

# Colton Joint Unified School District

Student Services Center, Board Room, 851 South Mt. Vernon Ave., Colton, CA 92324



## Minutes August 2, 2011

The Board of Education of the Colton Joint Unified School District met for a Special Meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the CJUSD Student Services Center, 851 So. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Colton, California.

### Trustees Present

Mrs. Patt Haro, President  
Mr. Robert D. Armenta Jr., Vice President  
Mr. Frank A. Ibarra, Clerk  
Mr. Randall Cenicerros  
Mr. Roger Kowalski  
Mr. Pilar Tabera

### Staff Members Present (\*excused)

Mr. Jerry Almendarez	Mr. Brian Butler
Mr. Jaime R. Ayala	Mrs. Jennifer Jaime
Mrs. Ingrid Munsterman	Ms. Sosan Schaller
Mr. Mike Snellings	Mr. Darryl Taylor
Mrs. Bertha Arreguín	Ms. Katie Orloff
Mr. Todd Beal	Ms. Jennifer Rodriguez

### **Strategic Plan -- Mission Statement**

The Mission of the Colton Joint Unified School District, a team of caring employees dedicated to the education of children, is to ensure each student learns the academic knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in college or in the workforce and be responsible, productive citizens by providing engaging, challenging, and enriching opportunities and specialized programs in a safe environment in partnership with students, families and our diverse communities

### **1.0 OPENING Call to Order/Renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance**

Board President Haro called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Assistant Superintendent Munsterman led in the renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **2.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

#### 2.1 Interviews – Provisional Appointment Trustee Area #3

The Board interviewed the following applicants:

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| 1. Isaac Suchil  | 4. Eloise Gomez-Reyes |
| 2. Laura Morales | 5. Ryan Collins       |
| 3. Harry Holmes  | 6. Carol Robb         |

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| 7. Catherine Meister       |
| 8. Joanne E. Thoring-Ojeda |
| 9. Vladimira Chavez *      |

\* application withdrawn

The Board took five brief recesses from 5:45 – 6:03 p.m., 7:07 – 7:12 p.m., 7:54 – 8:00 p.m., 8:17 – 8:26 p.m. and from 8:55 – 9:03 p.m. to accommodate the interview timeline.

### **3.0 SCHOOL SHOWCASE ~ None**

### **4.0 PUBLIC HEARING ~ None**

### **5.0 ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS ~ None**

**6.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

**6.1 Blue card—Specific Consent, Action, Study & Information or Closed Session Item**

The following persons commented on the provisional appointment process:

- *Karen Houck*, ACE President
- *Tobin Brinker*, community member

The following spoke in support of candidate Eloise Gomez-Reyes:

- *Eufemia Reyes*, community member
- *Michael Daly*, Valor Youth Foundation
- *Cali Olsen Binks*, community member, spoke in support of candidate Joanne Thoring-Ojeda

The following spoke in support of candidate Laura Morales

- *Ruben Morales*, community member
- *Billy Hussey*, community member
- *Walt Stanckiewicz*, mayor, Grand Terrace

- *Jose Olivior*, community member, spoke in support of candidate s Eloise Gomez-Reyes, Isaac Suchil and Laura Morales

The following spoke in support of candidate Ryan Collins

- *Elsa Aguilar*, community member
- *Steven A. Saucedo*, CJUSD employee
- *Leo Delgado*, community member
- *Frank Perez*, community member
- *Bernardo Sandoval*, council member, Grand Terrace
- *Francine Sandoval*, community member
- *William Shaver*, community member
- *Rachel Para*, community member

**White card—Items/Topics Not on the Agenda: ~ None**

**7.0 ACTION SESSION ~ None**

**8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS ~ None**

**9.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNICATION**

Superintendent Almendarez reminded the public that the Board will select the provisional appointee at the August 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. The appointee will be sworn in at the August 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**10.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

**Board Member Ceniceros** thanked the applicants for their time and interest in serving the community of the Colton Joint Unified School District.

**Board Member Kowalski** also thanked the applicants for their participation.

**Board Member Tabera** thanked the applicants, reminding them that although the appointee will represent Trustee Area #3, it is important that they represent the needs of students throughout the entire District.

**Board Member Armenta** commented on the high quality of eligible candidates and the response from the community to be involved as a member of the CJUSD Board of Education.

**Board Member Ibarra** expressed the difficult responsibilities and challenges facing public servants and commended the applicants for their desire to serve the CJUSD. He thanked the community for their input and asked the applicants to remain involved with the District even if they are not appointed.

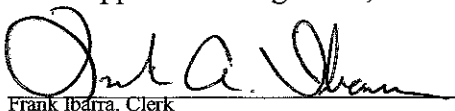
**Board Member Haro** spoke of the quality of applicants and their diverse backgrounds. She reminded the public that the appointment will take place on August 4<sup>th</sup> and the appointee will be sworn in on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**11.0 CLOSED SESSION ~ None**

**12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:59 p.m., the meeting was adjourned until the next Board of Education Meeting scheduled on Thursday, August 4, 2011, at the Colton JUSD Student Services Center, 851 South Mt. Vernon Avenue, Colton, California.

Date Approved: August 18, 2011

  
Frank Ibarra, Clerk

  
Jerry Almendarez, Superintendent