

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes

Regular Meeting
September 3, 2009
5:30 p.m.

The Board of Education of the Colton Joint Unified School District met in Regular Session on Thursday, September 3, 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 (excused at 6:34 p.m.)
Mr. Mel Albiso	Vice President
Mr. David R. Zamora	Clerk
Mr. Robert D. Armenta Jr.	
Mr. Patt Haro	
Mrs. Frank A. Ibarra	
Mr. Kent Taylor	

Trustee Absent

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 President Marge Mendoza-Ware called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Gil Navarro and former CHS students, 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. Amanda Corridan, Coordinator, Child Welfare and Attendance, recognized the following elementary schools for maintaining an attendance rate above 95% for the 2008-09 school year.
 - Crestmore
 - US Grant
 - Jurupa Vista
 - McKinley
 - Sycamore Hills
 - Terrace View
 - Zimmerman

Mrs. Corridan announced that district-wide a concerted effort has been made to improve attendance. In the 2008-09 school year district attendance has improved one percent overall.

Mr. Todd Beal, Director, Administrative Services, stated that the District's attendance committee, made up of teachers, administrators, students, parents, and community, set a goal of 95% attendance district-wide for 2008-09. Although only seven schools reached that goal, several others were not far behind. He noted the tremendous improvement made by secondary schools.

Board Members Albiso and Taylor would like the district to implement an incentive program for sites who reach the district attendance goal. They also thanked all schools for working hard to achieve 95% attendance and encouraged the secondary sites to continue the good work.

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

- a) Gil Navarro, education advocate, spoke to Action Item B-5, Adoption of MOU between Colton JUSD, EMQ Families First and the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health for programs at Washington Alternative School. Mr. Navarro stated that upon approval, this MOU brings a great opportunity to identify students with mental health issues. This will also allow the district to work with students addressing their concerns.
- b) Robert "Bob" Meyers, teacher, BHS, commented on Consent Item A-6, approval of agreement with CGP Education Inc. to custom publish a support program for Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry. Mr. Meyers is pleased to see this item on the agenda tonight and thanks the Board for their consideration.

2. Public Input: Items Not on the Agenda

- a) Carmen Reyes, SBVC student, CHS graduate, asked that the district make a concerted effort to inform eligible students of the benefits offered by AB540.
- b) Ale Cuevas, CHS graduate, expressed disappointment because her high school counselor did not inform her of AB540 offerings.
- c) Luis Galicia, CHS senior, stated that he was unaware that San Bernardino Valley College offered concurrent enrollment for current high school students. He asked the Board to ensure that all high school counselors inform students of AB540 and concurrent enrollment at SBVC.
- d) Maria Galicia, SBVC student, CHS graduate, explained that she spent several thousand dollars attending a private college because she was unaware of AB540. Ms. Galicia would like for all eligible students to receive information about AB540 so they will not incur the financial burdens as she did.
- e) Andrea Galicia, SBVC student, CHS graduate, also spoke in support of informing students and parents of AB540 opportunities. She stated that while attending CHS she was never given information about the AB540 benefits she was entitled to.
- f) Gil Navarro, education advocate, stated that Colton JUSD counselors are not doing a terrible job however; they need to make a uniform effort to inform students and parents about AB540 opportunities. He would also like for high school counselors to relay information about the concurrent enrollment program at SBVC.

Board Member Albiso thanked the students for addressing their concerns before the Board. He asked for Board consensus to approve a student intern program to inform current high school students about AB540 opportunities. The Board unanimously consented; the Human Resources Division will research possible program models and report back in board correspondence.

Board Member Taylor spoke in support of the student intern program. He suggested the district look into stimulus and/or Title I funds to support this project.

- g) Guillermina Martinez, parent, BHS, requested the assistance of the Board to remove her son from the ELD program at Bloomington High School. She met with the school counselor in an attempt to transfer her son to a college preparatory English class, however her request was unsatisfied.

Mr. Almendarez and Ms. Gainey-Stanley will contact Mrs. Martinez on Friday, September 4, 2009 to resolve this matter. The outcome of this matter will be communicated to the Board through Board correspondence.

Board Member Ibarra expressed disappointment with the action taken by the school counselor and asked Mr. Almendarez to address this concern with the counselor and school administration.

Board Member Albiso asked the district to look into existing programs that lend extra support to English learners who are struggling academically.

- h) Manuela Sosa, Colton resident, commented on the need for school counselors to inform parents and students on the benefits of AB540
- i) Chris Gabriel, district nurse, thanked the Board and cabinet for placing student health and safety as a top priority. She extended her appreciation for the hiring of a new health assistant.

