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1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Rees called the October 10, 2007, Special Session/Workshop Meeting to order at the Emma Wilson Multipurpose Room, at 1530 W. Eighth Avenue, Chico, CA, at 6:05 p.m., and led the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Rick Rees, Jann Reed, Dr. Kathy Kaiser, Rick Anderson, Dr. Andrea Lerner Thompson.
Kelly Staley, Interim Superintendent; Bob Feaster, Assistant Superintendent.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Board President Rees asked if there was anyone from the public or the Board who wanted to pull an item from the Consent Calendar. Board Clerk Kaiser requested Item 2.2 be pulled for further discussion. Board Clerk Kaiser made a motion, seconded by Board Vice President Reed, to approve the remaining consent items.

2.1 The Board approved the Title 1 Waiver to waive the 15% carryover limit.

2.2 *Consider approval of Consultant Agreement with City of Chico for School Resource Officer. Pulled and discussed below.*

2.3 The Board approved the Field Trip Requests from CHS, FVHS, PVHS, MJHS, BJHS and CJHS to attend the Live Youth Development Summit at Richardson Springs from 10/11/07 – 10/13/07.

(Consent Vote)

AYES: Rees, Reed, Kaiser, Anderson, Thompson

NOES: None

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION**ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.**

Item 2.2: After clarification that payment for this consultant agreement was out of Safe Schools funds, Board Clerk Kaiser moved to approve 4.1, seconded by Board Member Thompson.

AYES: Rees, Reed, Kaiser, Anderson, Thompson

NOES: None

3.1 At 6:10 p.m., a PUBLIC HEARING was held on **Resolution 999-07:** Notice of Apportionment for the State Instructional Materials Fund, Grades K-12, Fiscal Year 2007-2008. Director, Carolyn Adkisson, reviewed that CUSD was in compliance. At 6:12 p.m., Board President Rees asked if there was any public comment. There being none, a motion to approve was made by Board Vice President Reed, seconded by Board Clerk Kaiser to approve Resolution 999-07. A notice of public hearing was posted on September 13, 2007, for this item.

AYES: Rees, Reed, Kaiser, Anderson, Thompson

NOES: None

3.2 At 6:14 p.m., Director Carolyn Adkisson reviewed the **Certificate of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials.** At 6:16 p.m., Board President Rees asked for public comment. There was none. A motion was made by Board Clerk Kaiser and seconded by Board Member Thompson to approve the Certificate.

AYES: Rees, Reed, Kaiser, Anderson, Thompson

NOES: None

4. Presentation on Elementary and Junior High Schools Facilities

Interim Superintendent Staley stated this was the second in a series of presentations discussing the district's current facilities needs. Staley announced that community forums would be held to solicit community input on this issue: Monday, 10/22/07 at PVHS; Thursday, 10/25/07 at Shasta; and Tuesday, 10/30/07 at CHS. After these meetings, all input will be provided to the Board along with staff recommendations and funding sources. Special thanks were made to Ruby Beck and Whitney Willadsen from ACT who were taping the meeting.

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At 6:18 p.m. Construction Planning Supervisor Michael Weissenborn introduced Meridith Williams, Associate Planner from the City of Chico and Dan Breedon, AICP, Principal Planner from Butte County Department of Development. Ms. Williams presented proposed areas of development and the City's general plan, with major developments in the Northwest, Northeast and Southeast Chico, and a maximum number of students at 3,849. Ms. Williams reviewed the general plan update process and community input.

Mr. Breedon reported that the Butte County General Plan 2030 is a three fold project consisting of a comprehensive update of the General Plan; new zoning ordinance; and the Environmental Impact Report to support projects.

Mike Weissenborn asked if there were any questions from the audience. Gene Lucas stated that the Economic Summit should have Education as the largest employer in the County.

At 7:11 p.m., Director Carolyn Adkisson reported on the changing face of education – growth in charter and private schools, changing demographics and family needs; and federal and state mandates. A review of 2006-07 Charter School Enrollment shows that 1,290 students who are living within CUSD boundaries attend charter schools. Enrollment projections by NCLB Status were presented showing that within five years, CUSD won't have sufficient room for projected elementary students at many of its sites. A member of the audience asked why Loma Vista was not included in the projections and learned that typically Loma Vista is not a school of choice.

At 7:50 p.m., Mike Weissenborn reviewed K-8 construction needs based on the projections -- a new school at Henshaw/Guynn site; new school sites in southeast or southwest Chico; and modernization of current high school sites. He then reviewed the summary of funding resources: Developer Fees of \$6,692,000; Measure A funds of \$9,590,000; Measure A unissued funds of \$30,725,000 and State income not yet determined. The impact of a 48% increase in construction costs over the last ten years, along with decreased buying power from the unissued Measure A bond money is slowly decreasing the District's options.

At 8:14 p.m., Board President Rees asked if there were any comments from the Public. Gene Lucas gave his views on providing technology in the classroom. Anna Swensen voiced her opinion on the condition of the Loma Vista site. Cathy Oviedo requested that Nord Country School undergo kitchen modernization. George Young, CUTA President, reported that NCLB didn't do what it had intended.

Mike Weissenborn indicated that the District's data and the City data do not agree. Their data does not equate with the District's, and he planned on taking another look at it. In the meantime, the criteria for facility prioritization would be: provide appropriate, sustainable, safe educational facilities for all students; identify and prepare for demographic shifts and the changing face of education; maximize utilization of underutilized facilities; maximize use of appropriate funding sources including State funds; provide adequate support facilities for all schools; and minimize loss of buying power due to inflation.

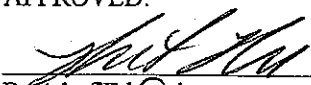
Director, Mary Leary, stated there would be more meetings and comments were encouraged on the tip line, website and email.

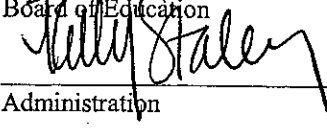
5. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 p.m. Board President Rees adjourned the meeting.

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APPROVED:


Board of Education


Administration