

# BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Minutes

**Regular Meeting**  
**March 26, 2009**  
5:30 p.m.

The Board of Education of the Colton Joint Unified School District met in Regular Session on Thursday, March 26, 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. David R. Zamora	Clerk
Mr. Patt Haro	
Mr. Frank A. Ibarra	Excused 7:30 p.m.
Mr. Kent Taylor	

### Trustees Absent

Mr. Mel Albiso	Vice President (Excused)
Mr. Robert D. Armenta, Jr.	(Unexcused)

### Staff Members Present

Mr. James A. Downs	Mrs. Alice Grundman
Mr. Jerry Almendarez	Mrs. Ingrid Munsterman
Mrs. Yolanda Cabrera	Ms. Julia Nichols
Mr. Mike Snellings	Ms. Sosan Schaller
Mr. Jaime R. Ayala	Dr. Patrick Traynor
Mrs. Bertha Arreguín	Ms. Katie Orloff
Mr. Todd Beal	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. Board member Kent Taylor led in the Renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

### Hearing Session

1. Washington Alternative High School students Ashley Ortiz and Kelly Adams reported on academic programs and extracurricular activities and events, including, but not limited to, CAHSEE and CST preparation, social skills and behavior system/reward activity update (Boys' Town), and plans are underway for the third annual student celebration day on May 21, 2009, which will include students from all of the Washington programs.
2. Dropout Prevention/Recovery Program: Administrative Services Director Todd Beal provided a Power Point presentation that included information reflecting the four high schools during school years 2006-07 and 2007-08:
  - Strategic Plan—Five-year Objectives
  - Categories of Students Typically Described as At-Risk
  - Three Types of Dropouts
  - The Effects of Dropping Out
  - Why They Dropout—Student Perspective
  - Number One Predictor = Attendance
  - District Information: number of Graduates & Dropouts
  - District Attendance Objective & Steps to Meet it
  - Attendance Rates—District wide
  - Recommendations (8) to Reduce the Number of Dropouts
  - Recommendations (4) from the Educational Options Committee

Board member Taylor congratulated staff for their diligence that earned recognition from State Superintendent Jack O'Connell as one of eight districts selected as 2009 Model Programs for Dropout Prevention by the State School Attendance Review Board (SARB). Detailed information is posted on the California Department of Education's website. He inquired about District policy to monitor students' early dismissal to participate in school athletic and academic competitions. Director Beal responded that ADA-saving procedures were in place.

Board member Ibarra expressed interest in developing specific strategies for counselors and staff to utilize in an effort to assist students *before* they reach the point of “struggling” and at-risk of dropping out; i.e., assist incoming freshman who may be “borderline” in the core subjects. Board member Haro commented on her attendance at the Joe Baca Education Summit that addressed dropout issues. Director Beal stated that staff is arranging to have consistent one-on-one conversations with students on a regular basis. Following discussion and by Board consensus, staff will recognize schools who have increased their attendance rates at Bloomington and Colton High Schools.

3. Public Hearing: Nova Meridian Academy (NMA) Application Renewal. At 6:05 p.m., Board President Mendoza-Ware opened the Public Hearing and the following persons addressed the Board:
  - a) Nyesha Williams, NMA Principal, spoke on behalf of the students, staff, and parents and thanked the District for the support District staff has provided to NMA, and they look forward to expanding the grade levels next year.
  - b) Dorothy Lee, Client Manager at Ed. Tech, provided an overview of the financial services provided to NMA, i.e., financial consulting and actual services (accounts payable, payroll, financials) and indicated that NMA is financially viable.
  - c) Tishri Campa, teacher at NMA, shared impressive CAHSEE testing results.
  - d) Sahil Bawa, student, shared his personal educational experiences and successes due to program and staff.
  - e) Mary Valdamar, parent of a NMA student and a member of the NMA parent group, appreciates the support from the NMA staff and thanked all of the employees in attendance.
  - f) Superintendent Downs welcomed and thanked the NMA staff, students and parents in attendance and reviewed the application renewal process, including the timeline for Board consideration. District Curriculum Director and liaison to NMA, Julia Nichols, will contact NMA staff to discuss the application-extension process and review staff concerns and recommendations.

