

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes**

**Regular Meeting
September 17, 2009
5:30 p.m.**

The Board of Education of the Colton Joint Unified School District met in Regular Session on Thursday, September 17, 2009, 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the CJUSD Student Services Center, 851 So. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Colton, California.

Trustees Present

Mr. Mel Albiso	Vice President
Mr. David R. Zamora	Clerk
Mr. Robert D. Armenta Jr.	
Mrs. Patt Haro	
Mr. Frank A. Ibarra	
Mr. Kent Taylor	

Trustee Absent

Mrs. Marge Mendoza-Ware (excused)

Staff Members Present /*Excused

Mr. James A. Downs	Mrs. Alice Grundman
Mr. Jerry Almendarez	Mrs. Ingrid Munsterman
Mr. Mike Snellings	Ms. Julia Nichols
Mr. Jaime R. Ayala	Ms. Sosan Schaller
Ms. Mollie Gainey-Stanley	Dr. Patrick Traynor
Mrs. Bertha Arreguín	Ms. Helen Rodriguez
Mr. Todd Beal	Ms. Katie Orloff
Mrs. Jennifer Jaime	Ms. Jennifer Rodriguez

Board Vice President Mel Albiso called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. Assistant Superintendent Jaime Ayala led in the renewal of the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Spanish interpreter/translation services were available.

Hearing Session

1. The board recognized six teachers from Bloomington and Colton High Schools for their valuable contributions in preparing students for the 2008-09 advanced placement exams. The successful results from the AP exams reflect the immeasurable impact they have on students.

- Michael Bedard, US History, BHS
- Daniel Johnson, World History, BHS
- Francisco Villegas, Calculus, BHS
- Yolanda Ortiz, Spanish, BHS
- Holly Lacy, Economics, CHS (not present)
- Daniel Johnston, Calculus, CHS (not present)

2. Ingrid Munsterman, Human Resources, reviewed the district's sunshine proposals for ACE and CSEA.

ACE:

- Article 7 – Wages and health and welfare benefits
- Article 8 – Hours of employment
- Article 9 – Class size, update language
- Article 10.1 – Evaluation procedures, general
- Article 18.1 – Medical coverage for retirees
- Article 19 – Peer assistance and peer review
- Article 22 – Year-round education, update language

CSEA:

- Article 7 – Salary classification
- Article 8 – Health and welfare benefits
- Article 9 – Hours
- Article 10 – Assignments
- Article 14 – Holiday
- Article 16 – Safety Conditions
- Article 18 – Layoff and re-employment

3. Jennifer Jaime, K-6 Curriculum, Bertha Arreguin, Language Support Services, and Mary Beth Richardson, Educational Services, presented the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Identification Process.

1. **Public Comment: Specific Consent, Action, Study/Info or Closed Session Item:**

1. Gil Navarro, educational advocate, spoke in response to the GATE presentation. He thanked Ms. Gainey-Stanley and her staff for their comprehensive report on the GATE identification process. He reminded staff that it is a violation of a student's civil rights to exclude English language learners from gifted and talented programs based on their limited English proficiency when such programs do not require English proficiency.

2. **Public Input: Items Not on the Agenda**

1. Alberto Corona, student, San Bernardino Valley College, spoke in support of introducing Spanish music into the classrooms. He then performed a medley of Spanish songs for the audience.

2. Daryl Rosenbrock, CJUSD employee, Marathon for Books founder, presented a check in the amount of \$1,065 to Dr. Adeyemo, principal, Terrace View Elementary School.

Dr. Adeyemo thanked Mr. Rosenbrock for the generosity he continuously displays through his spirit of giving.

3. Randall Cisneros, parent, commented on the API scores and growth throughout the district. He acknowledged the improvement at Jurupa Vista where his children currently attend.

4. Griselda Covarubias, parent, employee, thanked members of the board, cabinet, and staff for joining the Alice Birney PTA. She stressed the importance of PTA and the support it provides for students, parents, and teachers. In the past Birney PTA has raised money for playground equipment, planting new trees, hosting pizza parties as awards/incentives. In the future they plan to purchase benches, more trees, and additional playground equipment.

5. Elsa Aguilar, parent, Agua Mansa president, thanked the board for providing additional crossing guards at Paul J. Rogers Elementary School. As Agua Mansa Council President, she asked for the continued support of PTA at school sites.

6. Christine Irish-Rey, resident, expressed concern for organizations using the facilities at Colton High School. She is concerned about the trash that is often left behind, dogs on the field, and double parking in the streets.

