

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes

Regular Meeting
March 13, 2008
5:30 p.m.

The Board of Education of the Colton Joint Unified School District met in Regular Session on Thursday, March 13, 2008, 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the CJUSD Student Services Center, 851 So. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Colton, California.

Trustees Present

Mr. Robert D. Armenta, Jr.	President
Mrs. Marge Mendoza-Ware	Vice President
Mr. Mel Albiso	Clerk
Mr. Mark Hoover	(arrived 5:50 p.m.)
Mr. Frank A. Ibarra	
Mr. Kent Taylor	
Mr. David Zamora	

Staff Members Present / *Excused

Mr. James A. Downs	Mr. Roger Kowalski
Mr. Casey Cridelich	Mrs. Ingrid Munsterman
Mr. Jerry Almendarez	Mrs. Julia Nichols
Mrs. Yolanda Cabrera	Ms. Sosan Schaller
Mr. Rick Dischinger	Dr. Patrick Traynor
Mrs. Bertha Arreguín	Ms. Katie Orloff
Dr. Diane D'Agostino	Mrs. Chris Estrada
Mrs. Mollie Gainey-Stanley	Mr. Michael Townsend
Mrs. Alice Grundman	

Call to Order: Board President Robert Armenta, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Bloomington High School Navy Junior ROTC Color Guard presented the colors. Board President Armenta led in the Renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Hearing Session

1. Bloomington High School student representative Samantha Moss, Brandy Aceves and Porsha Johnson reported on academics (Honor Roll), “best buddies” activities, Black History Month activities, spring musical *Alice in Wonderland*, FFA week activities and annual conference, and various other club, sports, and community events. NJrROTC Cadet Ariel Viernes announced that the NJrROTC and Color Guard received the NJrROTC Achievement Award recently and reported on other competition and community events and achievements. She introduced the members in attendance: NJrROTC—Cadets Rudy Acevedo, Bryan Gomez and Anna Lopez-Carson. Color Guard members: Cadets Tanner Pierceall, Robert Mariscal, Edward Eilders, and Steven Gomez.
2. Employee Recognition Program: Assistant Superintendent Jerry Almendarez introduced the honorees for the month of February and Board members congratulated the recipients:
 - a. Classified -- Ralph Dueñes, Custodian, Student Services Center
 - b. Certificated -- Mark McGuffee, Teacher, Colton Middle School
 - c. Certificated -- Adriana McGuffee, Counselor, Colton Middle School
3. Public Input—Closed Session Items: None
4. Public Input: Specific Agendized Items -- None
5. Public Input: Non-Agendized Items

On behalf of San Bernardino County Superintendent Dr. Herbert Fischer, S.B. County Board Member, Dr. Al Waner reminded the Board and Administration that County staff is available to provide services to the District.

Donna Dailey, aunt of a Grimes Elementary School student, shared concerns regarding head lice issues not being handled properly at the school. Board members Albiso and Mendoza-Ware shared her concerns. District staff will research the issue.

John Knipple, BHS Driver Education teacher, thanked the Board and administration for their support during his tenure with the District and hopes that support of elective classes will continue in light of the State and District budget.

Pat Haro, Bloomington parent, reported on the results of the District Science Fair (112 entries, grades K-12) and stated that the twenty-five “winning” projects would compete in the regional fair in April. She thanked Board member Kent Taylor for donating one of the grand prizes (savings bond) and thanked everyone who attended.

Board member Mark Hoover arrived at 5:50 p.m.

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- Consent Items #88 On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Mendoza-Ware and carried, the Board approved Consent Items #A-1 through #A-6 as presented.
- Minutes (2-21-08) #88.1 The Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on February 21, 2008, as presented.
- Field Trips #88.2 The Board approved the field trips as listed and authorized the expenditure of funds:
- ASB = Associated Student Body
 - AVID = Advancement Via Individual Determination
 - SBCP = School-Based Coordinated Program
 - VEA = Vocational Ed. Act (now aka Career Technical Ed)

CHS (3/13-15/08, Th,F,S) Overnight trip to Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles; *Youth Leadership Through Literacy Program*; Encourages high school-age Latina students to succeed in education and careers through college education; 2 students (11), 1 certificated staff member; \$124 (sub cost) SBCP funds; *HOPE to pay for registration, fees, lodging, materials; *Hispanas Organized for Political Equality)

BHS (3/18-21/08, T,W,Th,F) Annual AVID road trip to colleges and universities: UC Santa Barbara, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, San Jose State, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, Sacramento State, CSU Stanislaus, and UC Merced. 34 11th grade students, 3 certificated staff members, and 3 other adults; \$9,604; (\$5,604 discretionary Funds, \$4,000 AVID funds).

