

COLUSA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of Regular Meeting January 10, 2024

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Board Members Present: Ed Conrado, Cristy Edwards, and Madison Martin

Staff/Visitors Present: Jesse Deol, Alex Evans, Angelina Guizar, Aaron Heinz, John Ithurburn, Alissa Maas, Vicki Markss, Tina Maxwell, Sabrina Myers, George Parker, Chuck Wayman, and Michael West

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

President Pro Tempore Cristy Edwards 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 11.1 to follow 5.0.

3.0 STAFF QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

No questions or comments.

4.0 LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

No letters or communications.

5.0 PUBLIC INPUT – Items not on the agenda

No public input.

Agenda item 11.1 was heard immediately following agenda item 5.0.

6.0 REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF

6.1 Superintendent's Reports

6.1.1 Superintendent's Monthly Report

Michael West reported on his participation and attendance in activities, such as serving as a judge for the holiday door decorating contest at the Village; continued discussions with the SARB team that included the schedule, future meetings, and process evaluation; publication of the Annual Report by Communications and Public Relations Director Alissa Maas; and the Administrative Services holiday potluck. Michael provided an update on the Governor's Budget Proposal that appeared to protect K-12 education, and on new laws for 2024 including:

AB 446 – Places cursive writing back into curriculum.

AB 579 – Requires all school buses to be zero-emissions by January 1, 2035.

AB 1228 – Sets a \$20.00 minimum wage for national fast-food chains by April 1, 2024.

SB 760 – Provides at least one all-gender restroom on each school site by 2026.

SB 765 – Changes STRS post-retirement from 50% to 70% of median final compensation.

6.1.2 Superintendents Council – No December Meeting

No January Department Reports

7.0 BOARD QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

No questions or comments.

7.1 Board President's Report

No President's Report

7.2 Board Liaison Reports

No Liaison Reports

8.0 PUBLIC INPUT – Items on the agenda

No public input.

9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

All items are approved by one motion unless pulled by a Board member for separate discussion or action. Ed Conrado/Moved, Cristy Edwards/Seconded, and the motion carried three ayes, two absent (Brenda Miller and Serena Morrow) to table the following Consent Agenda items until the February 14, 2024, meeting:

9.1 Approve Minutes of the December 13, 2023, Annual Organizational Meeting and Regular Board Meeting

9.2 Approve Minutes of the December 14, 2023, Contingency Meeting

10.0 OLD BUSINESS

10.1 Community College District Territory (standing item)

Michael West reported on upcoming meetings, including a January 12, 2024, open door meeting to introduce WCC President Lizette Navarette at the Lake County Campus, and a meeting of the Adult Consortium on Friday at WCC.

10.2 Facilities Update (standing item)

Michael West provided a brief update on installation of the portable classrooms at the Village.

10.3 LCAP Update (standing item)

Educational Services Assistant Superintendent John Ithurnburn reported that the 2023-24 LCAP Annual Update Mid Term Report will be presented to the Board during their February meeting.

10.4 Universal Prekindergarten (standing item)

Children's Services Director Vicki Markss reported on UPK activities, including updates on Quarterly Report submittals; on revised CDE Preschool Transitional Kindergarten Learning Foundations; and on collaboration with Yuba COE to support implementation of UPK in Colusa County that will include professional development, workshops, and ongoing support.

10.5 Set 2024-25 Liaison Assignments

Discussion was held on tabling the 2024-25 Liaison Assignments until more members can participate.

Ed Conrado/Moved, Cristy Edwards/Seconded, and the motion carried three ayes, two absent (Brenda Miller and Serena Morrow) to table setting the 2024-25 Liaison Assignments until the February 14, 2024, meeting.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

Agenda item 11.1 was heard immediately following agenda item 5.0.