Consent Items #156 On motion of Board Member Taylor, seconded by Board Member Zamora, and carried with a vote of 5 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent, 1 abstentions (Mendoza-Ware absent) the Board approved Consent Items #A-1 through #A-8 as presented.

Board Vice President Mel Albiso abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest (Item A-3).

#156.1 A-1 Approved the minutes of the September 3, 2009 Board Meeting.

#156.2 A-2 Approved consultants for assembly presentations (Exhibit A).

#156.3 A-3 Approved consultants for staff development (Exhibit B).

#156.4 A-4 Approved agreement (#09/10-0438) with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (KidsNCare) for the AB 212 Educational Stipend Program (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010). Stipend to be paid from AB212 funding.

- #156.5 A-5 Accepted the Award for AVID Advanced Placement Incentive Grant Program (APIP) for Bloomington High School and Bloomington Middle School (2009-10). The total amount received was \$25,000.
- #156.6 A-6 Accepted gifts (Exhibit C).
- #156.7 A-7 Authorized the “Piggyback” on the Pomona Valley School Co-Op Purchasing Group Bid #1 (09-10) FS for the purchase of food service supplies for the 2009-10 school year. The district’s estimated annual cost of #300,000 for the purchase of food service supplies will be paid from the nutrition services fund.
- #156.8 A-8 Authorized the “Piggyback” on the Pomona Valley School Co-Op Purchasing Group Bid #2 (09-10) FS for the purchase of snack foods and beverages for the 2009-10 school year. The district’s estimated annual cost of \$480,000 for the purchase of snack foods and beverages will be paid from the nutrition services fund.
- Action Items** #157 On motion of Board Member Zamora, seconded by Board Member Taylor, and carried on a 6-0 vote (Mendoza-Ware absent) the Board approved Action Items #B-1 through #B-12 as presented.
- #157.1 B-1 Approved personnel employment (Exhibit D).
- #157.2 B-2 Approved conference attendance (Exhibit E).
- #157.3 B-3 Approved classified reclassification as recommended by the committee (\$4,290 on-going from the General Fund).
- #157.4 B-4 Approved purchase orders for the sum of \$16,882.73.
- #157.5 B-5 Approved disbursements from batch #0299 through batch #0350 for the sum of \$989,150.57.
- #157.6 B-6 Approved Arbitrage Calculation Service agreement with Eide Bailly, LLP for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002A, Series 2004B, and Series 2006C. Not to exceed \$10,500 (\$3,500 per series) to be paid from Bond Fund.
- #157.7 B-7 Approved the 2008-09 Unaudited Actuals Report.
- #157.8 B-8 Adopted Resolution No. 09-37 for revised 2008-09 Actual Gann Limit and projected 2009-10 Gann Limit.
- #157.9 B-9 Adopted Resolution No. 09-38 authorizing the issuance of Colton JUSD (San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, California) Election of 2008 General Obligation Bonds, Series A.
- #157.10 B-10 Approved Memorandum of Understanding with Western University of Health Services for participation in community health nursing from August 24, 2009 through August 24, 2010.
- #157.11 B-11 Approved Ratification Agreement #08/09-0804 for Web-IEP with East Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (EVSELPA) for December 8, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (\$6,440 to be paid from the General Fund and Special Education funding).
- #157.12 B-12 Approved amendment of Administrative Regulation: AR 6172 – *Gifted and Talented Student Program*.
- Action Items Resolutions** #158 On motion of Board Member Zamora, seconded by Board Member Haro, and carried on a 6-0 vote (Mendoza-Ware absent) the Board approved Action Items #C-1 through #C-4 as presented.
- #158.1 C-1 Adopted Resolution, “Character Education Month,” October 2009.
- #158.2 C-2 Adopted Resolution “P.R.O.U.D. Act”

#158.3 C-3 Adopted Resolution "Save our Schools Act"

#158.4 C-4 Adopted Resolution "Dream Act"

Study, Information and Review Session

1. **Personnel** – Resignations

2. **Budget Update:** Mr. Ayala announced that the approval of 2008-09 unaudited actual report officially closes the books for the 2008-09 school year. The ending fund balance was roughly 37 million dollars; about ten million more than originally anticipated. The auditing firm, Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP, will be performing an audit the first week of October.

Board Vice President Albiso requested that district employees be regularly briefed on the financial status of the district.

