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 Crystal Palmer, 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
Mary Leary, Director - Maintenance & Operations/Transportation
Bernard 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

- 1.1 At 7:01 p.m. Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order and welcomed visitors. Mr. Anderson asked for a moment of silence for the troops in Iraq.
- 1.2 Crystal Palmer led the salute to the flag.

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Brown announced that two informational meetings will be held next week. These meetings are designed to provide up to date budget information to the community and to help community members gain a clear understanding of the fiscal challenges facing Chico Unified. At these meetings you will be given an opportunity to suggest solutions. Please plan to attend either of the sessions listed below:

> March 25 Parkview Elementary at 7:00 PM 1770 E. Eighth Street

> March 27 Emma Wilson Elementary at 7:00 PM 1530 W. Eighth Avenue

Kelly Mauch, Assistant Superintendent - Educational Services provide information regarding the possibility of war. Chico Unified schools are taking appropriate precautionary measures. These include:

- > Communicating and working closely with city and county officials with regard to preparing for possible disasters.
- > Review of school district disaster plans.
- > School site participation in Safe School Simulations.
- > Providing counseling and other support help for our students.
- > Ensuring there are age-appropriate opportunities in the classroom to discuss different perspectives on the important issues.
- > Preparing for "protest" activities by making it clear that students who choose to violate school rules on classroom attendance will be held accountable for their actions.

Schools are among the safest places for students to be. We are certainly hopeful that events related to war and terrorism will not affect Chico Unified schools directly. In the event something should happen, each school has an emergency preparedness plan. Further, staff members are well trained. CUSD has a crisis counseling team comprised of school counselors and psychologists available to assist school sites as needed. Key personnel at each school site have participated in Safe School Training as well as disaster simulations. In addition, schools are a priority to receive emergency services from police, fire, and other agencies.

In the days ahead, if your student needs someone to talk to at school, teachers and other adults will be available. Please do not hesitate to contact your school should you have further questions.

3. HEARING SESSION/PUBLIC FORUM

At 7:10 p.m., the Hearing Session/Public Forum was opened. George Young, CUTA President read a prepared statement regarding the budget crisis. There were no further comments and the hearing session/public forum was closed.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4.1 The Board approved the minutes of the 03/05/03 Regular Meeting. MSC Watts/O'Bryan
- 4.2 The Board approved the following **Certificated** Personnel changes: MSC Watts/O'Bryan

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	Effective	<u>Comment</u>
Full-Time Leave Request for 2003/04			
Cowan, John	Secondary	2003/04	Ext. to 1.0 FTE Leave
Daniels, Lance	Secondary	2003/04	1.0 FTE Military Leave
Fox, Elizabeth	Elementary	2003/04	Ext. to 1.0 FTE Leave
Kohen, Robert	Secondary	2003/04	Ext. to 1.0 FTE Leave
Larson-Cannell, Karen	Secondary	2003/04	Ext. to 1.0 FTE Leave
Mavis, Mark	Secondary	2003/04	Ext. to 1.0 FTE Leave
Mow, Margaret	Elementary	2003/04	Ext. to 1.0 FTE Leave
Snider, Gina	Secondary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.6 FTE Leave
Part-Time Leave Request for 2003/04			
Alldrin, Mary	Elementary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.6 FTE Leave
Anzalone, Merrilee	Elementary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.2 FTE Leave

