

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

At 6:20 p.m., Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order and announced the Board would recess into Closed Session.

2. CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed into Closed Session for the purpose of a Public Employee Grievance – Level III regarding Chico Unified Teachers Association. Mr. Anderson announced that Jim Sands, Deputy Superintendent and Greg Einhorn, Attorney at Law would be attending Closed Session.

3. RECONVENE

3.1 At 7:09 p.m., the Board reconvened. Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order, announced that the Board had met in Closed Session regarding a Public Employee Grievance – Level III and welcomed visitors.

Crystal Palmer led the flag salute

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4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Kerry Kelly and Janet Topete-Tallerico presented information to the Board regarding the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA).

Dr. Brown thanked those who participated in the Read Across America Program on Monday.

5. **HEARING SESSION/PUBLIC FORUM**

At 7:22 p.m., the Hearing Session/Public Forum was opened. There were no comments and the hearing session/public forum was closed.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

6.1 The Board approved the minutes of the 02/19/03 Regular Meeting. MSC O'Bryan/Watts

6.2 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>Full-Time Leave Request for 2002-03</u>			
Daniels, Lance	Secondary	2 nd Semester 2002/03 Effective 03/01/03	Military Leave
<u>Non-Reelection of Certificated Employees Pursuant to Education Code 44929.21</u>			
Argo, Cynthia	0.2 FTE Secondary Counselor	May 29, 2003	
Ball, Cynthia	0.25 FTE Elementary	May 29, 2003	
Barnes, Laurie	0.8 FTE Elementary	June 26, 2003	
Boyd, Timothy	0.4 FTE Secondary	May 29, 2003	
Bradley, Nancy	0.2 FTE Elementary	May 29, 2003	
Bransky, Ray	1.0 FTE Elementary	May 29, 2003	
Callahan, Meghan	0.4 FTE Elementary	May 29, 2003	
Cassetta, Lourdes	1.0 FTE Elementary	May 29, 2003	
Christensen, Joyce	0.4 FTE Elementary	June 26, 2003	
Christiansen, Steven	1.0 FTE Elementary	May 29, 2003	
Collins, Don	1.0 FTE Elementary	May 29, 2003	
Connolly, Cheryl	0.6 FTE Elementary	May 29, 2003	
Cummings, Joseph	1.0 FTE Secondary	May 29, 2003	
Ducote, Loretta	1.0 FTE Elementary	May 29, 2003	
Ellis, Amanda	0.4 FTE Secondary Counselor	May 29, 2003	
Ellis, Tisha	0.4 FTE Elementary	June 26, 2003	
Farrell, Andrew	1.0 FTE Secondary	May 29, 2003	
Feingold, Dana	1.0 FTE Special Education	June 26, 2003	
Genasci, Tiffany	1.0 FTE Special Education	May 29, 2003	
Gimbal, Kim	0.4 FTE Elementary Music	May 29, 2003	
Henderson, Donna	0.5 FTE Elementary	June 26, 2003	
Holman, Laura	1.0 FTE Special Education	May 29, 2003	

Hooker-Apel, Debra	1.0 FTE Elementary	May 29, 2003
Hull, Christopher	1.0 FTE Special Education	May 29, 2003
Jackson, Jennie	0.3 FTE Elementary	June 26, 2003
Johnson, Margaret M.	1.0 FTE Special Education	May 29, 2003
Jones, Liesl	0.5 FTE Elem Library Specialist	June 26, 2003
Kaser, Catalin	1.0 FTE Secondary	May 29, 2003
Larson, Kristina	1.0 FTE Secondary	May 29, 2003
Leen, Linda	1.0 FTE Elementary	May 29, 2003
McLearn, Janelle	0.4 FTE Elementary	May 29, 2003
Manna, Jennifer	0.4 FTE Elementary	June 26, 2003
Morgan, Patricia	0.6 FTE Elementary	June 26, 2003
Niles, Paul	0.5 FTE Secondary	May 29, 2003
Payne, Kevin	1.2 FTE Secondary	May 29, 2003
Pierce, Jnana	0.8 FTE Secondary	May 29, 2003
Rockfellow-Leiker, Cynthia	1.0 FTE Secondary	May 29, 2003
Salas, Jennifer	0.6 FTE Secondary	May 29, 2003
Serrato, Linda	1.0 FTE Elementary	June 26, 2003
Sherer, Marsha	1.0 FTE Secondary	May 29, 2003
Sheridan, Erica	0.6 FTE Elementary	May 29, 2003
Small, Cathy	0.5 FTE Elementary	June 26, 2003
Stoffel, Lauri	0.2 FTE Elementary	May 29, 2003
Trent, Robin	1.0 FTE Elementary	May 29, 2003
Triplett, Vickie	0.7 FTE Elementary Music	May 29, 2003
VanBuskirk, Kimberly	0.2 FTE Elementary	May 29, 2003
West, Dana	0.2 FTE Elementary	June 26, 2003
Wisdom, Kevin	0.4 FTE Secondary	May 29, 2003
Young, Lori	0.6 FTE Secondary	May 29, 2003

