

COLUSA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of Regular Meeting August 9, 2023

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Board Members Present: Ed Conrado, Cristy Edwards, Madison Martin, Brenda Miller, and Serena Morrow

Staff/Visitors Present: Emily Abken, Keri Cunha, Alex Evans, Cristy Edwards, Douglas Harris, John Ithurburn, Alissa Maas, Victor Madrigal, Vicki Markss, Tina Maxwell, Chuck Wayman, and Michael West

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

President Madison Martin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the 345 5th Street, Colusa, Large Conference Room and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 ORDERING OF AGENDA

Move 6.0 to follow 4.0.

3.0 STAFF QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Executive Administrative Assistant Tina Maxwell reported that Trustee Serena Morrow highlighted an error in the draft Minutes of the July 12, 2023, Regular Board Meeting that are under consideration during the Consent Agenda. Tina explained that the minutes indicated Brenda Miller as President not Madison Martin, and that Tina provided a corrected version to the Board members.

4.0 LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 Awarding of Diplomas – Colusa County Adult School

Michelle Bingham reported on two recent graduates from the Colusa County Adult School. Michelle introduced the graduate in attendance, presented him with a diploma, and shared with the Board his future plans and introduced his guests.

5.0 PUBLIC INPUT – Items not on the agenda

Acting as Colusa County Clerk, Cristy Edwards spoke to the Board about the California Voter's Choice Act, the elections system, changes in the elections process, challenges of the voting process, changes because of Colusa County's implementation of the Voter's Choice Act, and student voter outreach.

Agenda item 6.0 was heard immediately following agenda item 4.0.

6.0 YUBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT UPDATE

6.1 Douglas M. Harris, MSW, Trustee Area 7

YCCD Trustee area 7, Douglas M. Harris spoke about his background, his history with YCCD, and his time on the Board of Trustees. Douglas provided information on the new YCCD Chancellor Shouan Pan and invited the Board to a Welcome Event at the Lake County Campus of WCC on August 23, 2023. He spoke about his interest in matters at both the Colusa County and Lake County campuses, the interim WCC President, Trustee Area redistricting that was a result of the census, and his involvement with professional community college organizations.

Michael West reported on a meeting that he had with both Douglas and Susan Alves, YCCD Trustee Area 6. Discussion was held on the history of advocacy efforts for the Colusa County campus, the administrative structure of the Colusa County Campus (ultimately the YCCD Chancellor is at the top of the structure, but in day-to-day operations the WCC President and Vice President should be consulted), and upcoming changes because of FCMAT recommendations.

7.0 REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF

7.1 Superintendent's Reports

7.1.1 Superintendent's Monthly Report

Michael reported on his participation and attendance in activities, such as his presentation during the CCS Superintendents Academy, investigation of new technology in the areas of virtual and augmented reality that will be introduced to SWAA and possibly to special needs students, attendance at a Sites Authority Project meeting with continued discussion of the educational impact of the project with CCOE as the lead, continued discussion with San Benito County Superintendent of Schools Krystal Lomanto for expansion of CCOE's And Literacy for All Certification Program to San Benito's childcare providers, attended a SARB Orientation meeting of the multi-agency and community collaborative to reduce chronic absenteeism, and participation in CCOE's Welcome Back Day that had a great turnout and a positive message that was augmented by magician/comedian Todd Lamanske. Michael reviewed the 2022-23 Colusa County Grand Jury Special Education Investigation Report. He expressed extreme dissatisfaction with the report, which he will detail in his response that will be delivered to the Grand Jury within 90 days of receiving the report. Discussion was held on getting the response out to the public, transparency in the process, providing a thorough response and then moving on, and on the Board looking forward to reading Michael's response.

