

The Board of Education of the Chico Unified School District met in a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Chico City Council Chambers.

The following were present:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Rick Anderson, President

Steve O'Bryan, Vice President

Rick Rees, Clerk

Scott Huber, Member

Anthony Watts, Member

Tyler Frank, Student Board Member

ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. Scott Brown, Superintendent

Jim Sands, Deputy Superintendent

Kelly Mauch, Assistant Superintendent – Educational Services

Randy Meeker, Assistant Superintendent – Business Services

Janet Brinson, Director II – Educational Services

Bob Feaster, Director – Educational Services

Dr. Cynthia Kampf, Director – Educational Services

Tracy Martineau, Director – Classified Personnel

Bernie Vigallon, Director – Educational Services

Greg Einhorn, Attorney at Law

Kim Hutchison, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent

OTHERS:

Association representatives, news media, and visitors.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m. Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order and welcomed visitors.

Tyler Frank led the flag salute.

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Brown reported that the WASC committee had completed their work at Pleasant Valley High School.

First round interviews for the Principal at Chico High School have been completed. Second interviews are being scheduled for selected candidates. Dr. Brown said he hopes to bring a recommendation to the Board within the next week.

CUSD received approval on the 404 federal permit on one of the parcels under consideration by the Board of Education for Canyon View High School. The granting of this permit represents the final major hurdle in the federal regulatory process. With these regulatory approvals in place, the Board of Trustees will next look at appraisals in order to begin negotiations with appropriate land owners/representatives.

3. HEARING SESSION/PUBLIC FORUM

At 7:06 p.m., the Hearing Session/Public Forum was opened. There were no comments and the hearing session/public forum was closed.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Prior to action on the Consent Calendar, at the request of Mr. Young, CUTA President, Mr. Anderson pulled item 4.11 for individual discussion.

4.1 The Board approved the minutes of the 04/02/03 Regular Meeting. MSC O'Bryan/Watts

4.2 The Board approved the minutes of the 04/09/03 Special Meeting. MSC O'Bryan/Watts

4.3 The Board approved the following **Certificated** Personnel changes: MSC O'Bryan/Watts

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Comment</u>
<u>Appointments According to Board Policy</u>			
Tierney, Cheryl L.	Secondary	2 nd Semester 2003/04 Effective (4/21/03)	1.0 FTE Temporary Appointment
<u>Full-Time Leave Request for 2002/03</u>			
Parkin, Bonnie	Elementary	2002/03 Eff. 5/01/03 – 6/26/03	Ext./I ncrease to 1.0 FTE Leave
Full-Time Leave Request for 2003/04			
Travers, Deborah	Secondary	2003/04	0.6 FTE Leave
Part-Time Leave Request for 2003/04			
Sehorn, Beatriz	Elementary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.1 FTE Leave
White, Donna	Secondary	2003/04	0.2 FTE Leave
Non-Reelection of Temporary Certificated Employees			
Tierney, Cheryl L.	Secondary	May 29, 2003	
Non-Reelection of Long-Term Substitute Employees			
Catomerisios, Frank	Long-term Substitute	2002/03	
Grace, James	Long-term Substitute	2002/03	
Griffith, Jeanine	Long-term Substitute	2002/03	
Tracy, Jeffrey	Long-term Substitute	2002/03	

- 4.4 The Board approved payment of the following warrants: MSC O'Bryan/Watts

<u>FUND #:</u>	<u>FUND DESCRIPTION:</u>	<u>WARRANT #'S:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
01	General Fund	307279 - 307577	\$585,424.62
13	Nutrition Services	307578	\$55.62
14	Deferred Maintenance	307579 - 307581	\$6,670.04
24	BLDG FD - Measure A (P & I)	307582 - 307585	\$2,721.09
25	Capital Facilities FD - State CAP	307586	\$1,568.30
29	BLDG FD - 1988 Ser. C - INT	307587 - 307589	\$4,760.11
35	County School Facilities Fund	307590 - 307594	\$8,218.94
40	Special Reserve - Parking Lot	307595	\$1,880.00
CURRENT WARRANT TOTAL:			\$611,298.72
PREVIOUS WARRANT TOTAL:			\$0.00
TOTAL WARRANTS TO BE APPROVED:			\$611,298.72

- 4.5 The Board approved the expulsions of the following students: Student No.: 16726; Student No.: 51132; Student No.: 26816; Student No.: 21735; Student No.: 36105; Student No.: 19035
MSC O'Bryan/Watts
- 4.6 The Board approved the API Expenditures for the following: MSC O'Bryan/Watts
> MJHS
> Hooker Oak
- 4.7 The Board approved the major field trip request by the 6th Grade at Jay Partridge to attend Woodleaf Environmental School May 19 – 23, 2003. MSC O'Bryan/Watts
- 4.8 The Board approved the major field trip request by the Student Government/Leadership/Yearbook classes to visit the University of California at Santa Cruz campus. MSC O'Bryan/Watts
- 4.9 The Board approved the major field trip request by the 6th Grade at McManus Elementary to attend Collins Lake Environmental Camp May 14 – May 16, 2003. MSC O'Bryan/Watts
- 4.10 The Board approved the consultant agreement between CUSD and Paul Owen Lewis to provide an Author Assembly at McManus on May 7, 2003. The funding source is the site Immediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools grant funding. There is no impact to the General Fund. MSC O'Bryan/Watts
- 4.11 The Board authorized the extension of the work year of the Deputy Superintendent to 240 days for the 2002-03 school year. MSC Rees/O'Bryan

5. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

- 5.1 Randy Meeker, Assistant Superintendent – Business Services updated the Board on the budget crisis. Prop. 98 funding, despite the \$1.1 billion deferral, still needs to be reduced by \$1.5 billion. That equates to approximately \$250 per ADA. Based on the information available from the Governor's January 10 budget proposal, CUSD needs to reduce approximately \$3.6 million which equates to \$269 per ADA. Steve Peace, the Governor's Budget Director was quoted in the Sacramento Bee today, "...exacerbating the crisis is evidence that revenues are falling several billion dollars behind what Davis said they would be in January. Peace refused to put a number on the revenue shortfall but described it as an "additional downward adjustment."

Dr. Brown reviewed the components of the CUSD Response to the Budget Crisis:

Fundamentals of the Response Plan

To avoid being victimized by this shortfall, Chico Unified must use a combination of the following

- ?? **One-time money from designated fund balances within the General Fund;**
- ?? **Fund shifts within the budget, and;**
- ?? **Expenditure reductions.**

For 2003-04 the district's expenditure reduction goal is two million, three hundred thousand dollars (\$2,300,000). For 2004-05 the expenditure reduction goal has been set at two million, two hundred thousand dollars (\$2,200,000). A fund balance, which will accrue by the end of 2002-03, will be used to reduce the amount of the total budget cuts needed during this two-year period (2003-2005).

CUSD Spending Comparisons

Using the most recent information available, it's valuable to look at how CUSD spending patterns compare to other unified school districts in California in (2000-2001). The data attached demonstrates, that for the most part, Chico Unified spends its money in ways that are similar to other unified school districts in our state. The glaring spending discrepancy is in the percentage of the budget allocated to benefits. The data suggests Chico Unified is spending nearly 5% more for employee benefits than is typical in unified school districts.

The "Fair Share" Rationale for Reductions

The "Fair Share" rationale has been used in evaluating the recommended reductions. Although \$2,300,000 is a significant amount of money, it represents just 2.3% of the district's total budget of nearly \$100,000,000. Expenditures in the CUSD are comprised of certificated staff, classified staff, managers and (books, supplies and services). It is proposed that spending in each category be reduced by approximately 2.3%. By doing this, each component of the CUSD budget will share equally in the impact of the budget crisis created in Sacramento. Each budget category will contribute its "Fair Share" to the crisis response. Because more than 85% of the money spent in Chico Unified is spent on personnel, it will not be possible to reduce expenditures without impacting people.

Recommended Reductions

It is recommended the Board of Trustees use the "Fair Share" method to allocate reductions. The "Fair Share" allocation method yields the following expenditure reduction goals for 2003-04.

Category	Fair Share
Certificated Staff (57.81%)	\$1,329,630
Psychologists (0.75%)	\$ 17,250
Certificated Management (4.56%)	\$ 104,880
Classified Staff (18.92%)	\$ 435,160
Classified Management (1.33%)	\$ 30,590
Books, Supplies and Services (16.58%)	<u>\$ 382,490</u>
Total	\$2,300,000

6. ACTION CALENDAR

- 6.1 The Board adopted Resolution No.: 876-03 declaring May 4-10, 2003 as Teacher Appreciation Week in the Chico Unified School District. MSC O'Bryan/Watts
- 6.2 The Board adopted Resolution No.: 877-03 declaring May 18-24, 2003 as Classified School Employee week in the

Chico Unified School District. MSC Huber/Watts

- 6.3 The Board approved the CUSD Response to the state budget crisis on the motion of Mr. Huber. Mr. Huber motioned that the Board approve the CUSD Response Plan utilizing designated fund balances to cushion the reduction goal for 2003-04 to \$2.3 million and for 2004-05 to \$2.2 million and to generally follow the guidelines of the fair share proposal with the exception of the 5 FTE Music teachers and the 1 FTE Nurse (Teen Parent and Child Care Program). The motion was seconded by Mr. Watts and was passed unanimously.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

CSEA will be holding a Family BBQ on Saturday, May 17 from 15 p.m. For more information contact Dee Gudmundson.

The Rotary Omelet Brunch is Sunday, May 4 at the Elks Lodge, tickets are \$10.

Chico High School will have a rededication ceremony for the gym on Monday, May 5 at 4:00 p.m.

Shasta Grandparents Day is Friday, May 9. The all school sing will be held at 11:30. Contact Shasta Elementary for more information.

Chico High School will hold their Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 13. Contact CHS for additional information.

Chico Junior High School will hold their Spring Concert on Thursday, May 15. Contact CJHS for additional information.

8. BOARD ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

There were no items for the next Board agenda.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:13 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, May 7, 2003
7:00 p.m., Chico City Council Chambers

APPROVED:

Board of Education

Administration