No one else addressed the Board and the Public Hearing was closed at 6:14 p.m.

4. Public Input: Specific Consent, Action, Study and Information or Closed Session Items

Agenda Item C-3: SERP for Eligible Employees: Option A or B: The following persons addressed the Board:

- a) Sharon Zorn-Katz, kindergarten teacher at Crestmore Elementary School, thanked the Board for the salary increase last year and expressed support of *Option A* and hopes that the three Crestmore teachers that were reduced could be rehired.
- b) Janice Tummeler, teacher, stated that she submitted her resignation in February and asked that the SERP be retroactive for employees who filled out resignation forms prior to the District’s offer of the SERP.
- c) Karen Houck, ACE President, spoke in support of *Option A* and stated that if the District could afford to save \$400,000 (as a result of the SERP) she asked why were teachers being laid off?

5. Public Input: Items Not on the Agenda

- a) Anthony Diaz, CSEA President—Chapter 244, spoke in support of classified employees being given an opportunity to receive an early retirement package (savings in longevity and professional growth). He referenced the Board’s request for additional information at the last meeting, indicated incorrect financial information provided to the Board, and provided an update of negotiations held on March 25. He referenced specific financial entries in the second interim report (Agenda Item C-6) and stated that union members were “willing to look at cost saving measures” but not without guarantees of any further cuts or layoffs or written assurances in return.”
- b) Jaime Vilches, resident of Grand Terrace and parent, shared concerns regarding the decision to name high school #3 “Ray Abril High School” and asked the Board to consider renaming the new high school “Grand Terrace High School.”

Consent Items #99 On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Haro and carried on a 5-0 vote (Albiso & Armenta absent), the Board approved Consent Items #A-1 through #A-9 as presented.

Minutes #99.1 (A-1) The Board approved the minutes of meetings held, as presented:  
• Special Mtg 3-4-09 "G" March 4, 2009 -- Special Budget Workshop (*Measure "G" Funds*)  
• Regular Mtg 3-12-09 March 12, 2009 -- Regular Meeting

Field Trips #99.2 (A-2) The Board approved the field trips listed and authorized the expenditure of funds:

- ASB = Associated Student Body
- AVID = Advancement Via Individual Determination
- GATE = Gifted and Talented Education
- PTA = Parent Teacher Association
- SLP = Schools/Library Improvement Program

**BHS (4/3-5/09, F/S/S)** Overnight trip to Anaheim Hilton; *2009 Key Club District Convention*; 16 students (grades 9-12), 1 certificated staff member, and 1 other adult; \$5,130.50 ASB funds; Strategy #1.

**District-wide (4/14-15/09, T/W)** National Orange Show Fairgrounds in San Bernardino; *Inland Science and Engineering Fair*; 29 students (grades 4-12), 1 certificated staff member, and 5 other adults; \$870 Discretionary funds; transportation provided by parents; Strategy #1.

**CHS (4/21-22/09, T/W)** Overnight trip to Sacramento Convention Center; *Youth Leadership Through Literacy Program HOPE Conference*; encourage Latinas' educational and career success through college education; 4 11<sup>th</sup> grade students and 1 certificated staff member; \$125 sub cost SLI funds; registration fee, lodging, meals, and materials paid for by HOPE (Hispanas Organized for Political Equality); air transportation; Strategy #1.

**CHS (4/23-26/09, Th/F/S/S)** Overnight trip to Fresno Convention Center; *2009 State Leadership Conference and SkillsUSA Championship*; 3 12<sup>th</sup> grade students, 2 certificated staff members, and 3 other adults; \$2,361.60 (\$1,630.80 Vocational Education Act funds, \$380.80 ASB funds, \$350 ROP funds); Strategy #1.