Retirement/Resignation 2002-03

Joiner, Nancy	Elementary	December 1, 2002	Retirement of 0.6 FTE
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6.3 The Board approved the following **Classified** Personnel changes: MSC O'Bryan/Watts

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLASS/LOCATION/ASSIGNED HOURS</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>COMMENTS/FUND</u>
<u>Appointments</u>			
Apodaca, Danny	IPS-Clstrm/Parkview/3.0	3/6/03	Vacated Position Special Ed
Bowen, Betty	LT I A-Special Ed/Chico Jr/1.0	08/20-12/20/02	Limited Term Proficiency Funds
Bowen, Betty	LT I A-Special Ed/Chico Jr/1.0	01/06-05/29/03	Limited Term Proficiency Funds
Dutra, Deborah	LT I A-Special Ed/Chico Jr/2.0	08/20-12/20/02	Limited Term Proficiency Funds
Dutra, Deborah	LT I A-Special Ed/Chico Jr/2.0	01/06-05/29/03	Limited Term Proficiency Funds
Murray, Linda	LT I A-Special Ed/Chico Jr/1.0	08/20-12/20/02	Limited Term Proficiency Funds
Murray, Linda	LT I A-Special Ed/Chico Jr/1.0	01/06-05/29/03	Limited Term Proficiency Funds
Schroeder, Sara	IPS-Classroom/Loma Vista/3.2	3/6/03	New Position Special Ed
Seeger, Linda	I A-Special Ed/Sierra View/5.0	3/6/03	New Position Special Ed
<u>Transfer with Increased Hours</u>			
Balakshin, Mariann	I A-Special Ed/C A L/5.0	3/6/03	Vacated Position Special Ed
Rosas, Jr., Antonio	I A-Bilingual/McManus/3.0	3/6/03	New Position Categorical Funds
<u>Increase in Hours</u>			
Guerra, Joseph	Healthcare Asst- Specialized/Chico High/7.0 to 7.6	3/6/03	Existing Position By Seniority
<u>Voluntary Reduction in Hours</u>			
Cox, Susan	School Bus Driver T2/Transp/from 6.0 to 5.7	3/6/03	Employee Request
<u>Leave of Absence</u>			
Carrillo, Margarita	I A-Bilingual/Chapman/5.0	3/3-3/28/03	CBA 5.11 Without Pay
<u>Resignation/Termination</u>			
Covert, Tammy	IPS-Classroom/PV High/7.0	3/26/03	Resigned
Sarrett, Mary Kathleen	I A-Elementary/Hooker Oak/5.0	2/13/03	Accepted Teaching Position

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

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Donation</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
Suzanne Steel	\$32.95	Chapman
Smallhouse Art Glass	hand blown vase	CHS
Sachiko Iju	\$25	CHS
Donald/Betty Muscarella	\$25	CHS
Spectra Physics	\$50	CHS
Douglas/Christine Carroll	\$100	CHS
Kathleen Lydon	\$100	CHS
Jon/Kathy Sarrett	\$20	CHS
Victoria Simone-Letcher	\$200	LCC
Deedi Christian	Gateway 2000 Computer	Neal Dow
Chico Velo Cycling Club	\$100	Neal Dow
Shasta Parent Teacher Organization	\$2100	Shasta

6.5 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	306200 - 306443	\$446,436.07
13	Nutrition Services	306444	\$12.00
24	BLDG FD - Measure A (P & I)	306445	\$646.05
25	Capital Facilities FD - State CAP	306446 - 346448	\$296,563.90
35	County School Facilities Fund	306449 - 306458	\$51,922.28
		CURRENT WARRANT TOTAL:	\$795,580.30
		PREVIOUS WARRANT TOTAL:	\$0.00
		TOTAL WARRANTS TO BE APPROVED:	\$795,580.30