Barbour, Julie	Independent Study	2003/04	Ext. to 0.2 FTE Leave
Bonafacino-Randall, Bernadette	Elementary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.2 FTE Leave
Borquez, Kimberly	Elementary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.2 FTE Leave
Cross, Deidra	Elementary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.4 FTE Leave
Forrest, Marla	Elementary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.4 FTE Leave
Geise, Beth	Elementary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.25 FTE Leave
Glick, Melanie	Elementary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.2 FTE Leave
Haley, Patricia	Secondary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.2 FTE Leave
Hanf, Shari	Elementary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.4 FTE Leave
Hanlon, Krista	Secondary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.4 FTE Leave
Hian, Nancy	Alternative Education	2003/04	Ext. to 0.5 FTE Leave
Knippen, Audrey	Psychologist	2003/04	Ext. to 0.2 FTE Leave
Koch, Steve	Psychologist	2003/04	Ext. to 0.1 FTE Leave
Larson, Gayle	Elementary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.2 FTE Leave
Lieberman, Kim	Elementary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.1 FTE Leave
McSweeney, Lani	Elementary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.2 FTE Leave
Miller, Karen	Secondary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.2 FTE Leave
Millon, B. Lynn	Elementary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.2 FTE Leave (Policy #4475 STRS Reduced Workload)
Morrissey, Stacia	Secondary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.4 FTE Leave
Nichols, Christina	Secondary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.2 FTE Leave
Noble, Kelly	Elementary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.6 FTE Leave
Sanders, Marsha	Secondary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.2 FTE Leave
Smith, Jeff R.	Elementary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.2 FTE Leave
Southam, Kirsten	Elementary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.8 FTE Leave
Tarman, Donald	Secondary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.4 FTE Leave (Policy #4475 STRS Reduced Workload)
Tebo, Margaret	Elementary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.4 FTE Leave
Tindill, Teresa	Elementary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.4 FTE Leave
Tittle, Laura	Secondary	2003/04	Ext. to 0.4 FTE Leave
Resignations/Retirements 2002/03			
Brown, Karen J.	Secondary	3/4/03	Resignation from Leave
Grissom, Linda M.	Elementary	7/23/03	Retirement
Isaeff, Vicki	Secondary	6/15/03	Retirement

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

NAME Appointments	CLASS/LOCATION/ASSIGNED HOURS	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	COMMENTS/ FUND
Barker, Roma	LT I A-Elementary/Hooker Oak/.8	10/01-11/21/02	Limited Term Grant Funded
Barker, Roma	LT I A-Elementary/Hooker Oak/.8	01/20-03/07/03	Limited Term Grant Funded
Coots, Lorraine	LT I A-Elementary/Citrus/.8	01/27-03/28/03	Limited Term Categorical Funds
Hazzard, Charles	LT PRA-Classroom/Hooker Oak/.8	01/20-03/07/03	Limited Term Grant Funded
Johnson, Janet	LT I A-Elementary/Citrus/.8	01/27 -03/28/03	Limited Term Categorical Funds
Keener, Merlena	LT I A-Special Ed/Hooker Oak/.8	10/01-11/21/02	Limited Term Grant Funded
Keener, Merlena	LT I A-Special Ed/Hooker Oak/.8	01/20-03/07/03	Limited Term Grant Funded
Munier, Patricia	IPS-Healthcare/ Marigold/3.5	3/20/03	Vacated Position Special Ed
Sarrett, M. Kathleen	LT I A-Elementary/Hooker Oak/.8	10/01/02- 02/13/03	Limited Term Grant Funded
Saylor, Lisa	Cafeteria Asst/Marsh Jr. High/1.0	03/20/03	Vacated Position Food Services
Taylan, Christy	LT PRA-Classroom/Hooker Oak/.4	10/01-12/01/02	Limited Term Grant Funded
<u>Lay Offs</u> Meier, Wendy	PRA-Classroom/Neal Dow/1.5	4/8/03	Lay Off Lack of Funds
Increase in Hours Ramos, Tamera	School Bus Driver T2/Transp/from 6.6 to 6.8	3/20/03	Existing Position
Voluntary Transfer with Reduction in Hours			
Holden, Christine	IPS-Classroom/Loma Vista/from 4.0 to 3.0	3/10/03	Return from LOA Employee Request
Resignation/Termination	100 01 (01)// (0.5	0.400.400	5
Fredriksz, Joanne	I PS-Classroom/Sierra View/3.0	3/28/03	Resigned
Rollag, Tami	Parent Clsrm Aide/Neal Dow/1.5	2/13/03	Resigned
Young, Candice	Café Assistant/PV High/2.0	3/12/03	Resigned