7.1.2 Superintendents Council – July Meeting

Michael West reported that he met with the district Superintendents in July and discussed the new criteria for Differentiated Assistance Eligibility that beginning in 2024 will be tied to late submission of CALPADS data, increasing the substitute pay rate from \$170 to \$200 per day, CCOE's ability to provide fingerprinting services to all districts and One-Stop employees, a guide for parents entitled, "Navigating the School System" in English and in Spanish that was produced by Communications Director Alissa Maas and was distributed to the districts for their use, and a discussion on the use and impact of artificial intelligence in education. Discussion was held on political intrusions into school districts, challenges to education, and the State's ability to alleviate the teacher shortage by allowing out of state teachers to teach in California schools.

7.2 Administrative Services – Aaron Heinz

The Board did not have any questions or comments about Aaron Heinz's August 2023 Administrative Services written report.

7.3 Student Services – Chuck Wayman

Chuck Wayman answered the Board's questions regarding his August 2023 Student Services written report about filling vacancies and Vicki Markss answered questions about Associate Teacher Credential requirements, access to ECE classes, hiring Associate teachers with an education plan, assistance with education fees for college units and training, California community colleges' tuition assistance, the challenge of staff having time to take classes, and advertising job openings on social media and hiring events.

7.4 Technology Services – Alex Evans

Alex Evans answered the Board's question regarding his August 2023 Technology Services written report, about whether CCOE and the districts were affected by Frontier's issues, and he said projects were affected and IT departments are doing their best to work around the setbacks.

8.0 BOARD QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

No questions or comments.

8.1 Board President's Report

No report.

9.0 PUBLIC INPUT – Items on the agenda

No public input.

10.0 CONSENT AGENDA

All items are approved by one motion unless pulled by a Board member for separate discussion or action. Madison Martin/Moved, Ed Conrado/Seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

10.1 Approve Minutes of the June 20, 2023, Public Hearing

10.2 Approve Minutes of the June 21, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

10.3 Approve Minutes of the July 12, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

10.4 Second Reading: Board Policy Revision OP 3013 Opting Out of Stipend and/or Mileage Reimbursement Payments

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

11.1 Community College District Territory (standing item)

Michael West reported that Dr. Shouan Pan, the new Chancellor of YCCD will meet with Michael at the Village next week and that Michael will talk about the importance of quickly bringing in a new WCC president.

11.2 Facilities Update (standing item)

Michael West reported that the landscape project is receiving final touches and is looking very good and that two portables have been placed at the village with two additional units scheduled by the end of the month. Discussion was held on trade classes for adults that both virtual reality and the Sites Project will augment.

11.3 LCAP Update (standing item)

No report.

11.4 Universal Prekindergarten (standing item)

No report.

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 First Reading: Board Policy Revision

12.1.1 BP 9100 Organization

12.1.2 BP 9122 Ex Officio Secretary and Executive Officer

12.1.3 BP 9320 Meetings and Notices

12.1.4 BP 9322 Agenda/Meeting Materials

Tina Maxwell reported that material changes were made to the policies because of an inquiry by Serena Morrow regarding teleconferencing, and Tina explained that the reason some edits are listed as optional is because these items are scheduled to be repealed by the codes' own provisions. The policies will be brought forward to the September 13, 2023, Board meeting for a second reading.

12.2 Approve CSBA Dues

Madison Martin/Moved, Ed Conrado/Seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve paying CSBA membership dues.

13.0 ADVANCED PLANNING

13.1 Items to be Considered for the Next Board Meeting

Review Board Liaison Assignments

13.2 Next Regular Board Meeting

Instructional Materials for 2023-2024

September 13, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

345 5th Street, Colusa, Large Conference Room

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Adopted and Entered

Respectfully Submitted



Madison Martin, President
Colusa County Board of Education



Michael P. West, County Superintendent
and Secretary, Colusa County Board of Education

ACRONYMS

CALPADS	California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System
CCOE	Colusa County Office of Education
CCS	California County Superintendents (formerly known as CCSESA)
CSBA	California School Boards Association
ECE	Early Childhood Education
FCMAT	Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team
IT	Information Technology
MSW	Masters in Social Work
SARB	School Attendance Review Board
SWAA	S. William Abel Academy
WCC	Woodland Community College
YCCD	Yuba Community College District