3. **Facilities Update:** Mr. Ayala provided an update of on-going facilities' construction projects. Such projects include: State School Facilities Program, BHS and CHS math/science buildings, Grand Terrace High School, and Middle School #5. He would like to plan facilities subcommittee meeting for the week of September 21st.

Mr. Ayala requested that Seville Construction Services review current construction projects and provide an assessment as well as proposals for continuing work on the math/science buildings and other construction projects.

Philip Aja, Seville Construction Services, recommends that construction projects resume upon the completion of the interim housing and parking design by the architect; final plans need to be submitted to DSA. Mr. Aja cautioned to keep the deadlines for submitting plans to DSA in mind as they are swiftly approaching. It was also suggested that the district create a constructability review and establish a new project schedule.

Board Vice President Albiso requested information regarding DSA approved classrooms be included in Seville's proposal.

4. **ACE** – Vice President Robert Lamoine congratulated the district for the record number of schools with growth on their API scores. He stated that reading through the paper, not one other school district showed improvement at all sites. He encouraged principals to share the pride felt throughout the district with their staff. ACE is looking forward to budget meeting on the 29th and thanked Mr. Ayala for the invitation to participate in the meeting. Mr. Lamoine announced that ACE is in the process of surveying members as they plan to sunshine in the next few months. Mr. Lamoine sadly announced the passing of Ms. Tracie Ramirez, SDC teacher, CHS.
5. **CSEA** – President Anthony Diaz explained the difference between a reclassification and a job review. He commented that CSEA is pleased with the current hiring process especially because current employees have been appointed to permanent positions rather than hiring from the outside.
6. **MAC** – President Angie Dischinger began by congratulating all schools for their respective API growth. She thanked the board, cabinet, and administration for their support. She announced the successful two-day Response to Intervention training that all principals, coordinators, and directors participated in. Mrs. Dischinger welcomed back Superintendent Downs and wished him a continued speedy recovery.
7. **ROP** – Board Member Frank Ibarra commented on the impressive accomplishments of the ROP board as they continue to surpass expectations, even with limited funding. He announced Eric Hoover, new law enforcement teacher at BHS/CHS. Mr. Hoover is very pleased with the reception he has received at both Bloomington and Colton high schools. Mr. Ibarra was proud to announce that ROP is scheduled to receive the CSBA Golden Bell Award. He also shared the success of the community based programs designed to work with students. These programs introduce students into the workforce and encourage them to explore career choices. On the legislative front, Mr. Ibarra announced SB307. SB307 will allow direct funding to ROP programs. At this time there is no opposition from assembly or the senate; SB307 should be finalized by January 2010.

8. Superintendent's Communiqué / Correspondence / Communications:

Superintendent Downs welcomed Grand Terrace Elementary School into the 700 API range. He announced that Ruth Harris Middle School has the highest average of attendance in the district. Bloomington and Colton high schools have increased their overall attendance and continue to show improvement. Alice Birney will host their Honors Program at Colton High School's Whitmer Auditorium on Wednesday, October 23, 2009. Mr. Downs announced that the Boundary Committee is scheduled present at the November 1, 2009 Board Meeting. He thanked the Human Resources Division for contacting and offering assistance to employees living near the Pendleton fire

9. Board Member Comments:

Kent Taylor attended the RTI training and commented on how wonderful it was to see staff, teachers, and administration, working collaboratively. He noted that many great ideas were circulating around the room and thanked staff for a job well done. Mr. Taylor praised the leadership of Superintendent Downs, acknowledging that the rises in API scores are a reflection of the amazing job he has done and continues to do. He further praised each of the assistant superintendents for the leadership they represent in their respective divisions, stating that they are each responsible for the good environment in and around the district.

Patt Haro congratulated Bloomington Middle School for successfully planning and hosting a wonderful open house, with a record number of parents in attendance. Mrs. Haro commented on the Patriots' Day activities at Cooley Ranch Elementary School. She attended Back to School Night at Colton High School. Mrs. Haro thanked the teachers and administrators for their dedication and hard work. She acknowledged that API scores reflect the commitment staff has made to prepare and to teach our students.

Frank Ibarra reflected on the positive results displayed through the API scores. He claimed the results are indicative of Colton JUSD's committed staff and administration. Mr. Ibarra attended Open House at CHS where he met with teachers, students, and parents who are all anticipating a successful 2009-10 school year. He commented on the CHS varsity football game on 9/11 where students and staff tastefully commemorated the events of 09/11/2001. Mr. Ibarra looks forward to addressing the Summer Graduation Class of 2009 on Thursday, September 24th. He also looks forward to upcoming meetings with ACE, Adult Education, and the Curriculum Committee. Mr. Ibarra thanked Dr. Gonzalez for invitation to hear the CHS band perform. He also responded to the concerns addressed in public comment in regard to the use of facilities at Colton High School.