4.4 The Board accepted the following donations to individual school sites: MSC Watts/O'Bryan

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Donation</u>	Recipient
Jason & Heather Rich	Toshiba 1997 computer & color monitor school supplies for "K" class	CCDS
Chevy's	\$1269.84	CHS
Target	\$562.10	CHS
Mary Flynn	\$150	CHS
CCSEA	\$1500	CHS
Kent/Kerry Jessen	\$100	CHS
Hooker Oak PTA	\$3600	Hooker Oak
LCC PTA	\$2000	LCC
Oberon's Bistro	\$15 gift certificate	LCC
John Vagner Lifetouch Photography	\$455	Neal Dow
Mary Anne Pella-Donnelly	\$20	Parkview
Bobbie Hudson	\$120	Parkview
Mr. & Mrs. Rick Janor	Compaq Presario Computer, CP Monitor, Keyboard, mouse	Shasta
Phoenix Lacque	\$20	Sierra View

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

FUND #:	FUND DESCRIPTION:	WARRANT #'S:	<u>AMOUNT</u>
01	General Fund	306521 - 306831	\$556,905.67
13	Nutrition Services	306832	\$57.99
14	Deferred Maintenance	306833 - 306834	\$5,128.61
24	BLDG FD - Measure A (P & I)	306835 - 306838	\$6,579.14
25	Capital Facilities FD - State CAP	306839 - 306842	\$4,224.71
29	BLDG FD - 1988 Ser. C - I NT	306843	\$2,500.00
35	County School Facilities Fund	306844 - 306846	\$22,831.66

CURRENT WARRANT TOTAL: \$598,227.78

PREVIOUS WARRANT TOTAL: \$0.00

TOTAL WARRANTS TO BE APPROVED: \$598,227.78

- 4.6 The Board approved the expulsions of the following students: Student No.: 14403; Student No.: 18878; Student No.: 37331 MSC Watts/O'Bryan
- 4.7 The Board approved the major field trip request by the MESA class at CHS to tour museum and visit the San Jose State University in San Jose, CA March 24 - 25, 2003. MSC Watts/O'Bryan
- The Board approved the major field trip request by the 5th Grade at Jay Partridge to attend environmental 4.8 camp in Monterey, CA April 22 - 25, 2003. MSC Watts/O'Bryan

- 4.9 The Board approved the API Awards Program Expenditures for the following: MSC Watts/O'Bryan
 - > Marsh Junior High School

5. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

- 5.1 Randy Meeker, Assistant Superintendent Business Services reviewed the 2nd Interim Report. Mr. Meeker also reported that the Governor signed SB 1x 18 approving mid-year budget cuts for 2002-03 which becomes effective immediately. As reported by School Services, under SB1x 18 mid-year cuts would consist of the following:
 - > Mandated Program costs: will Defer any payment for mandated program cost reimbursements from 2002-03 to 2003-04.
 - > Instructional Materials Block Grant: Is reduced from the Adopted Budget amount of \$400 million to \$297 million. This reduces the apportionment down to approximately \$48 per student.
 - > Peer Assistance and Review: Reduce by \$21 million.
 - > II/USP Grants: Delay final payment to 2003-04
 - > School Library Materials Program: Reduce by \$11.6 million. This represents approximately one-third of the funding.
 - > Examination Suspension: Neither the Golden State nor the Career Education Exam will be administered this year, which will save the State approximately \$8 million.
- 5.2 Liz Thomas, PTSO President from MJHS and Lisa Reynolds, teacher at MJHS presented information regarding a fund raising request. We have designed a new and creative concept in raising needed funds that other schools will be able to duplicate in the near future. All schools could benefit significantly. We estimate that high schools could generate 50-100 thousand dollars a year by producing their own fall, spring, Twirps, Prom, sports, and graduation pictures. Elementary schools could easily generate 20 thousand yearly if they follow the model we hope to perfect. Utilizing advancements in digital photography and image processing, we would like to produce and offer to parents Marsh's version of school pictures. We already do this process when we do our yearbook photos. To get started, we would like to produce the Spring casual photos that are normally taken by a private company. If successful, we will continue with fall and graduation photos. PTSO volunteers will head up the fundraiser, collect the money, and allocate the generated profits to the school after discussing needs and priorities. We have already discussed a priority of upgrading our computers and adding instruments for music classes.

