- Jan. through June 2009

Agreement Renewal w/ Gang Consultants Intervention Program

- Secondary At-Risk Students
- 2008-09

Agreement Amended w/ City #26.13 of Colton (2008-09)

- School Resource Officer (SRO)
- CHS

(*C-10*) The Board ratified change orders for the shade shelter project at Sycamore Hills Elementary School (Resolution 08-05), for a <u>net decrease</u> in construction costs in the amount of \$4,738.83, Capital Facilities Fund 25. All pertinent information is on file in the Business Office.

(*C-11*) The Board extended the time for use of facilities for Calvary, the Brook Church, to utilize Grand Terrace Elementary School from January through June 30, 2009 as presented. Applicant will continue to pay only the direct costs of operating the facility established at the Board Meeting on August 17, 2006. [Initial agreement approved May '04 and extended July/Aug. '06, Oct. '07; Board Policy 3140(b)(2)(a)]

(*C-12*) The Board renewed the agreement with Gang Consultants for intervention program services for secondary at-risk students (grades 7-12) during the 2008-09 school year as presented, for a cost of \$25,000, to be paid from AB 1113 funds (School Safety & Violence Prevention Grant). Assemblies, classroom workshops, educational field trips, 16-week GRIT classes, and teacher inservices will be utilized to educate at-risk youth in the areas of anger management, gangs, weapons diversion, drugs and alcohol. In addition, leadership, life shills and post-secondary education options and processes will be addressed. [Intervention to prevent delinquency, criminal and/or gang involvement; formerly known as *Gang Reduction Intervention Team (GRIT) Program*; since 2003-04]

(*C-13*) The Board renewed the *agreement with the City of Colton Police Department for a School Resource Officer (SRO) at Colton High School for the 2008-09 school year as presented, for an approximate cost of \$143,000, to be paid from School Safety and Violence Prevention Grant funds (AB 1113).

One Officer is assigned to Colton High School and another Officer is assigned to Colton Middle School and they are available to all schools in the City of Colton. The District and Police Dept. each pay the cost of one SRO.

(continued)

[*Excerpt: The initial term shall be automatically extended for additional one (1) year period ("renewal periods") unless written notice of non-renewal by either party is provided at least ninety (90) days prior to the end of the initial term of any renewal terms; *approved by Colton City Council 3-1-05]

Board member Albiso shared two concerns: 1) the high cost of the SRO in comparison to the cost of services provided by the Sheriff's Department in Bloomington; 2) that the City of Colton does not share the cost of crossing guards. Assistant Superintendent Snellings explained the differences between the two areas and level of allocated services. Following discussion and by Board consensus, staff will initiate discussion regarding services in Colton, Bloomington and Grand Terrace for the subsequent year.

(C-14) APPROVED (See item #23)

Amended Board Policy & Admin . Regs 1376- 7310 Naming Facilities (C-15) The Board amended the Board Policy and Administrative Regulation as presented.

1376—BP 7310 Naming of Plant Facilities 1376(a) AR 7310 Naming of Plant Facilities & Request Form

Study, Information and Review Session

- 1. Personnel -- Resignations
- 2. FMLA Leave for Classified Employees (EINs 2177, 3442)

#26.15

- 3. <u>Year-End (2007-08) Associated Student Body (ASB) Financial Reports for BHS and CHS</u>: Fiscal Services Director Sosan Schaller stated that the information provided was current.
- 4. <u>Update: School #28 (High School #3—Grand Terrace)</u>: Facilities Director Alice Grundman stated that bid packages are being drafted, property negotiations continue, and some of the business are in the process of relocating.
- 5. <u>Update: Bloomington, Fontana, Southridge and Rialto Area Schools</u>: Board member Albiso suggested that bids/proposals include creativity and that the Board be included in the process of hiring the construction contractors. He requested a fee schedule and historical data on the firms who submit proposals.
- 6. Proposed Board Policy: Fund Raisers and Scholarships: Superintendent Downs asked Board members for suggestions regarding requests to financially support organizations with their fund raising and scholarship efforts. Following discussion and by Board consensus, it was decided that staff would establish the criteria, budget funds, and handle requests. The Board would be notified when specific requests exceed the limit and/or do not meet the criteria established. Board member Albiso suggested that a scholarship foundation be established.
- 7. <u>Recognition—ACE President:</u> Superintendent Downs announced that ACE President Ken Johnson accepted a position with the California Teachers Association based in Northern California. On behalf of the Board, the Administration, staff, and students, Board President Armenta assisted Superintendent Downs in presenting a *Certificate of Recognition* to Ken Johnson for his years of service to the District.
- 8. <u>Superintendent's Communiqué</u>: Superintendent Downs distributed a copy of the following documents: Board log, a congratulatory letter to staff regarding test scores, certificate for Ken Johnson, recent letter to the Nova Meridian Charter Academy, Bloomington and Colton Christmas parade information (Dec. 6), Superintendent's letter to the editor (The Sun) thanking staff for improved test scores, and a news article regarding a scholarship foundation to be established in memory of former teacher Bill Thornburg.
- 9. ACE President Ken Johnson provided a top ten list of things he would not miss about the District and commented on the API success celebration. Regarding the DAIT process, he asked the Administration and Board to be cognizant of what would be asked of teachers and to abide by the bargaining agreement. He addressed the individual Board members and thanked them and the Superintendent for their leadership. He introduced incoming ACE President Karen Houck who would assume the role effective October 1, 2008.
- 10. CSEA no report
- 11. <u>MAC</u> representative Julia Nichols announced the date of the annual scholarship fundraiser for the APPLE Scholarship Foundation: April 11, 2009, Indian Hills County Club in Corona.