The district will set up a meeting with the organizations occupying the fields and review the terms of the facilities agreement.

Board Member Albiso suggested that the district look into security to monitor the use of the fields and ensure that the terms of the facilities use agreement are not violated.

David Zamora expressed gratitude and appreciation for the accomplishments of certificated and classified staff as well as administrators with regard to API scores. Mr. Zamora would like to tour sites and present them with a certificate of appreciation for their achievement. He invited the entire board to participate in the site visits. Mr. Zamora supports the idea that we are "one district working together, making students successful." He would like to visit all sites the week of September 21st through September 25th.

Robert Armenta Jr. remarked that the API celebration was without a doubt the highlight of the evening. He thanked all parents for supporting and encouraging their children to do well in school. Mr. Armenta requested that Mr. Downs send a message home to parents, via the Teleparent Messaging System, congratulating them on a job well done in preparing their students for academic success.

Mel Albiso commented on three resolutions that were adopted in the action session. He requested that copies of the resolutions be sent to Congressman Joe Baca's office. He made mention of new legislation with regard to classified employees who are also walk-on coaches. Mr. Albiso asked the Boundary Committee to research the practices of nearby districts and incorporate the findings into the November 1st presentation. Mr. Albiso acknowledged sites with increased student attendance and wished them continued improvement. He requested that the district develop a plan to include cash incentives for schools maintaining a certain level of attendance.

Closed Session At 7:10 p.m., Board Vice President Albiso announced that the Board would recess to Closed Session to discuss items on the closed session agenda:

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

Board Reconvened—Closed Session Items Reported

The Board meeting reconvened at 7:31 p.m.

Prior to reporting on the action taken in Closed Session, Superintendent Downs called for a moment of silence in remembrance of two Colton JUSD employees, Lucy Lira (Lincoln) and Tracie Ramirez (CHS) who recently passed.

Board Vice President Albiso reported on action taken in Closed Session:

#159

Student Discipline

On motion of Board Member Zamora, seconded by Board Member Ibarra, and carried on a 6-0 vote (Mendoza-Ware absent), the Board approved student discipline item #1 as recommended.

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Personnel – No reportable action

- ◆ Public Employee: Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Reassignment (Gov. Code 54957)
- ◆ Public Employee: Performance Evaluation: Title: Superintendent

Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation – No reportable action

Conference with Labor Negotiator – No reportable action

Adjournment

At 7:33 p.m., the Board adjourned to the next Regular Board of Education Meeting on October 1, 2009, at the Colton JUSD Student Services Center, 851 South Mt. Vernon Avenue, Colton, California.

EXHIBIT A – Assemblies: Regular Meeting – September 17, 2009

Site	Date	Time	Program/Purpose	Location	Consultant(s)	Cost	Funds	Strategic Plan*
Jurupa Vista	9/23/09	6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	<i>Danza Azteca Xochipilli</i> To provide students and parents with a visual and performing arts experience in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.	Jurupa Vista	Orange County Performing Arts Center Costa Mesa, CA	\$650.00	Donations	Strategy #1
Jurupa Vista	10/22/09	1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.	<i>Pierre Cruzatte: A Musical Journey Along the Lewis and Clark Trail</i> To provide a living American history experience for GATE students through music and monologue.	Jurupa Vista	Daniel Slosberg Los Angeles, CA	\$350.00	GATE	Strategy #1

*Strategy #1: We will establish an effective internal and external communications system to keep all partners informed about our mission, objectives, strategies, policies, successes, and strengths.

