

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:33 p.m. Board President Reed called the Special Session Meeting to order at Chico High School, Williams Theatre. The Board will start with the consent items and then open the floor for discussion. It was announced that if anyone in the audience wanted to speak, they should fill out a card in the lobby and turn it in.

Present: Jann Reed, Dr. Andrea Lerner Thompson, Dr. Kathy Kaiser, and Rick Rees. Rick Anderson arrived at 7:27 p.m.

Absent: None

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Board President Reed asked if anyone from the public or the Board wanted to pull any consent items for further discussion. There being none, a motion was made by Board Member Kaiser and seconded by Board Clerk Thompson to approve the consent items.

A. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. The Board approved the Field Trip Request from Little Chico Creek 6th grade classes to attend Environmental School at Whiskeytown, in Redding, CA from 5/12/08-05/16/08..
2. The Board approved the Fund Raising Request for Little Chico Creek to hold a Jog-A-Thon on 05/02/08.

B. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. The Board approved the Classified Human Resources Actions:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Comment/PRF # Fund/Resource</u>
<u>Appointment</u>			
TORREY, VICKIE	LT CAFETERIA ASST/ CHAPMAN/3.0	4/15/2008 -6/05/2008	VACATED POSITION/217/ NUTRITION/0000
<u>Leave of Absence</u>			
SCHMIDT, LISA	CAFETERIA ASST/ CHS/2.0	4/17/2008	EARLY RETURN FROM LOA/ NUTRITION/

(Consent Vote)

AYES: Reed, Thompson, Kaiser and Rees

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Anderson (arrived late)

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR

A. GENERAL

1. Approval of Resolution #1021-08, Teacher Appreciation Day

At 6:35 p.m. Assistant Superintendent Feaster presented the resolution to recognize and honor the teachers for the great work they do every day. Board President Reed read the resolution. A motion was made by Board Clerk Thompson and seconded by Board Member Kaiser to approve Resolution #1021-08, Teacher Appreciation Day.

AYES: Reed, Thompson, Rees and Kaiser

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Anderson (arrived late)

2. Approval of Resolution #1022-08, Classified School Employee Week

At 6:40 p.m. Assistant Superintendent Feaster presented the resolution to recognize and honor the classified staff. Classified personnel provide valuable services in support of educating students. Board President Reed read the resolution and asked for comments. Superintendent Staley addressed the issue that it was difficult to talk about appreciating employees and then move to layoff discussion. Employees are valued, but the financial crisis has to be dealt with. A motion was made by Board Member Kaiser and seconded by Board Member Rees to approve Resolution #1022-08, Classified School Employee Week.

AYES: Reed, Thompson, Rees and Kaiser

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NOES: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: Anderson (arrived late)

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Discussion: CHS Closed Campus for 9th Grade

At 6:45 p.m. Superintendent Staley introduced Jim Hanlon, CHS Principal, who presented a proposal to keep freshmen students on campus next school year, rather than allowing them an open campus as in the past. Communication with parents, newspapers, neighborhoods, CSUC, and downtown Chico businesses was encouraged. The issue will be brought before the Board for consideration at a future meeting.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

At 7:38 p.m. Bob Feaster introduced Sheila Vickers, Fiscal Advisor, Butte County Office of Education, who explained that the Board's action was critical to move the district ahead in solving its financial crisis. If the district can show itself solvent, then it can borrow locally to meet short-term commitments, such as payroll. If the district has to borrow from the state, the state will assign a controller to take over from the administration and the Board. The district would have to pay its new controller for bi-annual audits, while it also tries to repay a loan. Meanwhile, students would leave the district, exacerbating the loss of revenue. It takes longer and costs more to recover if you go to a state loan.

At 7:47 p.m. Assistant Superintendent Feaster explained that on April 16, 2008, the Board approved the Superintendent's Budget Reductions Recommendation. The first part of the layoffs are part of the cuts to programs and schools approved by the Board two weeks ago, and the second part includes all non-teaching positions funded by state grants, which the district is uncertain will be funded next year.

Resolutions 1018-08 and 1019-08 have different timelines to notify two groups. Special Ed. classes will be staffed with sufficient classified staff to provide a safe and productive learning environment. It was noted that the following revisions needed to be made: the 7th item on Resolution 1019-08, IA-Special Education, was being removed from the list as the employee is still serving at Nord; and on Resolution 1018-08, the effective date should be June 30, 2008, not June 20, 2008, in the first and second paragraphs.

At 7:55 p.m. Board President Reed asked for public comment. Comments were received from public, staff and community members. Jack Metcalf, representing the classified labor union described many of the jobs that non-teaching staff do, and how they touch students' lives. The Board acknowledged that the cuts were difficult, but necessary. Employees were encouraged to keep looking for budget reduction ideas.

