

The Board of Education of the Chico Unified School District met in a Special Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at Little Chico Creek Elementary School.

The following were present:

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Steve O'Bryan, President  
Scott Huber, Vice President  
Rick Anderson, Member  
Rick Rees, Member

**ABSENT:**

Anthony Watts, Clerk

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Dr. Scott Brown, Superintendent  
Kelly Staley, Assistant Superintendent - Education Services  
Randy Meeker, Assistant Superintendent - Business Services  
Dr. Cynthia Kampf, Director - Education Services  
Mary Leary, Director - Maintenance & Operations/Transportation  
Alan Stephenson, Director - Education Services  
Kim Hutchison, Executive Secretary

**OTHERS:**

Association representatives, news media, and visitors.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:06 p.m., Mr. O'Bryan called the meeting to order and welcomed visitors.

- 2.** Kelly Staley, Assistant Superintendent - Education Services stated the purpose of tonight's meeting was a first step in educating the Board, parents and community regarding middle schools and that the concept of middle schools is more than just grade configuration. Ms. Staley asked the presenters to introduce themselves:

Steve Connolly, Principal, Fair View High School/CAL  
Dr. Cynthia Kampf, Director - Education Services  
Mary Leary, Director - Maintenance & Operations/Transportation  
John Mealley, Principal, Chico Junior High School  
Randy Meeker, Assistant Superintendent - Business Services  
Steve Piluso, Principal - Marsh Junior High School  
Alan Stephenson, Director - Education Services  
Rob Williams, Principal - Bidwell Junior High School  
Marilyn Wolf, Assistant Principal - Chico Junior High School

Steve Piluso, Principal at Marsh Junior High School provided a review of *Caught In The Middle*. Rob Williams, Principal of Bidwell Junior High School provided a review of *Taking Center Stage*. After the review of these documents relative to middle school concepts, the following were topics were reviewed.

**Inclusion of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students in Middle Schools**

**Positive Impacts**

- 1. Financial Savings from School Consolidation—Randy Meeker
- 2. Ease Transition from Self Contained to Multi-Period Day—Steve Connolly
- 3. Site and Program Continuity for Three Years—John Meally
- 4. Student Developmental Advantages—Alan Stephenson
- 5. Academic Advantages—Rob Williams

**Potential Concerns**

- 1. School Capacity—Mary Leary
- 2. Standardized Test Scores—Cynthia Kampf
- 3. Student Safety—Marilyn Wolf
- 4. "Growing Up Too Fast"—Steve Piluso
  - a. Exposure to Alcohol and Drugs
  - b. Student Behavior Concerns

**CUSD Middle Grades Proposal -Kelly Staley**

- A. 2004-2005: Continue as Voluntary Program for Sixth Graders
- B. 2004-2005: Review and Plan for Middle School Implementation
  - 1. Develop committee of principals, parents, and teachers to review middle school research, visit model middle schools, and discuss viable models for CUSD middle grade education.
- C. 2005-2006: Transition to Middle School Concept with volunteer sixth grade students
- D. 2006-2007: Implement Middle School Concept with grade configurations recommended by committee and adopted by board.

Following the presentation, the Board entertained questions from the audience.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:30 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

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Board of Education

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Administration