EXHIBIT B – Consultants: Regular Meeting – September 17, 2009

Site	Date	Time	Program/Purpose	Location	Consultant(s)	Cost	Funds	Strategic Plan*
McKinley	2009-2010 School Year	7:25 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.	<i>Get Ahead Writing</i> To provide support for 2 nd to 4 th grade students and teachers to improve direct instruction on writing standards to increase student performance.	McKinley	Christina Supe Get Ahead Writing, LLC Fullerton, CA	\$15,000.00	Title I	Strategy #1
Grimes	2009-2010 School Year	TBD	<i>Dual Immersion</i> To evaluate, monitor, and provide professional development for the successful implementation of the Two Way Immersion program.	Grimes	San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools San Bernardino, CA	\$4,750.00	Title III	Strategy #1
PPS/Special Education	2009-2010 School Year	TBD	<i>Speech & Language Pathologist Service</i> To provide speech therapy to district students. Currently, the district has a shortage of qualified speech and language therapists. This provider will assist with the caseload obligation until qualified candidates are hired.	District Schools	Star Therapy Services, Inc. Redlands, CA	\$97,125.00	General Fund and Special Ed.	Strategy #1
PPS/Special Education	2009-2010 School Year	TBD	<i>Speech & Language Pathologist Service</i> To provide speech therapy to district students. Currently, the district has a shortage of qualified speech and language therapists. This provider will assist with the caseload obligation until qualified candidates are hired.	District Schools	Hill Rehabilitations Services, Inc. Rancho Cucamonga, CA	\$97,125.00	General Fund and Special Ed.	Strategy #1
San Salvador	10/30/09	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	<i>Adult, Child & Infant CPR/First Aid</i> To provide 39 staff members with training and certification in Adult, Child & Infant CPR and First Aid to meet Community Care Licensing requirements.	San Salvador	Sabounchi Safety Services Rancho Santa Margarita, CA	\$2,340.00	Child Development	Strategy #1

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EXHIBIT C – Gifts: Regular Meeting – September 17, 2009

SITE	DONOR	DONATION / PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Grant Elementary	Grant Elementary Green Club 550 West Olive Street, Colton, CA 92324	Cash Site discretionary	\$40.70
Grant Elementary	Edison International Employee Contributions Campaign Mr. Carlos Villalba 283 West D Street, Colton, CA 92324	Check #150869	\$120.00
Grimes Elementary	Edison International Employee Contributions Campaign Anonymous Donor P.O. Box 3288, Princeton, NJ 08543- 3288	Check # 151392	\$30.00
Reche Canyon Elementary	Jamba Juice 6475 Lugonia Avenue, Redlands, CA 92374	Check #0949650	\$60.45
Rogers Elementary	Life Touch 11000 Viking Drive Suite 500E Eden Prairie, MN 55344	Check #1800383	\$358.88
Terrace View Elementary	Edison International Employee Contributions Campaign Jacqueline Aguilar 840 S. Dallas Avenue San Bernardino, CA 92410	Check #117755 Check # 151527 For Mrs. Salas – 3 rd Grade Class	\$100.02
Terrace View Elementary	Walmart Foundation 702 S. W. 8 th Street, Bentonville, AR 72716	Check #1591639 For field trips and instructional materials	\$1,000.00
Terrace View Elementary	Terrace View P.T.A. 22731 Grand Terrace Road Grand Terrace, CA 92313	Check#2577 For instructional materials and the Performing Arts Magnet Program.	\$5,000.00
Terrace View Elementary	Darrell Rosenbrock CJUSD - M & O Employee	Cash Library Improvement – Reading Books	\$715.00
Terrace View Elementary	Colton Federal Credit Union 466 N. La Cadena Drive, Colton, CA 92324	Check #150356 Library Improvement – Reading Books	\$25.00
Terrace View Elementary	Association of Colton Educators 190 W. H Street #101 Colton, CA 92324	Check 6916 Library Improvement – Reading Books	\$100.00

EXHIBIT D – Employment: Regular Meeting – September 17, 2009

I-A	Certificated Regular Staff	Subject	Site
1.	Jones, Alisha	Elementary Teacher (temp)	Wilson
2.	Love, Heather	Elementary Teacher (temp)	Birney
I-D	Certificated – Substitute Teacher		
1.	Carpenter, Monica (rehired)		
2.	Clevinger, Faith (rehired)		
3.	Dybowski, Deborah (rehired)		
4.	Fresques, Jay		
5.	Spencer, Debra (rehired)		
II-A	Classified – Regular Staff	Position	Site
1.	Aguirre, Albert	Bus Driver	Transportation
2.	Astorga, Victor	Bus Driver	Transportation
3.	Ayala, Jerry	Special Ed. Inst. Asst	BHS
4.	Barajas, Antoinette	Bus Driver	Transportation
5.	Calderon, Abraham	Special Ed. Inst. Asst.	BHS
6.	Lopez, Luz Elena	Bus Driver	Transportation
7.	Welch, Jeri	Health Assistant	Terrace View
II-D	Classified – Substitute	Position	
1.	Jones, Karilee	Sub Special Ed. Inst. Asst.	
2.	Romero, Roseanna	Sub Bus Driver	