**Lewis (6/1-2/09, M/T)** Overnight trip to Sea World in San Diego; *end-of-year activity*; Marine life science field trip based on academic achievement, excellent behavior, and attendance; 68 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, 2 certificated staff members, and 8 other adults; \$11,574 (\$4,600 PTA, \$2,000 ASB, \$4,974 Mandated cost funds); Strategy #1.

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**THMS (6/6/09, Sat):** Knott's Berry Farm in Anaheim; *end-of-year activity*; field trip based on academic achievement, excellent behavior, and attendance; 150 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and 10 certificated staff members; \$5,895 ASB funds; Strategy #1.

**Reche Canyon (6/9-11/09, T/W/Th):** Overnight trip to Thousand Pines

Pines Outdoor School at Pilgrim Pines Camp in Crestline; *Outdoor Science School*; life science education; 60 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and 3 certificated staff members; \$9,410 ASB funds; Strategy #1.

Consultants  
• Assemblies & Programs

#99.3

(A-3) The Board approved the assemblies and programs to be presented at the District schools listed and authorized the expenditure of funds:

ASB = Associated Student Body  
GATE = Gifted and Talented Education  
HPSGP = High Priority School Grant Program

**Cooley Ranch (workshops 4/6 to 4/17/09; assembly 4/22/09):** Charon Aldredge of Kiddie Rhythms in Colton; *Tapping Time*; visual and performing arts instruction for K-6 students; \$3,747.50 Medi-Cal Administrative Activities funds; Strategy #1.

**Grand Terrace (4/7,14,21,28/09):** Dan Crain of Yucaipa; *Positive Discipline*; provide English Language Learner parents with positive discipline parenting skills; \$600 donations; Strategy #1.

**Crestmore (4/14/09):** Museum on the Road - San Bernardino County Museum in Redlands; *StarLab Planetarium*; instruction about constellations, Greek and Native American mythology for K-6 students; \$272.90 HPSGP funds; Strategy #1.

**San Salvador (4/22/09):** Mad Science of the Inland Empire in Riverside; *Adventures in Air*; training for teachers and hands-on science experience for students; \$250 Medi-Cal Administrative Activities funds; Strategy #1.

**Jurupa Vista (5/26/09):** Alfredo Orlando Ortiz of South American Harp in Corona; *Water Cycle on a Harp*; instruction about elements of the water cycle through creative expression of music; \$675 donations; Strategy #1.

**Crestmore (5/26/09):** Museum on the Road San Bernardino County Museum in Redlands; *StarLab Planetarium*; instruction about constellations through mobile planetarium for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students; \$272.90 HPSGP funds; Strategy #1.

**Crestmore (6/2/09):** TheatreReach Schools Tours in Laguna Beach; *By the Great Horn Spoon!* Instruction about literature through the arts for 4<sup>th</sup> grade students; \$500 HPSGP; Strategy #1.

Consultants  
• Staff Development

#99.4

(A-4) The Board approved the consultants to present at the District schools listed and authorized the expenditure of funds:

SLI = Schools/Library Improvement

**Rogers (4/13-14/09):** Catherine Hardman of SB Co. Supt. of Schools Office; *Project GLAD (Guided Language Acquisition Design)*; promote English language acquisition, academic achievement, and cross-cultural skills to kindergarten teachers; \$6,000 SLI funds; Strategy #1.

**Rogers (5/26-29/09):** Catherine Hardman of SB Co. Supt. of Schools Office; *Project GLAD (Guided Language Acquisition Design)*; to promote English language acquisition, academic achievement, and cross-cultural skills through 4 days of observation and demonstration lessons for K-1 teachers; \$4,200 SLI funds. Strategy #1.