BHS (3/19-23/08, W,Th,F,S,S) Overnight trip to Centennial High School, Las Vegas; *Spring Jamboree Softball Tournament*; 14 students (9-12), 1 certificated staff member, and 4 other adults; \$1,050; (\$400 ASB funds and \$650 discretionary funds).

THMS (3-22-08, Sat) Summit High School in Fontana; *San Bernardino County History Day*; San Bernardino County History Day competition; 11 8th grade students, 1 certificated staff member, and 1 other adult. \$330; SBCP funds.

BMS, (3/24/08, M) California Science Center, Los Angeles; *The Body Worlds 3 Experience*; tour the exhibition and learn about the human anatomy; 22 students (7-8), 1 certificated staff member, and 3 other adults; \$1,122.50; SBCP funds

BMS (3/24/08, M) Disneyland in Anaheim; *Magic Music Days*; After a nation-wide search the voices and mixed chamber choirs have been selected to perform; 35 students (9-12), 1 certificated staff member, and 3 other adults; \$2,420 (\$2,045 ASB funds, \$375 discretionary funds).

Terrace View (3/24-25/08, M,T) Riley's Farm in Oak Glen; *Riley's American Heritage Farms*; Colonial history experience; 62 5th grade students, 2 certificated staff members, and 10 other adults; \$6,840; donations

BHS (4/12/08, Sat) Western High School (competition) and Disneyland (award ceremony) in Anaheim; *Music in the Parks*; students will compete in a Choir Festival; 40 students (9-12), 2 certificated staff members, and 6 other adults; \$4,632; (\$4,032 ASB funds, \$600 discretionary funds).

ROHMS (4/12-15/08, S,S,M,T) Riverside Convention Center; *FHA-HERO State Leadership Meeting and Competition in Home Economic Careers and Technology*; 7 students (7-8), 1 certificated staff member, and 2 other adults; \$4,816.98; (\$4,116.98 VEA funds, \$700 ASB funds).

- Consultants #88.3 The Board approved the assemblies and programs to be presented at District schools as listed and authorized the expenditure of funds:
- ASB = Associated Student Body

• Assemblies & Programs

Zimmerman (4/7/08): TheatreReach Laguna Playhouse in Laguna Beach; *Bringing Books to Life: By the Great Horn Spoon!*; promotes reading through performing arts for grades 4, 5, and 6; \$500; Art, Music, & P.E. Grant.

Grant (4/11/08): TheatreReach Laguna Playhouse in Laguna Beach; *Bringing Books to Life: By the Great Horn Spoon!*; provides social science enrichment for grade 4; \$500; Art, Music, & P.E. Grant.

Reche Canyon (4/24/08): Diana Del Russo, author in Redlands; *Imagination-Creation*; introduces 2-4 grade students to the author and encourages writing; no cost.

BMS (5/6/08): Camfel Productions in Irwindale; *Charting Your Own Course*; Multi-media leadership presentation; \$990; ASB funds.

BMS (5/17/08) Preferred Promotions in Fullerton; *Eighth grade dance*; DJ will provide music; \$2,281.85; ASB funds.

Consultants
• Staff Development

#88.4

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

Zimm. (2007-08 & 2008-09): Action Learning Systems, Pasadena; State-approved External Support Provider to provide monitoring, feedback, professional development, and technical support services as required by the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* for schools in Program Improvement Year 4; \$32,500; High Priority School Grant.

Grant (2007-08 & 2008-09): San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools; State-approved External Support Provider to provide monitoring, feedback, professional development, and technical support services as required by the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* for schools in Program Improvement Year 4; \$32,500; High Priority School Grant.

