

SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Shasta County Office of Education
2985 Innsbruck Drive
Redding, CA 96003
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2024

ADOPTED

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Brown at 1:30 pm.

Members Present

Robert Brown, President

Cindy Vogt, Vice President

Amy Cavalleri

Laura Manuel

Denny Mills

Hijran Rahimee, Student Board Member

Kaitlyn Wendland, Student Board Member

Members Absent

Authur Gorman

Administrators Present

Mike Freeman, Shasta County Superintendent of Schools

Adam Hillman, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services

Austin Preller, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services

Claudia Salvestrin, Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services

Others Present

Carmen Bahr, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent (Recording Secretary)

(There may have been others in attendance. Those in attendance may have attended only a portion of the meeting.)

Tom Gauthier

Barbara Erlei

Kerri Schuette

Ashley Talladino

Delores Lucero

Stephanie Byars

Sara Fernandez

Jen Cobb

Nick Webb

James Alspach

Kurt Swanson

Renee Menefee

Michelle Larsen

Cole Rumford

Holly King

Lillian Gonzalez

Rachel King

De'An Chambless

Shere DePaoli
Ada Rappaport
Carie Webb

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Student Board Member Wendland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kim Patterson, Lillian Gonzalez, and Dolores Lucero spoke about Oak Run Elementary School and the superintendent.

4. BOARD INITIATIVES

4.1. Literacy

Board Member Manuel shared the following:

- She provided Shasta Reads fliers for the board and the deadline to sign up is Friday.
- Celebrating Indigenous Voices was a great event. This was the project funded by the literacy initiative to put age specific book collections into school libraries throughout Shasta County. She appreciated the work of Cindy Hogue, Kelly Rizzi, and staff.
- The Literacy Committee will be meeting next week and looking at potential projects.

Rachel King, Senior Regional Director of the Dollywood Foundation, spoke to the board about the Dolly Parton Foundation Imagination Library. It is in 50 states and 5 countries. It is a grassroots community based, book gifting program. The books are delivered straight to the home and free to the family. 3.1 million books are mailed out each month. Three things happen locally: Enroll the children, publicize the program, and fundraising for the books and mailing. It is in 28 California counties. An information meeting with community partners was held on October 8th.

5. PRESENTATION

5.1. R-STEM Academy Charter School Annual Report

Sara Fernandez, Director/Principal of R-STEM Academy, shared the annual report. She shared the following highlights.

- Science, technology, engineering, and math are integrated into their daily schedule.
- A class was added last year. The current enrollment is 253.
- They decided last year that they would redo their LCAP Goals.
- Revamp and adjust the Positive Interventions and Supports (PBIS) strategies based on Kelvin Data.
- A Behavior Academy is offered two days a week.
- Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) funds have been used to increase the amount of clubs and activities. Sara reported that there is more joy on campus.
- They are working on bullying and the number has gone down. Kindness sheets are being utilized.
- Chronically absent numbers are improving.
- California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) scores are steady for reading, and math dipped this past year.
- A special focus on math with Academy, Spring Math for K-6 students and a Math Counts team.
- California Science Test (CAST) scores are stable and a new curriculum has been adopted to help with foundational Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) skills.
- The entire staff has been trained in Social Emotional Learning (SEL), Spring Math, and additional

PBIS techniques.

- Each class participated in multiple STEM focused field trips.

6. DEPARTMENT UPDATE/PROGRAM REPORT

6.1. Early Childhood Services

Renee Menefee, Executive Director Early Childhood Services, provided the department update. Early Childhood Services has six divisions. They include: Early Education and Instruction, Inclusive Early Education, Family & Community Engagement, Health & Nutrition, Early Childhood Workforce Development, Business, and Operational Fiscal Services. She reviewed the 2023-24 department goals and identified the celebrations in each of the goals.

- Goal 1: Transform ECS into a fully operationalized central access point for families of young children - They have some new co-located services and an enrollment event for families.
- Goal 2: To amplify the effectiveness of “Help Me Grow” as SCOE ECS’s primary childfind mechanism and connection to services and supports. The Help Me Grow team has hosted and coordinated 79 events.
- Goal 3: To advance the skills and competencies of Early Learning and Care and UPK providers. They have offered several training opportunities, developed cohorts and collaborative work.

Renee shared the 2024-25 ECS Goal Rationale and goals for the year.