Carl D. Perkins Career Tech. &

#99.5

(A-5) The Board accepted the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical

<p>Career Ed. Improvement Act          • Funding Increase (2008-09)</p>		<p>Technical Education Improvement Act increase in funding for the 2008-09 school year in the amount of \$6,448. (Total final allocation = \$201,569)</p>
<p>Child Development Program #99.6          Funding (2008-09)          • Infant &amp; Toddler Child Care Res. Prog.          • School-Age Child Care Res. Prog.</p>		<p>(A-6) The Board accepted the 2008-09 funding for the Child Development Programs listed for a total amount of \$4,561.          \$2,547.00 -- Infant and Toddler Child Care Resource Program          \$2,014.00 -- School-Age Resource Award Program</p>
<p>Acceptance of Gifts #99.7</p>		<p>(A-7) The Board accepted gifts from donors as presented; site discretion unless otherwise noted.</p>
<p><b><u>Cooley Ranch</u></b></p>	<p><b>Stephanie A. Fengler (Riverside, CA)</b> \$385 for purchase of books and Accelerated Reader quizzes that students take after reading books  <b>WaMu for Schools (Seattle, WA)</b> \$194.68</p>	
<p><b><u>D'Arcy</u></b></p>	<p><b>WaMu for Schools (Seattle, WA)</b> \$170.16  <b>James A. Downs (Superintendent)</b> \$100</p>	
<p><b><u>Gr. Terrace</u></b></p>	<p><b>PTA</b> \$7,000</p>	
<p><b><u>Grimes</u></b></p>	<p><b>Edison International (Princeton, NJ)</b> \$30</p>	
<p><b><u>Jurupa V</u></b></p>	<p><b>PTA</b> \$675 for educational assembly on 5/26/09</p>	
<p><b><u>Lewis</u></b></p>	<p><b>Target (Minneapolis, MN)</b> \$47.12</p>	
<p><b><u>Lincoln</u></b></p>	<p><b>Target (Minneapolis, MN)</b> \$42.68</p>	
<p><b><u>McKinley</u></b></p>	<p><b>Target (Minneapolis, MN)</b> \$105.35  <b>WaMu for Schools (Seattle, WA)</b> \$78.96</p>	
<p><b><u>Rogers</u></b></p>	<p><b>Target (Minneapolis, MN)</b> \$71.55</p>	
<p><b><u>Svcamore Hills</u></b></p>	<p><b>Target (Minneapolis, MN)</b> \$109.11 student awards and incentives</p>	
<p><b><u>Wilson</u></b></p>	<p><b>WaMu for Schools (Seattle, WA)</b> \$112.02  <b>Wells Fargo Educational Matching Gift Prog. (Princeton, NJ)</b> \$35</p>	
<p><b><u>Zimmerman</u></b></p>	<p><b>Target (Minneapolis, MN)</b> \$159.08</p>	
<p><b><u>BMS</u></b></p>	<p><b>Target (Minneapolis, MN)</b> \$56.25</p>	
<p><b><u>CMS</u></b></p>	<p><b>Target (Minneapolis, MN)</b> \$102.05</p>	
<p><b><u>ROHMS</u></b></p>	<p><b>Target (Minneapolis, MN)</b> \$57.43</p>	
<p><b><u>THMS</u></b></p>	<p><b>Grand Terrace Lions Club (Grand Terrace, CA)</b> \$1,000 - awards and incentives for students  <b>Target (Minneapolis, MN)</b> \$66.23</p>	
<p>Membership Renewal in Local Chambers of Commerce #99.8          • City of Colton          • City of Grand Terrace          • 2008 &amp; 2009</p>		<p>(A-8) The Board renewed District membership in the local Chambers of Commerce to increase opportunities for partnerships with District high schools and local businesses as presented, reflecting alignment with the District's Strategic Plan, for a total cost of \$450, to be paid from General funds: \$400 -- Colton Chamber of Commerce (Jan. thru Dec. 2009)          \$ 50 -- Grand Terrace Chamber of Commerce (2008-09)</p>
<p>Pupil Transportation Services for Special Education Students Agreement w/ SBCSS (2009-10) #99.9</p>		<p>(A-9) The Board approved the agreement with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools for transportation services for special education *students during the 2008-09 school year as presented, for a projected cost of \$356,936, to be paid from the General Funds. [*referred to the East Valley Sp. Education Local Plan Area (EVSELPA) for specialized programs; door-to-door (IEP requirement) transp. on excess-costs are calculated based on actual contractor bill plus indirect SBCSS-dispatch costs, less State apportionment]</p>



**Deferred**

SERP for Eligible Employees  
Retiring by June 30, 2009  
(Plan Admin. By Keenan & Associates)

- Option A or B

(C-3) **DEFERRED (See item ##101)**

Supplemental Early Retirement Program

Purchase Orders #100.3

(C-4) The Board approved purchase orders issued as presented. All pertinent information is on file in the Business Office.