Consent Items #150 On motion of Board Member Taylor, seconded by Board Member Zamora, and carried on a 7-0 vote, the Board approved Consent Items #A-1, 2, 4-5, and 7 as presented. Consent Item A-6 was approved on the condition that staff clarify the contract language with regard to the terms of the cost summary. The Board further requested the district to carefully review the materials prior to distribution.

At the request of the district item A-3 was withdrawn.

150.1 A-1 Approved the minutes of the August 20, 2009 Board meeting as presented

- 150.2** A-2 Approved contract with enVision Consulting Group, Inc. for K-12 preparation of the 2008-09 School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) for publication in 2009-10; \$9,500 General fund.
- (withdrawn) ~~A-3 Approved Consultants for staff development as presented; \$25,000 Title I funds, \$4,750 Title III funds.~~
- 150.3** A-4 Approved student field trips as presented; various site funds. (See Exhibit A)
- 150.4** A-5 Approved consultants for assembly presentations as presented; various site funds. (See Exhibit B)
- 150.5** A-6 Approved Agreement with CGP Education Inc. to custom publish a support program for Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry (2009-11) as presented; \$66,835 per year, to be paid from American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B, Section 611, Local Assistance Early Intervening Services (IDEA) funds.
- 150.6** A-7 Accepted gifts as presented. (See Exhibit C)
- Action Items** #152 On motion of Board Member Zamora, seconded by Board Member Albiso, and carried on a 7-0 vote, the Board approved Action Items #B-1 through #B-7 as presented. Action Item B-4 was pulled for separate action.
- 152.1** B-1 Approved personnel employment as presented. (See Exhibit D)
- 152.2** B-2 Approved purchase orders in the amount of \$1,702,824.51; various funds.
- 152.3** B-3 Approved disbursements batch #0214 through #0298 for the sum of \$6,417,776.55; payment as listed; all pertinent information on file in business office.
- 152.4** B-5 Adopted Memorandum of Understanding between EMQ Families First and the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health for Washington High School for 2009-10. No cost to the district.
- Action Items** #153 On motion of Board Member Zamora, seconded by Board Member Ibarra, and carried on a 7-0 vote, the Board approved Action Item #B-4 on the condition that an additional crossing guard is added at Paul J. Rogers Elementary School.
- 153.1** B-4 Approved amendment to the agreement with All City Management Services, Inc., to provide school crossing guard services for the 2009-10 fiscal year. The District's estimated annual cost is \$289,275 to be paid from General funds (after contributions from cities of Fontana and Grand Terrace).
- Action Items Resolutions** #154 On motion of Board Member Albiso, seconded by Board Member Zamora, and carried on a 7-0 vote, the Board approved Action Item #C-1 as presented.
- 154.1** C-1 Adopted Resolution, "National Hispanic Heritage Month," September 15 thru October 15, 2009

Study, Information and Review Session

1. Personnel – Resignations

2. Proposal for Facilities Management Services:

Mr. Ayala requested Board consensus to move forward with the facilities program management services contract. The facilities management firm will be responsible for ensuring construction projects proceed smoothly and that all compliance requirements are met.

The district issued proposal requests from facilities management firms and received three qualified responses. Based on the proposals submitted, interviews of the firms and subsequent references checks, staff recommends that the district employ Seville Construction Services. Upon direction from the board, staff will meet with Seville to determine the level of service required and fees for said services will be negotiated.

The Board unanimously consented for Mr. Ayala to move forward with the negotiations.

3. Budget Update:

Mr. Ayala reported that staff has completed the 2008-09 Unaudited Actual Report. The report will be presented for approval at the September 17th board meeting.

School Services of California is scheduled to present on September 29th at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Details regarding the presentation will be sent from Mr. Ayala's office.

4. Facilities Update:

District construction projects are moving forward as scheduled and within their respective budgets.

Legal counsel is drafting a resolution authorizing the issuance of Colton JUSD Election of 2008 General Obligation Bonds, Series A. This resolution will be presented for adoption at the September 17th board meeting.

5. **ACE** – President Karen Houck, thanked Mr. Ayala for coordinating the presentation by School Services of California. She also thanked the district for the invitation to sit on the interview panel for the facilities planning, construction, and maintenance and operations administrator position. Mrs. Houck also questioned the need to fill this position. ACE looks forward to working with MAC to plan a bowling competition.

6. **CSEA** – No report

7. **MAC** – President Angie Dischinger congratulated all secondary schools for a great start to the 2009-10 school year. She commented on the combined effort of classified, certificated, and management staff in making the first day of school a success. Mrs. Dischinger commended David Thurston and the entire Information Technology department for Zangle training and their patience and understanding with Zangle related questions. MAC is looking forward to celebrating the rise in API scores district wide.