Rogers (2007-08 & 2008-09): San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools; State-approved External Support Provider to provide monitoring, feedback, professional development, and technical support services as required by the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* for schools in Program Improvement Year 4; \$32,500; High Priority School Grant.

All Secondary Schools (3/14/08): Mick Martines of MJM Training and Consulting in Beaumont; *Understanding & Planning for School Bomb Incidents*; Instruction on assessing and responding to crisis/bomb incidences for campus security/security, administration and support staff; \$1,000; School Violence & Safety Grant.

Washington (3/18 & 4/9/08) Doug Whitaker of Digital Edge Learning in Redlands; *Interwrite 201- Mathematics*; Customized training in mathematics using the digital delivery Interwrite technology system along with state-adopted core curriculum; \$4,720; High Priority School Grant.

Acceptance of Gifts

#88.5

The Board accepted the gifts from donors as presented:

- Lincoln** PTA \$0; Mural depicting school mascot and school name
- McKinley** Verizon Long Distance (Minneapolis, MN) \$35.82 (Extra Credit for Schools Program)
- Reche Canyon** Scholarship America (St. Peter, MN) \$1,000; field trips
- Rogers** PTA \$3,000; Campus beautification

Unpaid Leave of Absence for Classified Employee (EIN 7826)

#88.6

The Board approved unpaid leave of absence to the employee listed, with the employee to pay for any health insurance premiums, if applicable, as per the current CSEA Agreement.

<u>Classified</u>	<u>Leave</u>
EIN 7826	2-29-08 through 6-30-08

Action Items
(C-7 through C-18)
• Deferred ()
• Withdrawn ()

#89

On a motion by Mrs. Mendoza-Ware, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried, the Board approved action items C-7 through C-18 as presented, with the exception of *items C-10 and C-13, which were deferred for separate action.*

Personnel Employment

#89.1

(C-7) The Board approved employment of personnel as presented.

Certificated

Activity / Coaching Assignments

Akins, Cary	Head Varsity Softball – CHS
Bautista, Leilani	Head JV Soccer – BHS
Carballo, Fabian	Head JV Soccer – BHS
Gallo, Sam	Head Varsity Soccer – BHS
Howard, Marc	Head JV Soccer – BHS
Jimenez, Juan	Head JV Basketball – BHS
Matanga, Edmond	Head Varsity Badminton – CHS
Ornelas, Peter	Head Varsity Baseball – CHS
Padilla, Steve	Head JV Wrestling – BHS
Ponce, Armando	Assistant JV Badminton – CHS
Ray, Joseph	Head Varsity Basketball – BHS
Schaefer, Erwin	Assistant Wrestling – BHS
Schaefer, Gabriel	Head Varsity Wrestling – BHS
Villegas, Francisco	Head Varsity Soccer – BHS

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Classified

Regular Staff

Katsikakis, Haralobos T. Fiscal Analyst – D.O.
Maldonado, Susan P. Language Assistant - THMS

Activity / Coaching Assignments

Alvarez, Mario Head Varsity Track – CHS
Ayala, John Head JV Baseball - CHS
Booth, Rosa Head Varsity Swimming – CHS
Montes, Joseph Head Varsity Softball – CHS
Ortiz, Arthur Frosh/Soph Softball – CHS
Smalls, Ryan Head Varsity Track – CHS
Williams, Cecil Head Varsity Basketball - BHS

Revised Salary Schedule to Reflect #89.2
New State Minimum
Wage Retro to January 2008
• Child Develop. Instructional
Assistant – Schedule “D”

(C-8) The Board revised salary schedule “D”, Child Development Instructional Assistant, to reflect the new State minimum wage, retroactive to January 1, 2008, as presented. CSEA agreed with the revised schedule.

Conference Attendance #89.3

(C-9) The Board approved conference attendance as presented, with all necessary expenses to be paid from funds indicated.