Disbursements #100.4

(C-5) The Board approved payment of disbursements as summarized and listed. All pertinent information is on file in the Business Office.

Batch #1280 through Batch #1350 \$3,866,982.39

Second Interim Financial Report with *Positive Certification*

and

Resolution 09-16

- \$8.5 Million Ongoing Reductions
- 2010-11

(C-6) The Board approved the Second Interim Financial Report with a *positive certification*, and adopted Resolution 09-16 to implement \$8,500,000 in ongoing budget reductions in the 2010-2011 fiscal year. [Education Code 42131]

The combined restricted and unrestricted General fund balances are projected:

as of 6/30/09 -- \$ 23,933,306

as of 6/30/10 -- \$ 9,732,023

as of 6/30/11 -- \$ 3,233,563

Allocation & Site Expenditure Plans for 2006-07 School Site Discretionary Block Grant

- One-Time Funds
- 2nd & Final Apportionment
- Rogers Elem.

#100.6

(C-7) The Board approved the allocation and site expenditure plans for the second and final apportionment (25%) of the 2006-07 School Site Discretionary Block Grant for the *Rogers Elementary School as presented, for a total amount of \$9,420* (one-time funds), as proposed by the School Site Council. There will be no impact on the unrestricted General fund.

**Resolution 09-01**

~~Five Year Joint Use Agreement w/ City of Grand Terrace for Use of Playfields: Grand Terrace, Terr. View, Terrace Hills Middle (2008-13)~~

(C-8) **WITHDRAWN**

**Resolution 09-02**

~~Five Year Joint Use Agreement w/ City of Grand Terrace for Childcare Services: Grand Terrace & Terr. View Elem. (2008-13)~~

(C-9) **WITHDRAWN**

**Resolution 09-03**

~~Five Year Joint Use Agreement w/ City of Fontana for Parks & Playfields at Michael D'Arcy Elem. School (2008-13)~~

(C-10) **WITHDRAWN**

**Resolution 09-04**

~~Five Year Joint Use Agreement w/ City of Fontana for Parks & Playfields at Jurupa Vista Elem. School (2008-13)~~

(C-11) **WITHDRAWN**

**Resolution 09-05**

*Five Year Joint Use Agreement  
w/ City of Colton for Parks  
& Playfields at Cooley Ranch  
Elem. School (2008-13)*

**(C-12) WITHDRAWN**

Contract Amendment #1 with Superior Construction Services, Inc., for D.S.A. Inspection Serv.  
#100.7  
• Change in Duration (Apr. 2009 thru Oct 2011)  
• Ray Abril High School

(C-13) The Board approved contract amendment #1 with Superior Construction Services, Inc., to change the duration for Division of the State Architect (D.S.A.) inspection services for Ray Abril High School from April 1, 2009 through October 31, 2011, as presented, for an estimated cost of \$400,000, to be paid from Bond Fund 21.

Award of Bid 08-14 (+ Additive Alternative #1)  
#100.8  
• Ray Abril High School  
• Categories 1-17 (except Category 3)  
• Various Vendors

(C-14) The Board awarded \*Bid 08-14 and additive alternate #1 for the Ray Abril High School Construction Project to the lowest responsible bidders for categories 1-17 as presented, for a total amount of \$48,074,245, to be paid from Fund 21—Building Fund. *Note: all bids were rejected for “Category 3—Earthwork” and will be rebid and resubmitted for approved at a later date.* (Public Contract Code 20111)