8. **ROP- No report.**

9. Superintendent's Communiqué / Correspondence / Communications:

Mr. Almendarez announced that Superintendent Downs is recovering well; he will return to work on Monday, September 14th. He recognized that all schools met their API targets for 2009. Mr. Almendarez commented on the six individuals from CJUSD who will be honored by Assembly Member Wilmer Amina Carter's 3rd Annual 30 Under 30 recognition breakfast. He highlighted the following: Reading Buddies Program at U.S. Grant Elementary School, CST growth for every 7th grade math teacher at THMS, decrease in suspensions for 2008-09. Mr. Almendarez also announced the Summer Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2009 to be held September 24, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Whitmer Auditorium, Colton High School.

10. **Robert Armenta** thanked Mollie Gainey-Stanley for a guided tour of the following elementary schools: Grimes, Lewis, Lincoln, Smith, and Wilson. He commended the site administrators for their leadership and improved test scores. He also commented on the well kept grounds at all sites and thanked the custodial staff. Mr. Armenta congratulated all employees for a job well done and noted that great things are happening within our district.

Zamora – No comment

Frank Ibarra gave thanks to Mollie Gainey-Stanley for the opportunity to meet and discuss Algebra and Geometry programs at secondary level. He also thanked Mr. Ayala for his commitment to facilities and for communicating and preparing the board so they can make sound decisions. Mr. Ibarra commented on the clean facilities at the Colton High School Memorial Stadium and acknowledged Mr. Ayala and Mr. Verdi for their combined efforts.

Patt Haro attended Back to School Night activities at Grimes Elementary School and Ruth O. Harris Middle School. Mrs. Haro looks forward to Ruth O. Harris' participation in 2009-10 District Science Fair. She thanked Mr. Ayala for surveying the property at Jurupa Vista and making arrangements to provide shade for the playground. Mrs. Haro attended Wilson Wildcat Writers Awards Assembly and commented on the parental involvement. She asked for the community to pray for Michael Bayless, BMS teacher, who was injured in an automobile accident.

Kent Taylor congratulated teachers and administration at all schools for meeting their API targets. He is looking forward to API Growth celebration at the next board meeting. Mr. Taylor asked principals at all sites to recognize API growth with appropriate celebrations. He thanked Mollie Gainey-Stanley for the leadership she has displayed in her new position. Mr. Taylor asked that the district look into online resources for students and parents offered by Holt, Rinehart and Winston.

Mel Albiso commented on the rise in test scores and increased attendance district wide. He encouraged the district to share the success of our schools with the community through local publications.

Closed Session At 7:01 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 7:35 p.m. and Board Vice President Albiso reported on action taken in Closed Session:

#155

Student Discipline

On motion of Board Member Zamora, seconded by Board Member Taylor, and carried on a 6-0-1 vote, Mendoza-Ware absent, the Board approved student discipline items 1-4 and 6 as recommended. Discipline item 5 (#136489) was placed on suspended expulsion.

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Personnel – No Report

Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Gov. Code 54956.8) – No Report

Conference with Labor Negotiator– No Report

Adjournment

At 7:39 p.m., the Board adjourned to the next Regular Board of Education Meeting on September 17, 2009, at the Colton JUSD Student Services Center, 851 South Mt. Vernon Avenue, Colton, California.

EXHIBIT A – Field Trips: Regular Meeting September 3, 2009

Site	Date	Depart	Return	Destination	Activity/Background	Grade	Teacher	Cost	Funding	Strategic Plan*
Terrace View	4/15/10 to 4/16/10** (Th/F)	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	Dana Point Harbor Dana Point, CA (District)	<i>Before the Mast Overnight</i> Students will participate in a hands-on living history experience.	4	Liese Harris-Lesh (34) + 4	\$3,250.00	ASB	Strategy #1
Colton High School	11/5/09 to 11/8/09** (Th/F/S/S)	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	Mira Mesa High School San Diego, CA (District)	<i>Mira Mesa Invitational Band Competition</i> Student will compete in field show and parade events.	9-12	Luis Gonzales Carey Akins (72) + 25 parents	\$14,700.00	Students (\$14,400) ASB (\$300)	Strategy #1

EXHIBIT B – Assemblies: Regular Meeting September 3, 2009

Site	Date	Time	Program/Purpose	Location	Consultant(s)	Cost	Funds	Strategic Plan*
Grand Terrace	2009-10 school year TBD	TBD	<i>Meet the Masters</i> To provide an interactive, multi-media art education program for students, and in-service and materials for teachers.	Grand Terrace	Meet the Masters Fontana, CA	\$1,816.00	Discretionary	Strategy #1
Birney	10/16/09 4/23/10	8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.	<i>Matter of Fact and Dry Ice</i> To provide 5 th grade students with a hands-on science experience.	Birney	Mad Science of the Inland Empire Riverside, CA	\$1,520.00	Economic Impact Aid (EIA)	Strategy #1

