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 6th 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