12. <u>ROP</u> Board Member Frank Ibarra reported from last night's meeting: new employee introduced, Marcia Zaroff-Hernandez, will teach *Medical Services Occupations/Medical Terminology/Hospital Occupations* at BHS, the Red Ribbon Week proclamation was adopted recently, and ROP Board policies are being updated. Also, Superintendent Stephanie Houston has been asked to co-chair the California Association of Regional Occupational Centers and Programs (CAROCP) Legislative Committee.

California Association of Regional Occupational Centers and Programs

13. Comments / Requests from Board Members

David Zamora thanked the administration at Alice Birney Elementary School for their *Peace Builders* celebration that he attended upon the invitation of second grade student Desiree Estrada.

Mel Albiso commented on his attendance at the Bond forum and has been receiving positive feedback from the community. He looks forward to many opportunities in the future to improve test scores and new facilities to support District and student needs. He thanked his colleagues for their work on the Board.

Frank Ibarra suggested that "bond information packets" be provided to share with the community. He commended Colton High School Principal Robert Verdi for the successful "open house." He inquired about Advanced Placement test requirement and payment of fees and on the status of textbook provisions for students. He inquired about the status of the Board's decision to form a committee comprised of presidents from local youth organizations and community members to seek resolution regarding common issues. This issue was brought forth by local business owner Gary Grossich in August. Board member Albiso stated that he and Board member Mendoza-Ware had a list of potential committee members. He congratulated the teachers and students for their increased API scores, congratulated Ken Johnson for his appointment, and thanked him for his service. Responses to his inquires would be provided for the Board.

Kent Taylor commended Julia Nichols for obtaining UC approval for the program *Read 180* to increase the students' reading level. He suggested that monetary compensation for staff be considered this year. He thanked the principals, directors, and all certificated and classified staff for improved student performance. In addition, he commended Superintendent Downs for this leadership as evidenced by increased test results.

Robert Armenta shared a letter he received from Arturo Cisneros and family thanking the Board for adopting a resolution in recognition of their mother, Connie "Paddy" Cisneros, for her community service in the City. In addition, the family donated \$2,000 to the District in recognition of the public service provided to students. A "thank out" letter will be sent to the family.

Closed Session

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

Reconvened

• Closed Session Items Reported

At 7:22 p.m., Board President Armenta announced that the Board would recess to Closed Session to discuss agendized items.

The Board meeting reconvened at 7:55 p.m. and Board President Armenta reported on action taken in Closed Session.

Administrative Appointment (Closed Session) • Principal – Jurupa Vista Elem.	#27	On a motion by Mr. Zamora, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried on a 5-0 vote (Mendoza-Ware & Hoover absent), the Board appointed the administrator listed: Syed Hyder, Principal, Jurupa Vista Elementary School
Administrative Appointment (Closed Session) • Principal – Grand Terrace Elem	#28	On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Zamora and carried on a 5-0 vote (Mendoza-Ware & Hoover absent), the Board appointed the administrator listed:
		Cynthia Coello, Principal, Grand Terrace Elementary School
Administrative Appointment (Closed Session) • Interim Assist. Supt., Business Serv (Sosan Schaller)	#29	On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Ibarra and carried on 5-0 vote (Mendoza-Ware & Hoover absent), the Board appointed the administrator listed, effective September 19, 2008:
(Bosun Benuner)		Sosan Schaller, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Other Closed Session Items No reportable action (3 Items)	#30	Other Closed Session Items— <i>No reportable action</i> • Student Discipline • 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

Adjournment

At 8:05 p.m., the Board adjourned to the next Regular Board of Education Meeting on October 2, 2008, at the Colton JUSD Student Services Center, 851 South Mt. Vernon Avenue, Colton, California.

• Labor Negotiators