EXHIBIT C – Gifts: Regular Meeting September 3, 2009

SITE	DONOR	DONATION / PURPOSE	AMOUNT
CJUSD	James A. Downs 1212 Valencia Drive Colton, CA 92324	Check #1274	\$135.65
Grand Terrace Elementary	Grand Terrace Elementary P.T.A. 12066 Vivienda Avenue Grand Terrace, CA 92313	Check #1359 AR - \$1,000.00 Projector Screen - \$6,000.00	\$7,000.00
Grimes Elementary	James A. Downs 1212 Valencia Drive Colton, CA 92324	Check #1265	\$100.00
Grimes Elementary	Edison International Employee Contributions Campaign P.O. Box 3288 Princeton NJ 08543-3288	Check #117409 - \$60.00 Check # 151806 Students: Marissa Riddle's Classroom (\$30.00) Alyssa Riddle (\$30.00)	\$60.00
Jurupa Vista Elementary	James A. Downs 1212 Valencia Drive Colton, CA 92324	Check #1273	\$100.00
Ruth O. Harris Middle School	James A. Downs 1212 Valencia Drive Colton, CA 92324	Check #1264	\$100.00
Rogers Elementary	Sugey Ochoa 574 San Benito Avenue Colton, CA 92324	Two boxes of spiral bound notebooks -	\$70.00 <i>value</i>

EXHIBIT D – Employment: Regular Meeting September 3, 2009

I-A	Certificated Regular Staff	Subject	Site
1.	Castleman, Derek	Science	Slover Mtn
2.	Espino, Elizabeth	English/Language Arts (temp)	CMS
3.	Gilbert, Kristine	English/Language Arts (temp)	CMS
4.	Healey, John	Math	ROHMS
5.	Leyva, Rebecca	Science (temp)	THMS
6.	Martin, Corrine	Math	BHS
7.	Martin, Tiffany	Math	BMS
8.	Martinez, Jr., Jose	Opportunity Teacher	Washington
9.	Miller, Rosemary	English	CHS
10.	Nepomuceno, Jair	Math	BMS
11.	Orrence, Amanda	Math	BMS
12.	Ritzi, Brandi	Math	BHS
13.	Rohman, Jennifer	SDC/LH	D'Arcy
14.	Ruiz, Luis	Math	BHS
15.	Saucedo, Miguel	Math (temp)	CMS
16.	Staples, James	Math	CMS
17.	Sutherland, Matthew	Math	BHS
18.	Wang, Stephanie	SDC/SH	Reche Canyon
I-B	Certificated – Activity/Coaching Assignments		
1.	Goldkorn, Peter	Basketball– Head JV	CHS
I-D	Certificated – Substitute		
1.	Bridwell, Robert		
2.	Carli, Brian (rehired)		
3.	Davis, Cynthia		
4.	Gonzales, Maira/former Buenrostro (rehired)		
5.	Gonzalez, Patricia (rehired)		
6.	Pierce, Tara		
7.	Rangel, Richard (former Special Ed IA)		
8.	Sandoval, Mark (rehired)		
9.	Veizer, Anna (rehired)		
II-A	Classified – Regular Staff	Position	Site
1.	Kisinger, Rick L.	Dispatcher	Transportation
2.	Rossano, Michael J.	Campus Supervisor	BHS
II-B	Classified – Activity/Coaching Assignments	Position	
1.	Lewis-Campbell, Shariff	Football – Asst. Varsity (walk-on)	BHS
2.	Morales, Ruben	Football – Asst. JV (walk-on/returning)	CHS

EXHIBIT D – Employment: Regular Meeting September 3, 2009

II-C	Classified – Hourly	Position	
1.	Calderilla, Emily	Noon Aide	Lincoln
2.	Caruthers, Che-Ellis	AVID Tutor	ROHMS
3.	Garcia, Tisha	Noon Aide	Grand Terrace
4.	Hughes, Susan	Noon Aide	Grimes
5.	Mohammad, Adeba	AVID Tutor	BHS
6.	Taylor, Christia	AVID Tutor	CMS
7.	Walls, Regina	Noon Aide	Lewis
II-D	Classified – Substitute	Position	
1.	Childs-Reyes, Michelle	Sub Bus Driver	
2.	Lewis-Campbell, Shariff	Sub Campus Supervisor	
3.	Lopez, Rosa M	Sub Noon Aide	Lincoln
4.	Ontiveros, Luis	Sub Bus Driver	