Ajoke Adefeso – **CHS** 33rd Annual CABE Conference
Stephanie Balisteri March 5-8, 2008
Janet Torres San Jose, CA
Pat Yorba-Wyant HPSG funds: \$5,757.48
Teachers

Felicitas Urena -- **McKinley** 11th Annual California Para Educator
Language Assistant Conference: Road to Success
Jennifer Lewis March 7-9, 2008
SDC Aide Anaheim, CA
SBCP funds: \$1,416.48

Patricia Ishida – **Dist. Office** California State Board of
Dir., Special Projects Education Meeting
Cheryll Price, Dir., Staff Develop. March 12-13, 2008
Sacramento, CA
Special Projects funds: \$1,087.56

Carolyn Creel – **BHS** Skills USA CA State Leadership
William Reedy And Skills Championships
Teachers April 10-14, 2008
Fresno, CA
VEA funds: \$1,588.40

Kathleen Dickerson – **ROHMS** FHA Hero State Leadership
Teacher Meeting and Competition
April 12-15, 2008
Riverside, CA
CTE funds: \$1,564.98

Celia Gonzales – **Zimmerman** California State Title I Conference
Principal and Pre-Conference
Patrick McGinn, Asst. Principal April 20-22, 2008
Anita Peukert, Curr. Prog. Specialist Los Angeles, CA
Title I funds: \$3,095.36
Raquel Posadas-Gonzalez – **McKinley** 2008 California State Title I –
Principal Addressing the Achievement Gap
April 24-26, 2008
Los Angeles, CA
SBCP funds: \$1,203.32

Mel Albiso – **Dist. Office** Legislative Action Conference
Marge Mendoza-Ware May 18-19, 2008
Board Members Sacramento, CA
Board funds: \$2,434.76

Kathleen Dickerson – **ROHMS** Lodging Industry/Training
Teacher June 24-27, 2008
Glendale, CA
CTE funds: \$498.00

Raynona Orona – **Transp.** State Certified Instructor Program
Bus Operation Supervisor August 3-22, 2008
Sacramento, CA
Transp. funds: \$2,600.00

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Deferred

ACE—Tentative Agreement on
Collective Bargaining Agreement
w/ CJUSD (2007-08)

(C-10) DEFERRED (See item #90)

Purchase Orders #89.4 (C-11) The Board approved purchase orders issued as presented. All pertinent information is on file in the Business Office.

Disbursements #89.5 (C-12) The Board approved payment of disbursements as summarized and listed. All pertinent information is on file in the Business Office.

Batch #1201 through Batch #1349 **\$3,900,759.92**

Deferred

Second Interim Financial Report,
Multi-Year Projections &
Qualified Certification
(Period Ending 1/31/08)

(C-13) DEFERRED (See item #91)

Ratification of Consultant Agreement w/ Jacqueline Solorzano for Services #89.6 (C-14) The Board ratified the consultant agreement with Jacqueline Solorzano for auditory verbal therapy to a Crestmore Elementary Special Education English Learner student through the end of June 2008 as presented, for a cost not to exceed \$3,520 (\$80 per hour; max. 44 hours), in accordance with his Individual Education Plan (IEP). Costs to be paid from Special Education funds. This service provides the student with a free appropriate public education (FAPE).

- Auditory Verbal Therapy
- Crestmore Elem. Special Ed. Student (2007-08)

Ratification of Change Orders Approved Since 2-21-08 #89.7 (C-15) The Board ratified change orders approved since the Board meeting on February 21, 2008, for the Colton High modernization project for a total amount of \$27,493.56, to be paid from Fund 35 (School Facilities Fund). All pertinent information is on file in the Business Office.

- Resolution 07-14
- CHS Modernization Project

Net Additional construction costs \$25,457.00
Architect (8%) 2,036.56

Ratification of Change Orders Approved Since 2-21-08 #89.8 (C-16) The Board ratified the change order approved since the Board meeting on February 21, 2008, for Bid 07-09: Asbestos Abatement Project at BHS, Zimmerman, ESC, CHS and Washington, in the amount of \$11,654, to be paid from Deferred Maintenance funds. All pertinent information is on file in the Business Office.

- Bid 07-09 (Resolution 07-14)
- Asbestos Abatement
- BHS, Zimm, ESC, CHS, Washington

Net Additional construction costs \$45,595.00
Architect (8%) 3,647.60

Contract w/ All American Private Security, LLC #89.9 (C-17) The Board approved the contract with All American Private Security, LLC, for security services at Bloomington and Colton High Schools for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year as presented, for a total cost not to exceed \$13,000, to be paid from General funds. The complete document is on file in the Business Office.

