

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes

Special Budget Meeting
January 15, 2009
5:30 p.m.

The Board of Education of the Colton Joint Unified School District met in a *Special Budget Session* on Thursday, January 15, 2009, 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the CJUSD Student Services Center, 851 So. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Colton, California.

Trustees Present

Mrs. Marge Mendoza-Ware	President
Mr. Mel Albiso	Vice President
Mr. Robert D. Armenta, Jr.	
Mrs. Patt Haro	
Mr. Frank A. Ibarra	
Mr. Kent Taylor	

Trustee Absent

Mr. David R. Zamora	Clerk (Unexcused)
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Staff Members Present /

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

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

At 5:35 p.m., Board President Mendoza-Ware announced that the Board would recess to Closed Session to discuss items on the agenda.

The Board reconvened at 6:07 p.m., and President Mendoza-Ware reported on action taken in Closed Session:

Property Settlement Agreement (Closed Session) • Inland Timber Company APNs 1167-151-35, 36, 38, 39, 45 & 1167-221-01	#68	On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Albiso and carried on a 6-0 vote (Zamora absent), the Board approved the settlement agreement, subject to amendments as presented, with The Stock Building Supply West, Inc., dba Inland Timber Company, relative to APNs 1167-151-35, 36, 38, 39 and 45, and 1167-221-01, in the amount of \$7,250,000, to be paid from Fund 21—Bond funds, with a mandatory move-out date no later than March 1, 2009.
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Public Comment—Items on the Agenda and Not on the Agenda: None

- Budget Update: Assistant Superintendent Jaime Ayala provided a brief update on the state budget, including information obtained at the School Services workshop on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, which highlighted the Governor's state-of-the-state address on January 9, 2009, relative to the 2009-10 budget. While there is still no breakthrough in the state budget, some of the issues facing the District include, but are not limited to:
 - No COLA for school years 2008-09 and 2009-10,
 - 4.57% cut (approximately \$6,000,000) for 2008-09,
 - 2.52% cut for 2009-10,
 - Debate continues regarding restricted funds and the District will make use of the flexibility therein,
 - \$1 million in deferred maintenance contributions may not need to be made,
 - Contributions equal to 3% may be reduced down to 1% for the routine deferred maintenance program, and
 - Reserves for economic uncertainty may be reduced from the 3% requirement to 1.5%.

Mr. Ayala stated that a memorandum was distributed to Principals, Directors and Managers regarding cost-containment procedures, specifically, to work with the current budget (50% reduction) and to decrease expenditures

where possible. He added that while the Superintendent's Cabinet would monitor the cash flow carefully and would spend reserves conservatively, midyear cuts of ongoing expenditures would need to be made in order to not deficit spend. Adjustments will be made as soon as the state budget is finalized and a comprehensive budget update would be provided at the meeting on January 22, 2009.

Board member Albiso stated that deferred maintenance and routine maintenance funds and the level of services must be protected, and he stressed the importance of spending bond funds prudently, i.e., upgrade site-related projects in order to safeguard the maintenance funds.

Board member Taylor thanked Mr. Ayala for his presentation and requested a copy of the Power Point presented at the School Services budget workshop staff attended on January 13, 2009.

Board member Ibarra suggested that the Superintendent's Cabinet review the validity of future conference requests and the number of attendees. Regarding the Governor's suggested proposal to decrease the instructional school year by five days, Board Member Ibarra inquired about how the District would be affected if this issue is mandated. Assistant Superintendent Ayala responded that there was no decision on this proposal, however, discussions would include union representation.

President Mendoza-Ware inquired about the delay in apportionment deferrals (K-12 and class size reduction payments) and how it would impact the District's cash flow. Assistant Superintendent Ayala responded that staff would monitor the cash flow carefully and stated that the District would have to meet state reserve requirements and need to have sufficient cash to meet expenses.

2. Facilities Update: Assistant Superintendent Ayala stated that the District has approximately \$31 million from *Measure B* funds and the first series of *Measure G* funds would generate approximately \$60 million (out of the total \$225 million) and could become available within ninety days.

Director Alice Grundman thanked the Board for approving the settlement agreement and looks forward to developing plans for a groundbreaking event for high school #3 in Grand Terrace. She distributed a general description of *Measure G* projects district wide that were listed by grade level and not in priority order. She indicated that all projects required American with Disabilities Act (ADA) access compliance, upgrading and/or replacing fire alarm, communications systems, upgrade or replacement of HVAC systems with energy efficient systems, asbestos abatement, and interim housing. She reviewed briefly the projects, which are at various stages of planning and design. The list is preliminary and other projects will be forthcoming as identified and approved by the Board.

3. Discussion and Project Prioritization: As a result of the property settlement in Closed Session, giving the Administration the authority to proceed with plans relative to high school #3 in Grand Terrace, Board members shared their other priorities:

Mel Albiso: CHS: modernization of the science/math wing, kitchen and cafeteria updated; new high school in Bloomington; main priority is classrooms and kitchen and cafeteria facilities; seek resources to commence projects as soon as possible; build state-of-the art facilities; provide update and funding allocation for each project.

Frank Ibarra: CHS and BHS math/science wing, CHS kitchen remodeling (possible use as multipurpose room); complete the unfinished projects from *Measure B* (Zimmerman, Terrace View, Washington); CHS stadium renovation and expansion (ADA compliance issues);

Patt Haro: unfinished projects, CHS & BHS math/science modernization and kitchen renovation; BMS intercom system;

Kent Taylor: expansion of classrooms at CHS, i.e., 48 classrooms and other buildings

Robert Armenta: CHS math/science building and kitchen modernization; library modernization (technology); requested a report to determine library needs;

Marge Mendoza-Ware: *Measure B* unfinished projects, high school #3, CHS & BHS math/science buildings and kitchen remodeling projects; work on projects simultaneously; postpone the CHS stadium project until the grade-level configuration for the new high school in Bloomington is determined; develop a plan to incorporate a library into the master plan for the Bloomington area.

BOARD CONSENSUS: Superintendent Downs recapped the Board's top priorities (not in a particular order):

- a) Complete *Measure B* unfinished projects: Terrace View & Zimmerman Elem. Schools, Washington Alternative H.S.,
- b) Proceed with high school #3 in Grand Terrace,
- c) Commence plans for the new high school in Bloomington (Santa Ana and Cedar streets),
- d) CHS and BHS math and science buildings and kitchen renovation (simultaneously),
- e) Intercom system at Bloomington Middle School, and
- f) CHS and BHS stadium renovation (ADA compliant, including restrooms).

As requested, funding allocations and a timeline for each project will be provided for Board review and prioritization for immediate consideration. As funds become available other projects will be reviewed and prioritized.

Adjournment: At 6:44 p.m. the Board adjourned to the next Regular Board of Education Meeting on January 22, 2009.