6.6 The Board approved the expulsions of the following students: Student No.: 13983; Student No.: 34627; Student No.: 38470; Student No.: 21424; Student No.: 35831 MSC O'Bryan/Watts

6.7 The Board approved the major field trip request by CJHS 8th Grade English/GATE class to attend the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, OR May 9 - 10, 2003. MSC O'Bryan/Watts

6.8 The Board approved the major field trip request by BJHS 6th Grade class to attend Environmental Camp at Woodleaf April 7 - 11, 2003. MSC O'Bryan/Watts

6.9 The Board approved the major field trip request by PVHS FHA-HERO State Finalists to attend the State Finals in Fresno, CA March 29 - April 1, 2003. MSC O'Bryan/Watts

- 6.10 Chapman School has received a grant under the Reading Excellence Act to improve language arts instruction in grades K-3. Funds have been set aside to improve the transition from kindergarten to first grade, specifically to provide a full day kindergarten program. Chapman is proposing to implement full day kindergarten for the last ten (10) weeks of the 2002-03 school year. The waiver is necessary to allow the kindergarten teachers to extend their contract hours and receive a .2 stipend, which will be paid by the grant funding. There is no impact to the general fund. The Board approved the waiver. MSC O'Bryan/Watts
- 6.11 The Board denied Claim #161-0303. MSC O'Bryan/Watts
- 6.12 The Board approved the notice of completion for the reroofing project at the CHS gym. MSC O'Bryan/Watts
- 6.13 The Board approved the API Expenditures for the following: MSC O'Bryan/Watts
- > Neal Dow
 - > Citrus
- 6.14 The Board approved the certification of temporary athletic team coaches for 2002-03. MSC O'Bryan/Watts

7. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

- 7.1 Sara Simmons provided an overview of the charter school process. A preliminary draft of a charter for John Dewey Middle School (grades 6, 7, and 8) was submitted to a district charter review committee in late January.

That committee consisted of Board Representative Rick Rees, Deputy Superintendent Jim Sands, Assistant Superintendent Kelly Mauch, Director of Pupil Personnel Services Bob Feaster, Director of Fiscal Services Scott Jones, Middle School Principals Steve Connolly and Jeff Sloan, retired CSEA representative Eileen Robinson, retired CUSD charter liaison Gloria Bevers, and Sara Simmons, CUSD charter liaison.

The committee reviewed the draft document and asked for a substantial number of additions, deletions and revisions. Most of the major changes involved ensuring standards-based instruction & assessment would occur, addressing the requirement that the school would attempt to be reflective of the racial and ethnic balance throughout the district, the school governance structure, fees payable to the district for mandated services, and employee qualifications and rights.

As noted in the cover letter which was attached to the proposal, the district charter review committee received the revised proposal, along with the official petition on February 19, 2003. Mr. Mentzel has been informed that he is responsible for providing to the board the additional information detailed in Education Code 47605.

Education Code states that the Board has 60 days from the receipt of the petition to accept or deny the proposal. There is also a provision in the Ed. Code that the time frame for the decision to accept or deny can be extended to 90 days, if both petitioner and district agree to the extension.

Brad Mentzel presented the proposal for the John Dewey Middle School. JDMS will welcome all students who wish to attend the charter school. The learner will be the central focus of JDMS. The school will serve students in grades 6-8, and will open for the 2003-04 school year with three classes. Subsequent

growth will be based on student/parent demand, facilities, etc. JDMS will encourage students that are

representative of the grantor school district and will encourage second language learners, special education and students from all socio-economic status.

JDMS will be a site-based school using emergent instructional technologies to implement a curriculum featuring ITI with the purpose of preparing a diverse population of 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to be independent learners and active participants in a democratic society.

At 9:10 p.m. the Public Hearing was opened. After lengthy discussion, Mr. Mentzel was asked to provide additional information to the Board regarding Bylaws, Governance and Financial Accountability. There were no additional comments and at 10:00 p.m. the Public Hearing was closed.

7.2 Kelly Mauch, Assistant Superintendent – Educational Services and Steve Connolly, Principal at CAL reviewed Revisions to Policy #5100 – Student Attendance; Revision to Policy #6002 – Instructional Time for Students; New Policy #6161 – Visual Materials.