Category 1 - AMPCO Contracting	\$ 448,288
Category 2 - Lee & Stires, Inc.	1,043,000
<del>Category 3 - Concrete, Paving &amp; Elevators</del>	<del>All Bids Rejected</del>
Category 4 - Nibbelink Masonry	5,414,400
Category 5 - Anderson Charnesky Structural Steel	5,260,975
Category 6 - Dow Diversified	1,565,231
Category 7 - Best Contracting Services	1,648,272
Category 8 - Action She Metal	2,027,000
Category 9 - Nevell Group, Inc.	4,837,655
Category 10 - Hanan Construction	5,780,000
Category 11 - Bithell, Inc.	499,500
Category 12 - Queen City Glass Company	396,946
Category 13 - West Tech Mechanical	4,655,500
Category 14 - Donald M. Hoover Company	706,790
Category 15 - J.P.I. Development Group	4,671,000
Category 16 - Daniels Electrical Construction C.	7,879,000
Category 17 - Pierre’s Sprinkler and Landscape	1,240,688

Contract w/ Aequitas Solutions for Legacy Conversion  
#100.9

(C-15) The Board approved the contract with Aequitas Solutions for legacy data conversion for the existing SASI system and the new Zangle solution as presented. The cost of \$30,000 will be provided by the CSIS-Best Practices Cohort money (provided by the State to cover Student Information System and CSIS-related costs only)

**Deferred**  
SERP for Eligible Employees Retiring by June 30, 2009 (Plan Admin. By Keenan & Associates)  
#101  
• Option A or B

**(C-3) Deferred**  
It was moved by Board member Taylor and seconded by Board Member Ibarra to select *Option A* for the Supplemental Employee Retirement Plan (SERP) for eligible non-management certificated employees retiring by June 30, 2009.

- Board members expressed their personal opinions:
- David Zamora -- all employees should have the same opportunity
  - Kent Taylor – Option A saves money and jobs
  - Frank Ibarra – Option A saves jobs
  - Patt Haro – fairness to everyone
  - Marge Mendoza-Ware – all employees should benefit

Assistant Superintendent Ayala stated that if the SERP were offered to



all employees there would still be a savings (long range) but not as great if it were only offered to employees under Option A (non management certificated).

Following discussion, Board members Taylor and Ibarra rescinded their original motion.

**Deferred** #102  
 SERP for Eligible Employees  
 Retiring by June 30, 2009  
 (Plan Admin. By Keenan & Associates)  
 • *Option B (all)* selected

On a motion by Mr. Zamora, seconded by Mrs. Mendoza-Ware and carried on a 5-0 vote (Albiso & Armenta absent), the Board selected *Option B (all employees)* relative to the Supplemental Employee Retirement Plan (SERP) for eligible employees retiring by June 30, 2009, as presented. The Plan will be administered by Keenan & Associates.

- SERP: five-year annuity benefit based upon 85% of the retiree's salary with continuation of health benefits or 100% with no continuation of health benefits;
- Eligibility requirements: minimum age of 55 with 5 years of service and active District employment as of the date of Board approval (3-26-09); and
- The actual implication to the General fund depends on the actual number of eligible retirees who elect to participate, the actual breakdown of those selecting the annuity with or without continuation of health benefits and the actual number of retirees that are replaced.

The Board recessed at 6:37 p.m. and reconvened 6:47 p.m.

**Action Items—Resolutions** #103  
 (D-1 through D-3)

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

Resolution #103.1  
*Labor History Month*  
 (April 2009)

(D-1) The Board adopted the Resolution, *Labor History Month—April 2009* to commemorate the labor movement and its impact on California and the United States.

Resolution #103.2  
*Rail Safety Month*  
 (April 2009)

(D-2) The Board adopted the Resolution, *Rail Safety Month—April 2009* to commemorate the labor movement and its impact on California and the United States.

Resolution #103.3  
*Week of the Young Child*  
 (April 19-25, 2009)

(D-3) The Board adopted Resolution, *Week of the Young Child, April 19-25, 2009* to support opportunities for early childhood development as presented.