- Goal 1: ECS will become the central access point for families, educators, partners, and the community to discover and connect with available resources. By providing clear, streamlined communication and support, ECS will empower stakeholders to feel valued, understood, supported, and knowledgeable about the services they seek.
- Goal 2: To align our vision with actions and measurable outcomes, ECS will develop and implement a unified framework for accountability and communication across all divisions. This will ensure transparency, efficiency, and alignment of goals within key accountability documents, reducing confusion and fostering a cohesive team environment.

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

7.1. Board

- 7.1.1. September 11, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
- 7.1.2. September 25, 2024 Special Planning Session Meeting Minutes

7.2. Administrative Services

- 7.2.1. Credentials and Oaths for Temporary Certificates
- 7.2.2. Resolution Fixing Appropriations Limit per Gann Amendment
- 7.2.3. Vehicle Surplus

7.3. Instructional Services

- 7.3.1. Revised Board Policy 1312.3 - Community Relations - Uniform Complaint Procedures
- 7.3.2. Revised Exhibits 1 & 2 1312.4 - Community Relations - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures
- 7.3.3. Revised Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 3550 - Business and Noninstructional Operations - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program
- 7.3.4. Revised Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 3553 - Business and Noninstructional Operations - Free and Reduced Price Meals
- 7.3.5. Revised Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 6112 - Instruction - School Day

ACTION: Board Member Mills moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Student Board Member Wendland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Shasta County Board of Education

AYES: Brown, Cavalleri, Manuel, Mills, Vogt

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT: Gorman

Student Board Members

AYES: Rahimee, Wendland

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

8. INFORMATION

Materials were provided in the Board agenda packet for the following Information items. No discussion took place during the Board meeting unless otherwise noted below.

8.1. Administrative Services

8.1.1. General Fund and Early Childhood Services Board Report

8.1.2. Shasta County Office of Education Unaudited Actuals (2023/24)

8.1.3. Chrysalis Charter School Unaudited Actuals (2023/24)

8.1.4. Northern Summit Academy Unaudited Actuals (2023/24)

8.1.5. R-STEM Academy Charter School Unaudited Actuals (2023/24)

8.1.6. Community Foundation of the North State Student Benefit Fund

9. ACTION

9.1. Administrative Services

9.1.1. 715 Jackson St Lease - Red Bluff Child Care Referral & Education

ACTION: Vice President Vogt moved to ratify the contract in item 9.1.1. Student Board Member Wendland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Shasta County Board of Education

AYES: Brown, Cavalleri, Manuel, Mills, Vogt

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT: Gorman

Student Board Member

AYES: Rahimee, Wendland

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

9.1.2. Intent to Sell Personal Property to National Parks Service

Cole Rumford, Director of Maintenance and Operations, explained that there is a 1,000 square foot building on the Whiskeytown Environmental School camp property. It is a building that we no longer use. If we do not sell it we would have to remove it at our expense.

ACTION: Board Member Manuel moved to approve item 9.1.2. as submitted. Board Member Cavalleri seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Shasta County Board of Education

AYES: Brown, Cavalleri, Manuel, Mills, Vogt

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT: Gorman

Student Board Member

AYES: Rahimee, Wendland

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

9.2. Instructional Services

9.2.1. California State Preschool Programs Goals and Objectives

Associate Superintendent Salvestrin shared that annually these are brought to the board for approval as part of the California State Preschool Programs.

ACTION: Board Member Manuel moved to approve item 9.2.1. as submitted. Board Member Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Shasta County Board of Education

AYES: Brown, Cavalleri, Manuel, Mills, Vogt

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT: Gorman

Student Board Member

AYES: Rahimee, Wendland

9.2.2. Substance Use Prevention Education Proclamation

Associate Superintendent Preller shared that this is a big month for substance use prevention education. Jennifer Cobb, Coordinator - Youth Support Services, and Nick Webb, Executive Director of Youth Support Services read the proclamation designating October as Substance Use Prevention Month.