1. Approval of Resolution #1018-08, Elimination of Classified Services and Ordering Layoffs in the Classified Service for the 2008-2009 School

At 9:25 p.m. Board Vice President Anderson made a motion, seconded by Board Member Kaiser to adopt Resolutions #1018-08 and #1019-08 with the above mentioned revisions.

AYES: Reed, Anderson, Thompson, Rees and Kaiser

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

2. Approval of Resolution #1019-08, Elimination of Classified Services and Ordering Layoffs in the Classified Service for the 2008-2009 School Year

At 9:25 p.m. Board Vice President Anderson made a motion, seconded by Board Member Kaiser to adopt Resolutions #1018-08 and #1019-08 with the above mentioned revisions.

AYES: Reed, Anderson, Thompson, Rees and Kaiser

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

3. Approval of Resolution #1023-08, Elimination of Classified Services and Ordering Layoffs in the Classified

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At 9:25 p.m. Assistant Superintendent Feaster presented Resolutions #1023-08 and #1024-08. These Resolutions include all non-teaching positions funded by state grants, which the district is uncertain will be funded next year. There are two Resolutions because of different timeline requirements. Also, there should be a revision to Resolution #1024-08 changing the date from June 20, 2008 to June 30, 2008, in paragraphs one and two on pages 1 and 2. Board President Reed asked for public comment, there being none, Board Member Rees made a motion, seconded by Board Member Kaiser to approve Resolutions #1023-08 and #1024-08 with revisions noted above.

AYES: Reed, Anderson, Thompson, Rees and Kaiser

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

4. Approval of Resolution #1024-08, Elimination of Classified Services and Ordering Layoffs in the Classified Service for the 2008-2009 School Year

Board Member Rees made a motion, seconded by Board Member Kaiser to approve Resolutions #1023-08 and #1024-08 with revisions noted above.

AYES: Reed, Anderson, Thompson, Rees and Kaiser

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

D. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Approval of Resolution #1025-08, Authorizing District Staff to Proceed with the Preparation and Circulation of a Request for Qualifications Relating to the Construction of a New Performing Arts Center at Pleasant Valley High School

At 9:30 p.m., Assistant Superintendent Combes introduced Facilities Manager Weissenborn who explained that the adoption of this Board resolution will allow the district to proceed with the preparation and circulation of a request for qualifications relating to the construction of a new Performing Arts Center at Pleasant Valley High School. Addison Covert, with Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann and Girard presented additional information and answered questions regarding the process. Board Member Kaiser made a motion, seconded by Board Clerk Thompson to approve Resolution #1025-08.

AYES: Reed, Anderson, Thompson, Rees and Kaiser

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

2. Discussion: Update on Chico High School New Classroom Building

At 10:05 p.m. Facilities Manager Weissenborn introduced the DLR Group of Sacramento representatives, Rick Parks and John Anderson, who updated the Board on the conceptual planning process and the progress they have made to date for the Chico High School New Classroom Building.

At 10:40 p.m. Facilities Manager Weissenborn stated that he and Board Clerk Thompson met with Friends of Agriculture representatives who discussed the development of the Henshaw/Quinn site as a teaching station for Agriculture working in conjunction with the Career Tech Grant. The Friends of Ag members would like to clear the weeds and stumps and activate the abandoned well and let Ag students use for projects. The group is committed to talk with the Board and the City to determine steps to move forward.

4. **ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

Board President Reed asked if there were any items from the floor. There were none.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

At 10:51 p.m. Board President Reed asked if there were any announcements, there being none, the meeting was adjourned and announced the Board would recess into Closed Session.

6. **CLOSED SESSION**

6.1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation

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Pursuant to Government Code §54957

Title: Superintendent

6.2 Public Employment: Terms of Contract

Pursuant to Government Code §54957

Title: Superintendent

6.3 Public Employee Complaint/Discipline

Pursuant to Government Code §54957

6.4 Update on Labor Negotiations

Employee Organizations:

CUTA

CSEA, Chapter #110

Representatives:

Kelly Staley, Superintendent

Bob Feaster, Assistant Superintendent

Jan Combes, Assistant Superintendent

7. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Closed Session Announcements

Board President Reed stated the Board went into closed session at 10:51 p.m. regarding the above items. The Board Members signed the Superintendent Evaluation and approved the recommendation of the Superintendent regarding Item 6.3. There were no other announcements.

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:10 p.m., President Reed adjourned the meeting.

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APPROVED:

Board of Education

Administration