7.3 Randy Meeker, Assistant Superintendent – Business Services reviewed the State Budget Crisis. The Assembly Budget Sub-Committee has passed SB 1x 18 and it is not on its way to the full Assembly for consideration. Kevin Gordon, Director of CASBO, indicates that he believes this will pass the full Assembly this week or next. SB 1x 18 is identical to AB1x8 which was presented at the February 19, 2003 Board of Education meeting.

The Republicans have flow their version of the 03/04 budget solution, however this solution requires an additional \$2 billion in cuts to K-12 education, calls for a two year State spending freeze, and rolls over \$2.9 billion of the deficit into 2004/05. According to School Services of California, the response to this plan by the Governor and Democratic Legislative Leaders has been mildly positive.

CUSD is still preparing for budget reductions over the next 18 months in the amount of \$3.6 million.

Dr. Brown announced that there will be two public meetings, March 25 at Parkview Elementary School at 7:00 p.m. and on March 27 at Emma Wilson Elementary School. These meetings will be an opportunity for the community to learn more about the State Budget Crisis, CUSD's response to the Budget Crisis and also to give input regarding budget reductions.

At 7:40 p.m. Mr. Anderson opened the meeting to public comments. Parents and students expressed their concern regarding Elementary Music. At 8:45 p.m., Mr. Anderson closed the public comments and recessed the meeting.

At 8:53 p.m., the meeting was reconvened.

7.4 Mary Leary, Director of Maintenance & Operations/Transportation presented information regarding the 2003/04 Student Housing Committee. The Committee is composed of elementary and secondary school principals, Facilities Department staff members and District Office administration. The purpose of the committee is to review student-housing alternatives and formulate recommendations to accommodate projected growth. The Student Housing Committee meets on an annual basis.

Assumptions for our recommendations included both the educational program as well as cost effectiveness.

The chart on Page 4 (7.4.4 in your agenda) provides you with information relative to existing and projected enrollment as well as school capacities. Based on this information, the Committee anticipates that:

- > Grades K-6 student housing needs will be met for the 2003/04 school year in existing facilities. Individual school housing needs will be met based on utilization of the 85% flexibility factor at the Grades K-3 level and 97% at the Grades 4-6 level.
- > The Committee is also proposing that the Board consider charging a committee or committees to address Strategic Plan Nos. 4.6 (middle schools) and 6.2 (boundaries) in order to relieve overcrowded conditions in impacted elementary schools.
- > Grades 7-8 student housing needs will be met for the 2003/04 school year in existing facilities.
- > Regular Grades 9-12 student housing needs will be met for the 2003/04

Utilizing existing facilities, it is also possible to (1) address Strategic Plan Nos. 6.7 and 6.10 that establishes an opportunity/transition program at the elementary and junior high school level and (2) meet additional special education housing needs.

It is recommended that staff be directed to:

- > Based on existing staffing capabilities, utilize a classroom at Marsh Junior High School to house the junior high school Opportunity Program;
- > Based on existing staffing capabilities, utilize a classroom at Parkview Elementary School to house the elementary school Opportunity Program;
- > Utilize a classroom at Marsh Junior High School to house an additional junior high school level SH special education program;
- > Utilize a portable classroom on the Rosedale Elementary School campus to house a proposed K-6 SH/ED program;
- > Implement Strategic Plan No. Nos. 4.6 and 6.2 to determine the optimum solution to relieving overcrowded conditions at impacted elementary sites.

7.5 Mrs. Leary reviewed the requirements for the Deferred Maintenance Plan. As a part of the District's participation in the new School Facilities Program, prior to approval of a project we are required to:

1. Establish a restricted account within the District's general fund for the exclusive purpose of providing moneys for ongoing and major maintenance of school buildings.
2. Agree to deposit into the account established a minimum amount equal to or greater than 3 percent of the District's general fund budget for that fiscal year.
3. Certify that it has publicly approved an ongoing and major maintenance plan that outlines the use of the funds deposited

Our Assistant Superintendent of Business, Randy Meeker, handles Items 1 and 2. Item 3 is the responsibility of the Maintenance/Operations Department.

The cost of the repairs needed exceeds \$8 million dollars. Obviously, due to funding constraints, this plan cannot be completed in the five years. Since a project must be on the Deferred Maintenance Plan, which is approved by the State prior to initiating the project, itemizing all District needs on the plan allows the

flexibility to complete emergency projects without having to resubmit the plan to the State and wait for their approval.