11.1 Accept 2022-23 Financial Audit Report, Presented by James Marta & Co. – Jesse Deol, CPA, ARM

Jesse Deol presented the Independent Auditor's Report for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2023, highlighting the Governance Report, the Audit Report, and Scope of Engagement. He began with the Governance Letter and talked about its purpose and its opinion, which was clean and unmodified, saying that it is the best opinion an auditor can give. Jesse reported on the Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices, Audit Procedures, and Results of the Audit (no issues and no findings, nor deficiencies noted). He went on to discuss financial statements in the Management Discussion and Analysis, Summary Statement of Net Position, Summary Statement of Activities, 2022-23 County School Services Fund Revenues and Expenses, Financial Trends and Analysis that indicates a reserve of 5% and a three-year downward trend of long-term debt and ADA, and Comparative Statements of Net Position that indicate CCOE has a healthy net position (\$9.4M). He also reviewed the Summary Statement of Activities that includes the pensions liability, County School Services Fund Revenues and Expenses, Financial Trends and Analysis that indicate CCOE is meeting its reserves, and Average Daily Attendance. Jesse spoke about the three corresponding communications, or reports, in which no matters were reported. Despite the \$5.1 Million deficit due to the change in the net pension liability, he said that the financial condition of CCOE is improving while benefitting from sound financial management decisions. Jesse thanked CCOE's fiscal team for their assistance.

Ed Conrado/Moved, Madison Martin/Seconded, and the motion carried three ayes, two absent (Brenda Miller and Serena Morrow) to accept the 2022-23 Financial Audit Report.

11.2 Approve Board Resolution 23/24-04 Authorizing Application for State of California Department of Social Services Continued Funding Application

Vicki Markss reported on the resolution, which is needed to apply for State of California Department of Social Services Continued Funding Application. Vicki explained that the CDE needs to be included, and that the title needs be changed as follow: Approve Board Resolution 23/24-04 Authorizing Applications for State of California Department of Social Services and California Department of Education Continued Funding Application

Cristy Edwards/Moved, Madison Martin/Seconded, and the motion carried three ayes, two absent (Brenda Miller and Serena Morrow) to approve Resolution 23/24-04 with the title change to Authorizing Applications for State of California Department of Social Services and California Department of Education Continued Funding Application.

11.3 CCBE Transition to CSBA Region 14

Discussion was held on the CCBE to CSBA transition moving forward, and on whether dues will increase. Tina Maxwell reported that Serena Morrow attended a Region 4 County Presidents meeting on Monday and the Board would like Serena to report on the meeting during the February Board meeting.

11.4 AI in Education Presentation

Alex Evans presented information on Artificial (or as he said Automated) Intelligence, saying that these are pretty much compounded searches or automated discussions. Alex demonstrated examples of AI inquiries and responses. Discussion was held on reference sources, determining source credibility, and the need for cross references. Discussion was also held on key issues in education besides plagiarism, and on overcoming fears of AI just like past fears of internet in the classroom.

12.0 ADVANCED PLANNING

12.1 Items to be Considered for the Next Board Meeting

No items added.

12.2 Next Regular Board Meeting

February 14, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

345 5th Street, Colusa, Large Conference Room

13.0 CLOSED SESSION 4:50 PM

13.1 Consideration of Property Purchase

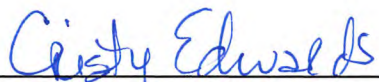
14.0 CLOSED SESSION 5:30 PM

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Adopted and Entered

Respectfully Submitted



Cristy Edwards, President Pro Tempore
Colusa County Board of Education



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

ACRONYMS

AB	Assembly Bill
ADA	Average Daily Attendance
AI	Artificial Intelligence
CCBE	California County Boards of Education
CCOE	Colusa County Office of Education
CDE	California Department of Education
COE	County Office of Education
CSBA	California School Boards Association
LCAP	Local Control and Accountability Plan
SARB	School Attendance Review Board
SB	Senate Bill
STRS	California State Teachers Retirement System
UPK	Universal Prekindergarten
WCC	Woodland Community College