- Security Services
- BHS & CHS
- 2007-08

Amendment by Substitution of Administrative Regulations #89.10 (C-18) The Board amended by substitution the administrative regulations as presented.

AR 5144.2 *Suspen. & Expul. Due Process* (students w/ disabilities)
AR 6159 *Individualized Ed. Plan (IEP)*

AR 5144.2 *Suspension & Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities)*
AR 6159 *Individualized Education Plan*

Deferred

ACE—Tentative Agreement on
Collective Bargaining Agreement
w/ CJUSD (2007-08)

#90 (C-10) **DEFERRED** Prior to action taken, specific questions were answered.

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded Mr. Albiso and carried, the Board ratified the tentative collective bargaining agreement with the Association of Colton Educators (ACE) and the Colton JUSD for the 2007-08 school year as presented. ACE members ratified the agreement on February 15, 2008. The complete document is on file in the Human Resources Office. [Three-year agreement approved 2-15-07; salaries]

- Article 8 -- Hours of Employment
- Article 12 -- Transfer Policy
- Article 13 -- Leave Policies

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Deferred—Tabled
Second Interim Financial Report,
Multi-Year Projections &
Qualified Certification
(Period Ending 1/31/08)

#91

(C-13) Deferred

Board member Albiso initiated discussion regarding the proposed report and requested an explanation on how the District could have a \$2 million ending balance when the Board was told the District is in deficit-spending mode. He inquired about the feasibility of drawing from other funds, i.e., GASB and/or capital outlay to balance the budget, the purpose of Funds 40 and 17, and confirmation of a 3% reserve (and not 5%).

Following an update by Assistant Superintendent Casey Cridelich, Board member Albiso stated that he was not in favor of submitting a *qualified certificated* to the County. Following discussion and by Board consensus, this item was *tabled* and the Administration was asked to seek immediate assistance from the Office of School Services to review all forms and documents and reconcile the budget in order to approve and submit a *positive certification*. The revised Second Interim Financial Report would be resubmitted for action at the Board Meeting on March 27, 2008.

Study, Information and Review Session

1. Personnel -- Resignations
2. FMLA Leave for Certificated Employee (EIN 5848)
3. Proposed Amendment of Board Policies and Administrative Regulations
BP 0430 Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education
BP 3541.2 Transportation for Students with Disabilities (New)
4. Postponed from 2-21-08 Meeting: Discussion: Concerns Shared at Board Meeting on February 7, 2008: San Bernardino County Schools Employment Practices: Board member Albiso stated that he has a meeting scheduled with Dr. Fischer and requested that this item be tabled until after the meeting.
5. Superintendent's Communiqué: Superintendent Downs distributed the updated Board Communication log, CAHSEE math pass rates for 2005-06 to 2006-07, County update regarding ABX34—Mid Year Budget Reductions (dated 2-29-08), draft of Budget Committee minutes (3-4-08), Cesar E. Chavez activities district wide, a “thank you” letter from Lee Ann Kawkins, MSN, FNP, VA Loma Linda Healthcare system, commending Alice Birney Principal Patrick McKee and staff for the successful “Dr. Seuss Day” celebration, and various news articles. Superintendent Downs stated that the District is co-sponsoring a breakfast event with the San Bernardino City Unified School District on March 29th to recognize the accomplishments of Cesar E. Chavez. Board member Taylor inquired about the number of seniors and other subgroups relative to the CAHSEE pass rates. Superintendent Downs will provide the information via email.
6. ACE President Ken Johnson congratulated the honorees for the month of February. He thanked San Bernardino County School Board representative Dr. Al Waner, for attending the meeting with the genuine purpose of assisting students. He thanked Board members Albiso and Taylor for researching the issues relative to the proposed second interim report and thanked the Board for not approving the budget as presented. As a point of clarification regarding the ACE Agreement that was approved, he reviewed the details of Articles 8, 12 and 13.

