

Colton Joint Unified School District

Student Services Center, Board Room, 851 South Mt. Vernon Ave., Colton, CA 92324



Minutes May 25, 2011

The Board of Education of the Colton Joint Unified School District met for a Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the CJUSD Student Services Center, 851 So. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Colton, California.

Trustees Present

Mrs. Patt Haro, President
Mr. Robert D. Armenta Jr., Vice President
Mr. Frank A. Ibarra, Clerk
Mr. Randall Cenicerros
Mr. Roger Kowalski
Mr. Pilar Tabera
Mr. Kent Taylor (absent)

Staff Members Present (*excused)

Mr. Jerry Almendarez	Mr. Todd Beal
Mr. Jaime R. Ayala	Mr. Brian Butler
Mr. James A. Downs	Mrs. Jennifer Jaime
Mrs. Mollie Gainey-Stanley	Ms. Sosan Schaller
Mrs. Ingrid Munsterman	Mr. Darryl Taylor
Mr. Mike Snellings	Ms. Katie Orloff
Mrs. Bertha Arreguín	Ms. Jennifer Rodriguez

Strategic Plan -- Mission Statement

The Mission of the Colton Joint Unified School District, a team of caring employees dedicated to the education of children, is to ensure each student learns the academic knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in college or in the workforce and be responsible, productive citizens by providing engaging, challenging, and enriching opportunities and specialized programs in a safe environment in partnership with students, families and our diverse communities

1.0 OPENING Call to Order

Board President Haro called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Principal Cabrera led in the renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS ~ None

3.0 SCHOOL SHOWCASE ~ None

4.0 ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

4.1 May Revise

Assistant Superintendent Ayala reviewed some of the "Pre-May Revise" assumptions which included a revenue loss of \$349 per ADA for 2011-12 per School Services of California (SSC). This assumed loss in revenue would result in a loss of about \$7.7 million for the district. The San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools required the district to prepare the 2011-12 budget based on this assumption. As a result, the multi-year fiscal solvency plan included a \$10.5 million in on-going budget reductions, effective July 1, 2011, and a second round of budget cuts totaling \$10.5 million, effective July 1, 2012.

The release of Governor Brown's May Revise report indicated that the proposed per ADA revenue loss would not materialize. In fact, schools will receive "flat funding" for the 2011-12 school year. Although this appears to be good news, flat funding does not keep pace with rising costs.

Mr. Ayala discussed Multi-Year Projections, assuming the district receives flat funding and implements the full \$10.5 million budget reduction plan. He also reviewed scenarios assuming flat funding, implementation of approved program cuts, management furlough days and partial implementation of certificated layoffs.

While flat funding improves the multi-year fiscal outlook, Mr. Ayala reminded the board that the district continues to deficit spend. Mr. Ayala concluded that the district's fiscal crisis will be over when we cease deficit spending. This can be done through a combination of increased state revenue and a reduction in spending. In closing, the May Revise provides an opportunity to get out of deficit spending within twenty-four months if the board (district) commits to on-going budget reductions.

5.0 PUBLIC HEARING ~ None

6.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

6.1 Blue card—Specific Consent, Action, Study & Information or Closed Session Item

- *Ignacio Cabrera*, BHS principal, expressed support for Action Item A-1, *Award Contracts without Bids (Fire Damage at Bloomington High School)*. Mr. Cabrera also shared a video prepared by the Bruin News Network (BNN). The video illustrated the effects of the recent fire and the overwhelming support from the community. Mr. Cabrera thanked the IT and M&O departments, Superintendent Almendarez and Executive Cabinet, district staff and members of the board for their help and support.

The following persons spoke in support of Action Item A-2, *Implementation of a Supplemental Employee Retirement Program (SERP) for Certificated Non-Management Employees Per Resolution No. 11-52*.

- *Karen Houck*, ACE president
- *Rose Edwards*, CJUSD teacher
- *Suzanne Shires*, CJUSD teacher

White card—Items/Topics Not on the Agenda:

The following persons spoke in opposition of certificated layoffs.

- *Laura Harper*, Smith teacher
- *Molly Green*, BHS teacher
- *Mary Garrison*, Cooley Ranch teacher
- *Victor Jimenez*, Reche Canyon employee, commented on the positive leadership in the Nutritional Services department and voiced concern for the lack of CPR training for classified employees.

7.0 ACTION SESSION

A. Action Items

#383 On motion of Board Member Armenta and Board Member Ibarra, and carried on a 6-0 (Board Member Taylor absent) vote, the Board approved Action Items A-1 and A-2 as presented..

#383.1 A-1 Approved Award Contracts without Bids (Fire Damage at Bloomington High School)

#383.2 A-2 Approved Implementation of a Supplemental Employee Retirement Program (SERP) for Certificated Non-Management Employees Per Resolution No. 11-52

8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS ~ None

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNIQUE

Mr. Almendarez commented on the fire in the administration building at Bloomington High School and thanked several CJUSD employees and community members for their support.

10.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Member Cenicerros spoke of the teamwork and strength of the Bloomington High School community. He requested additional information on BHS's scissor lift and asked that all be mindful of the sacrifices made by the nation's armed forces as they enjoy this Memorial Day Weekend.

Board Member Tabera – No comment

Board Member Ibarra thanked the community for supporting Bloomington High School following the devastating fire. Mr. Ibarra also requested information regarding CPR training.

Board Member Armenta commented on Colton's Relay for Life event and thanked several employees for their participation with this year's successful event.

Board Member Kowalski praised Principal Cabrera, BHS staff, students and community for working together to rebuild the administration building. He thanked Assistant Superintendent Ayala for providing the budget update and keeping the Board up-to-date with the latest budget news. He also congratulated all retirees and wished them well in retirement.

Board Member Haro thanked employees from the district office and several school sites for aiding Bloomington, providing office supplies, equipment and furniture. She also thanked several companies and community organizations for their financial support, and donations of medical/office supplies and furniture. Lastly, Mrs. Haro thanked the Bloomington High School NJROTC, softball, wrestling and soccer teams, and several parents for their help and amazing support.

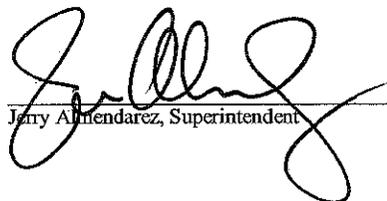
11.0 ADJOURNMENT

At 6:44 p.m., the meeting was adjourned until the next Board of Education Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2011, at the Colton JUSD Student Services Center, 851 South Mt. Vernon Avenue, Colton, California.

Date Approved: June 16, 2011



Frank Ibarra, Clerk



Jerry Alvarado, Superintendent