ACTION: Vice President Vogt moved to approve item 9.2.2. as submitted. Student Board Member Wendland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Shasta County Board of Education

AYES: Brown, Cavalleri, Manuel, Mills, Vogt

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT: Gorman

Student Board Member

AYES: Rahimee, Wendland

9.2.3. New Exhibit 1312.3 - Community Relations - Uniform Complaint Procedures

ACTION: Board Member Manuel moved to approve Exhibit 1312.3 as submitted and waived the 2nd read. Board Member Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Shasta County Board of Education

AYES: Brown, Cavalleri, Manuel, Mills, Vogt

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT: Gorman

Student Board Member

AYES: Rahimee, Wendland

9.2.4. New Administrative Regulation 1312.4 - Community Relations - Williams Uniform

Complaint Procedures

ACTION: Board Member Mills moved to approve Administrative Regulation 1312.4 as submitted and waive the second read. Board Member Cavalleri seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Shasta County Board of Education

AYES: Brown, Cavalleri, Manuel, Mills, Vogt

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT: Gorman

Student Board Member

AYES: Rahimee, Wendland

9.2.5. New Board Policy 1312.4 - Community Relations - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures

Associate Superintendent Salvestrin clarified that this is not a new policy and the change is a citation that has been added.

ACTION: Board Member Mills moved to approve item 9.2.5. as submitted. Student Board Member Rahimee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Shasta County Board of Education

AYES: Brown, Cavalleri, Manuel, Mills, Vogt

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT: Gorman

Student Board Member

AYES: Rahimee, Wendland

9.2.6. Continued Funding Application

ACTION: Vice President Vogt moved to approve item 9.2.6. as submitted. Board Member Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Shasta County Board of Education

AYES: Brown, Cavalleri, Manuel, Mills, Vogt

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT: Gorman

Student Board Member

AYES: Rahimee, Wendland

10. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

- Kaitlyn Wendland, Shasta High School

Student Board Member Wendland provided an overview of what she has done in the past month: Youth Options Shasta Board Meeting, toured the Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility and interviewed the staff, and spoke at the Cyber Security Event.

- Hijran Rahimee, Enterprise High School

Student Board Member Rahimee asked students at school what the biggest issues are and how they can be solved. The biggest issue they mentioned was that students turn their work in on time, but teachers are far behind on grading. Students are not able to improve because they do not know what their score was before turning in the next assignment. He liked the way one student said it, "If students

are required to turn in work on time then teachers should be required to grade it on time.” He also shared that he was surprised to see several middle school students with vapes when he walked to the Circle K after school last week.

11. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Freeman shared our four Focus Areas: Organization-wide Culture of Excellence, Safe and Supportive Learning Environments, Student Success and Academic Achievement for All, and Community Partnerships. He plans to give the board updates in each of these areas.

- Organization-Wide Culture of Excellence - Community Connect program has been recognized at the state level and will be receiving a California School Boards Association Golden Bell Award. Community Connect helps to remove barriers so students can learn in the classroom.
- Safe and Supportive Learning Environments - The goal is for zero young people lost to Fentanyl overdose. Internet Safety events, Modoc COE safety team meeting, job posting coming soon, Prevention October events with Rocky Herron.
- Student success and academic achievements - The goal is that every child in Shasta County is a skilled reader. Exploring the Dolly Parton Imagination Library is part of this work. He also has a McKinleyville High School visitation planned on November 8 to learn more about the Indigenous Language A-G courses. County-wide data will be released soon. He just visited the Enterprise High School Global Language Program.
- Community partnerships - The goal is we keep our promises. This includes the County Community Connect contract conversations, the California State Assembly panel on Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) that he will participate in, Redding Police Department conversations regarding Magnolia Building safety considerations, and Dolly Imagination Library community meeting.

12. DISCUSSION

12.1. Board

12.1.1. Follow Up Report from California School Boards Association County Board Member Services Conference Attendees

Superintendent Freeman forwarded some materials to the Board from the conference and asked if there were any questions. President Brown attended a session at the conference on literacy. He thought that the board should consider screening the film on how 43 million adults have a literacy level that would prevent them from employment.

12.1.2. Board Reports/Correspondence/Comment

Student Board Member Wendland shared that she was recruited to apply for the Statewide Advisory Board. She was one of sixty applicants.

13. REMINDERS/UPCOMING EVENTS

Associate Superintendent Preller reminded everyone that Rocky Herron would be in Redding October 14-19.

14. BOARD MEMBER MEETING FEEDBACK

Board Member Manuel appreciated that the R-STEM presentation was straightforward and included data. She would like more information on the board’s role in the oversight of charter schools that we authorize, any concerns that staff may have, and charter appeals. This could potentially be discussed at a board planning session.

15. NEXT MEETING - November 13, 2024, 1:30 p.m. at Shasta County Office of Education, 2985 Innsbruck Drive, Redding, CA 96003

16. ADJOURN

President Brown adjourned the meeting at 4:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Freeman, Shasta County Superintendent of Schools
Ex-Officio Secretary to the Board