ACE and Budget Committee member Robert Lemoine shared concerns regarding the current budget issues and his disappointment regarding the budget presentation at the special Board meeting on March 6. He stated that the Committee was not aware of the information provided and requested that the Board allow the Committee to prioritize their ideas during the remaining two meetings (within the next two weeks).
7. CSEA President Anthony Diaz representative looks forward to the Budget Committee meeting next week.
8. MAC – no report
9. ROP: Board Member Robert Armenta stated that due to work-schedule conflicts, he would not be able to attend the meetings. He is willing to step down as the District's full-time representative and would consider being the alternate. On a motion by Board member Taylor, seconded by Board member Albiso and carried, Frank Ibarra was selected as the ROP representative and Robert Armenta would serve as the alternate. The Administration will contact CRY-ROP to inform them of the change in representation.

Closed Session

- Student Discipline
- Conf. Student Matters
- Personnel
- Anticipated Litigation
- Property
- Labor Negotiators

At 6:44 p.m., Board President Armenta announced that the Board would recess to Closed Session to discuss agenda items.

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Reconvened

• Closed Session Items Reported

The Board meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m. and Board President Armenta reported on action taken in Closed Session:

Student Discipline
(Closed Session)
• Student Discipline (18)

#92

On a motion by Mr. Zamora, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried, the Board approved *Student Discipline Items 1-18* as presented:

(1) 153749	(6) 91265	(11) 143090	(16) 44291
(2) 142691	(7) 80628	(12) 121974	(17) 72741
(3) 128992	(8) 141827	(13) 139764	(18) 122174
(4) 134603	(9) 89704	(14) 152964	
(5) 91138	(10) 89764	(15) 142564	

Resolution 08-04
(Closed Session)

*Release & Reassignment of
Certificated Admin. Employees*

#93

On a motion by Mr. Albiso, seconded by Mr. Zamora and carried on a vote of 7-0, the Board adopted *Resolution 08-04, Release and Reassignment of Certificated Administrative Employees*, taking action to issue notices to all certificated administrative employees that they may be released from their administrative positions and reassigned, and/or have their work year reduced, effective at the end of the 2007-08 school year. Further, the Board directed the Superintendent or his designee to serve notice on affected employees.

Other Closed Session Items
No reportable action
(4 Items)

#94

Other Closed Session Items—*No reportable action*

- ~~Confidential Student Matters~~
- ~~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~~

10. Comments from Board Members: Relative to the budget crisis, Board members expressed their personal difficulty in taking action on Resolution 08-04 and look forward to positive resolution. In addition,

Frank Ibarra stated that the outcome of the budget crisis would be a positive one as a result of the administration working closely with staff and community members. He commented on his attendance at Colton Middle School's National Honor Society Induction Ceremony along with Board members Albiso and Taylor. He congratulated Principal Chris Marin and staff for inducting the largest 7th grade class to date.

Kent Taylor commented on his attendance at Colton Middle School's National Honor Society Induction Ceremony and thanked Principal Chris Marin, staff and parents for supporting students.

Marge Mendoza-Ware stated that she was proud on how the District is working together with the Board and community in an effort to resolve the budget crisis.

Mel Albiso spoke about the importance of reviewing pertinent information and managing resources wisely while maintaining the District's priority to save all employee positions. He stated that realignment would begin at the top. Relative to the action to "give notice to all certificated administrative employees," he stated that he had respect for the administrators and knows that employees expect the Board and District Administration to spend funds wisely.

David Zamora thanked the members of the Budget Committee for their willingness to participate and work toward positive resolution. He reiterated the Board's wishes to keep the cuts as far away from the classroom as possible in an effort to provide a quality education to students and thanked Board members Albiso and Taylor for their expertise in their respective areas. He thanked everyone present for their patience and dedication to District and students.

Mark Hoover commented on his participation in the *Read Across America* celebration at Zimmerman Elementary School and encouraged everyone to read to children. He thanked the Board for their commitment to staff, teachers, and students and thanked the Administration for keeping the budget cuts away from the classroom. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to work with people who place "students first."

Robert Armenta thanked everyone for working together to resolve the budget crisis and for making the District the best it can be for staff and students. He stated that he was proud to serve as Board President for the District.

Adjournment

At 8:22 p.m., the Board adjourned to the next Regular Board of Education Meeting on March 27, 2008, at the Colton JUSD Student Services Center, 851 South Mt. Vernon Avenue, Colton, California.