Staff is currently in the process of identifying projects that are anticipated to take place during the summer of 2003. Due to State budget issues, a priority list will be established for the projects. Once funding has been confirmed, staff will proceed with the priorities until funding is depleted. Plans are currently being developed by the architect for all projects.

At 10:21 p.m. the Public Hearing was opened. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

- 7.6 Dr. Cynthia Kampf reviewed the recommendations for the 2003/04 student calendar. Highlights of the calendar include: Traditional: 1st day of school – Tuesday, August 19; Winter Break – December 20 – January 2; Spring Break – April 5 – 9; last day of school – Thursday, May 27. Blue Track – 1st day of school – Tuesday, August 5; Winter Break – November 27 – January 2; Spring Break – March 29 – April 23; last day of school – Friday, June 25. Alternative Education – 1st day of school – Tuesday, July 29; Winter Break – December 20 – January 2; Spring Break – April 5- 9; last day of school – Thursday, May 27.
- 7.7 Dr. Kampf reviewed the recently release API results. The California Department of Education released the 2002 Base Academic Performance Index (API) on February 20,2003. API reports are available at <http://api.cde.ca.gov>.

The 2002 Base Academic Performance Index (API) uses the same test data as the previously released 2002 Growth API. The difference is in the weighting applied to each test. At the elementary and middle school levels, 80% of the new API is based on the California Standards Tests compared to 36% last year. At the high school level, 88% of the new API is based on the California Standards Tests and the High School Exit Exam compared to 24% last year.

An increase in API score from fall 2002 to February 2003 generally means that the school scored higher on the standards tests than the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT -9). SAT -9 scores are strongly correlated to parent education and socio-economic status. Standards Tests scores are highly correlated to classroom instruction and teacher qualifications.

Increases in API scores from Fall 2002 to February 2003 were registered at many CUSD schools. The gains can be attributed, in part, to the implementation of focused II/USP board approved plans and to collaborative planning time. Teachers received training on standards-based curriculum and instruction, identified students who needed help, provided before and after school interventions, tracked student progress, and communicated the urgent need to help ALL students meet state standards. Jay Partridge Elementary School gained 22 points from the 2002 Growth API to the 2002 Base API.

Increases in API scores from the 2001 Base API to the new 2002 Base API reflect overall increases in student achievement. Seventeen CUSD schools increased Base API scores from 2001 to 2002. Statewide Rankings compare CUSD schools to all California schools on a 1 to 10 scale. Two CUSD schools improved by two ranks, six moved up one point in rank, thirteen maintained their position in line, and one school went down one point from 9 to 8. The Similar Schools Rank compares each CUSD school to 100 similar schools based on similarities in parent education level, teacher qualifications, poverty level, and several other factors. Eleven CUSD schools increased their ranking (two

by 2 points and nine by 1 point), six maintained their place in line, and two went down one position in similar schools ranking.

Strategy #1 of the CUSD Strategic Plan was modeled after many of the II/USP plan elements. CUSD staff will work creatively with available resources to implement standards-based instruction district-wide. All CUSD principals will meet on March 19, 2003 to discuss the newly required district Local Educational Agency Plan and necessary revisions each school level Single Plan for Student Achievement. These plans will help ensure that ALL students are given the opportunity to learn and achieve proficiency on state standards.

- 7.8 Jim Sands, Deputy Superintendent reviewed resolution No. 872-03 relative to the reduction and elimination of particular kinds of service performed by categorically funded classified staff.

POSITION	FTE	SITE / PROGRAM
Parent Classroom Aide	.1875	Neal Dow Elementary School
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8. ACTION CALENDAR

- 8.1 The Board approved the new course proposals presented at the February 19, 2003 Board meeting for Chico High School. MSC Rees/O'Bryan
- 8.2 The Board adopted Resolution No. 872-03 relative to reduction and elimination of particular kinds of service performed by categorically funded classified staff. MSC O'Bryan/Rees

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Brown announced that next week, March 10 – 14 is Public Schools Week. School sites and the CUSD website www.chicousd.org have lists of activities for each school site.

10. BOARD ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

There were no items for the next agenda.

11. CLOSED SESSION

At 10:35 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. 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.

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:45 p.m. the Board reconvened. There were no further announcements and the meeting was adjourned.

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, March 19, 2003
7:00 p.m., Chico City Council Chambers

APPROVED:

Board of Education

Administration