Study, Information and Review Session

1. Personnel -- Resignations
2. Associated Student Body (ASB) Financial Reports as of February 28, 2009: Information provided.
3. Approved Change Order for the Colton Middle School Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) for Project Bid 08-12: \$14,477 – School Facilities Fund 25 ~~Fund 14—Deferred Maintenance~~
4. Facility Users District wide for Sports Groups: To date twelve organizations utilize twenty sites for sporting events.

5. Budget Update: Assistant Superintendent Ayala commended Fiscal Services Director Sosan Schaller and Fiscal Services Manager Lucy Bracamonte and staff for their comprehensive and dedicated work in preparing the financial reports. He reviewed the second interim report (positive certification—possible only as a result of drawing down on reserves and budget reductions) and explained District obligations over a three-year period. In addition, the Resolution adopted states that the Board and Superintendent recognize that cuts are eminent and the reports submitted to the County outline how expenditures will be made. He provided a Power Point presentation that featured General fund ending balances (unrestricted & restricted) through June 30, 2011, and information regarding requirements relative to reserves for economic uncertainty at June 30, 2011.

Board members Ibarra and Taylor initiated discussion regarding concerns, respectively, (a) accurate information provided to the unions and (b) potential changes to Tier I and Tier II (flexibility). Assistant Superintendent Ayala responded that the projections are still on track and there has been no change relative to “flexibility.” Following the submission of the appropriate documentation, it is anticipated that the increased Title I and Special Education funding would be received in April. However, until the District receives accurate numbers, funding would not be incorporated into the projected budget. Superintendent Downs added that both CSEA and ACE received accurate information at the bargaining table.

6. Facilities Update: Facilities Director Alice Grundman distributed a master list of prioritized projects and the preliminary master construction schedule and stated that the Bond consultants are working on the first bond series. President Mendoza-Ware inquired about middle school # 5 and Director Grundman responded that the project would be included in the project list. Middle school project #5 is ready to proceed and qualifies for state funding. Board member Haro inquired about the library project and Assistant Superintendent Ayala responded that information would be provided after the County meeting is held in the near future.. Once the projects are prioritized, a financial plan will be developed and the projects will be incorporated into the master construction schedule. Following discussion regarding the “language” for the District/Board sign that will be placed on the Ray Abril High School property, the Board selected *Option B* and requested that Alice Grundman’s title be added.
7. ACE President Karen Houck shared members’ specific concerns regarding the recent modifications to the Health Education Curriculum and lack of certificated representation regarding curriculum issues. She spoke about the Federal stimulus package, subsidy of 65%, to persons whose employment was terminated. Employees who resigned (before they knew of the benefit) forfeit this benefit and she asked the Board to allow teachers to rescind their resignations and allow them to return to non-reelect status so they could qualify for this benefit. She shared complaints from teachers regarding the lack of involvement in some of the critical decisions being made at the site and district level.
8. CSEA representative Nick Ramirez thanked the Board for treating all employees fairly and requested a copy of the budget update.
9. MAC President Angela Dischinger extended a personal invitation to participate in the annual golf tournament on April 11 that will benefit the APPLE Scholarship Foundation. She stated that the District softball team is “gearing up” to play ACE in the softball fund raiser, and on behalf of MAC, she expressed appreciation to the Board for their leadership and constant support.
10. ROP Board Member Frank Ibarra reported that “distinguished student awards” were presented to Colton High School students Melanie Bright, Erik Delgado, Jill Lopez, Nick Zarate, and Liz Delgado. Bloomington High School teacher Mrs. Shiro was recognized for the “career and education component” and Assistant Principal Tina Petersen was recognized for her excellent working relationship with ROP.