This plan takes advantage of a pre-existing situation in which our school already sends notification home regarding picture day, our school parents already prepare our students for pictures, our classroom teachers already chaperone the students to the photographer and then distribute the finished product to the students. This is no different than what currently exists with an outside company. In many ways, the only difference will be that a school volunteer will now also click the shutter on the camera, parents will receive high quality pictures for less money, and the school can raise needed funds.

- Jim Sands reviewed Resolution No. 873-03 granting a designated period of two years additional service credit from July 1, 2003 September 30, 2003 for eligible Chico Unified School District employees.
- 5.4 Mike Weissenborn provided the monthly facilities update. Bids for modernization projects at CHS will be opened on April 1, 2003. BJHS modernization project is on the agenda for the State Allocation Board for next week.

5.5 Mr. Weissenborn reviewed the resolution of the intent to exchange real property between CUSD and the city of Chico regarding the reconstruction project on East Avenue.

6. ACTION CALENDAR

- 6.1 The Board approved the revisions to the following Board Policies presented at the March 5, 2003 Board of Education Meeting: MSC Huber/O'Bryan
 - > Revision to Policy #5100 Student Attendance
 - > Revision to Policy #6002 Instructional Time for Students
- 6.2 The Board tabled approval of new Board Policy #6161 Visual Materials to a future meeting.

 MSC Rees/O'Bryan
- 6.3 The Board approved the 2003/04 Student Housing Committee recommendations presented at the March 5, 2003 Board of Education Meeting. MSC Rees/O'Bryan
- 6.4 The Board tabled action regarding the John Dewey Middle School proposal to the April 2, 2003 Regular meeting. MSC Huber/Watts; Ayes: Anderson, Huber, Rees, Watts; Abstain: O'Bryan
- 6.5 The Board approved the CUSD Deferred Maintenance Plan presented at the March 5, 2003 Board of Education Meeting. MSC Rees/Watts
- 6.6 The Board approved the 2003-04 CUSD student calendar. MSC O'Bryan/Rees
- 6.7 The Board adopted Resolution No. 873-03 granting a designated period of two years additional service credit from July 1, 2003 September 30, 2003 for eligible Chico Unified School District employees.

 MSC Watts/Huber
- 6.8 The Board adopted the resolution regarding the intention to exchange property between CUSD and the City of Chico regarding the reconstruction project on East Avenue. MSC O'Bryan/Watts
- 6.9 The Board approved the second interim budget report. MSC Rees/O'Bryan

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Watts announced that he had secured a donation from LaCrosse Technology for cost control units for each site to be used for power cost monitoring.

Mr. O'Bryan asked for any suggestions for the Safe Routes to Schools project to be forwarded to the Superintendent's office.

Mr. Anderson read a letter received by Senator Sam Aanestad. Mr. Anderson will respond to the letter on behalf of the Board and Dr. Brown.

8. BOARD ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

There were no items for the next agenda.

9. CLOSED SESSION

At 11:31 p.m. the Open Session of the Regular Meeting adjourned and the Board recessed into Closed Session for the purpose of a conference with labor negotiators and a public employee grievance. Mr. Anderson announced those who would be attending closed session: Jim Sands, Deputy Superintendent and Agency Negotiator; Kelly Mauch, Assistant Superintendent; Randy Meeker, Assistant Superintendent; Greg Einhorn, Attorney at Law.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:27 p.m. the Board reconvened. There were no announcements and the meeting was adjourned.

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING:	Wednesday, April 2, 2003 7:00 p.m., Chico City Council Chambers
APPROVED:	
Board of Education	
Administration	