11. Superintendent's Communiqué / Correspondence / Communications: Superintendent Downs stated that he was pleased that the Board selected *Option B* for the Supplemental Early Retirement Plan. He distributed a copy of the Board log and provided information regarding:

- CSBA Workshop on April 30: Board self evaluation and Superintendent Evaluation (contact Chris Estrada);
- 2009 Education Medal of Honor nominees: retired administrator Roger Kowalski, teacher Kimberly Fisher, parent volunteer Dioselina McCombs, and teacher Dan Morse;
- Blas Coyazo Memorial Scholarship Fund raiser (March 29<sup>th</sup>);
- Safe Harbor Status—Birney & Grant Elem. Schools; Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) reports adjusted (2-10-09)
- Groundbreaking ceremony for Ray Abril High School – April 4, 10:00 a.m. (corner of Main St. and Taylor)
- Recent District News articles

12. Comments / Requests from Board Members

**Patt Haro** commented on recent activities and site visits and thanked staffs at each site for their “warm welcome” and invitations to participate. In addition, she thanked Director Todd Beal and Coordinator Amanda Corridan for their work on the state-recognized SARB that will be utilized by other districts.

- Joe Baca Education Summit
- BHS Naval Jr. ROTC Ball (many alumni attended)
- BHS assembly to honor Woodshop teacher Mr. Dubois and class for their “winning” project– Senator Negrete McLeod was in attendance
- BHS prom assembly (Black History month) and four students received awards
- Grimes School (dual immersion program) and Crestmore Elementary Schools (classrooms)
- CHS Naval Jr. ROTC – annual Area Manager’s inspection held; commended twin brothers Jose & Armando De Santiago

**Frank Ibarra** acknowledged Colton High School students who walked with him on "Pink Friday" (March 13<sup>th</sup>) in protest of the budget: Brian Cervantes, Ryan Hanna, Amanda Aguilar, and son Frank Aaron. He announced that academic and athletic scholar Johnny Gonzales (4.0 GPA) who is #2 in California and #24 in the nation for the discus, shotput and hammer throw, received a full-ride scholarship to Concordia University in Irvine.

**Marge Mendoza-Ware** thanked the students and staff at Ruth Grimes Elementary School for the art display in the Board room and stated that she would contribute to the APPLE Scholarship Foundation. She thanked her colleagues, Superintendent Downs, Cabinet members and all the certificated and classified staff members for their prayers for her nephew who is recovering from his automobile accident and is now at home.

13. Board Member Excused: At 7:30 p.m. Board Member Ibarra was excused from the meeting due to a personal matter.

Closed Session

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

At 7:32 p.m., Board President Mendoza-Ware announced that the Board would recess to Closed Session to discuss items on the agenda.

Reconvened

- Closed Session Items Reported

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

- Student Discipline** #104 On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Zamora and carried on a 4-0 vote (Albiso, Armenta, Ibarra absent), the Board approved *Student Discipline Items 1-14, including 3 Stipulated Items and 2 Revocations* as presented:
- (Closed Session)
- Student Discipline (9)
  - Stipulated (3)
  - Revocation (2)
- (1) 88905 (5) 95127 (9) 90712 (13) Rev—89277  
(2) 91612 (6) 95820 (10) Stip—136186 (14) Rev—81322  
(3) 96263 (7) 129952 (11) Stip—91776  
(4) 77157 (8) 81465 (12) Stip—86035
- Student Expulsion—Reentry** #105 On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Zamora and carried on a 4-0 vote (Albiso, Armenta, Ibarra absent), the Board approved the readmission of fifty-two (52) students, confirming that they have met their plan of rehabilitation and are eligible for readmission in the Colton Joint Unified School District, as recommended.
- (Closed Session)
- Readmission of 52 Students
- Other Closed Session Items** #106 Other Closed Session Items—*No reportable action*
- No reportable action*  
(3 Items)
- ~~Real Property Negotiator—Ray Abril High School 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~~
  - ~~Anticipated Litigation: (2 cases)~~
  - ~~Labor Negotiators~~

### Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, President Mendoza-Ware and everyone in attendance observed ten seconds of silence in memory of former Colton Middle School Counselor/Teacher Blas Coyazo. At 8:16 p.m., the Board adjourned to the next Regular Board of Education Meeting on April 9, 2009, at the Colton JUSD Student Services Center, 851 South Mt. Vernon Avenue, Colton, California.