

Corning Union High School Special Board Meeting

DATE: October 11, 2017

TYPE OF MEETING:
Special

TIME: 5:00 PM

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Todd Henderson

PLACE: Corning Union High School
Library

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Patton
Pauletta Bray, Jim Bingham
Ken Vaughan

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:

Jared Caylor, Interim Superintendent
Charlie Troughton, CUHS Principal
Sally Tollison, Associate Principal
Jason Armstrong, Associate Principal
Christine Towne, Chief Business Officer
Jessica Marquez, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

VISITORS:

Jerry Crow, Linda Kimbrough
Steve Kimbrough, Billy Nelson
Diana Talley, Cara Hood
Dan Whitlock, Sarah Polster
Lynette Messmer, Mark Messmer
Bud Mitchell, Jane Mitchell
Bob Johnson, Sherry Fissori
Jackie Humphry, Ruby Rodgers
Shirley Davis, Carol B. Tray B.
Gary Stack, Clara Strack
Jan Foley, Clementina Torres
Tony Cardenas, Valann Cardenas
Kelley Jardin, Heather Felciano
Deanna Glover, Crystal Carter
Chris Goniea, Lorenzo Casia

THE CORNING UNION HIGH SCHOOL –

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Board President, Scott Patton. Scott Patton thanked the audience for their attendance.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT / OPEN SESSION:**

Board President Scott Patton asked if there was any public comment and reminded the audience to please keep it at a maximum of 3 minutes.

Ted Polster could not be present so a male community member spoke on his behalf. Ted Polster sent an email to Mr. Jared Caylor about an agenda item and he never did receive a response.

Mr. Caylor shared that he responded to Mr. Polster this morning.

The community member wanted to know what the response was and Mr. Caylor shared that this email was between Mr. Polster and himself. He could not share those correspondence with him or the audience.

The community member then stated that he wanted to ask the question to the board.

The question:

Can the board place a public comment on the agenda after closed session? This would allow for comments on the decisions made.

Interim Superintendent shared that public comment is to be noted before action on agenda items. It is currently in the proper place. Public comment only needs to be on the agenda prior to the Governing Board taking action.

It was communicated to the audience by Board President Scott Patton that the opportunity to make any comment on decisions made in closed session would be at the next board meeting.

Steve Kimbrough approached the podium to speak. Mr. Kimbrough stated that public comment could be set at any time. This is a decision that the board can choose to make. Mr. Kimbrough stated that the board chose not to in hopes to control the audience.

Board President Scott Patton shared that the board does not wish to control the audience and public comment is noted as item #2 on the current agenda.

Interim Superintendent Jared Caylor shared with the board and audience that public comment is noted as #2 on the agenda and is confident that the agenda is well set.

Mr. Kimbrough stated that he disagrees, but the decision has been made by the board. Mr. Kimbrough shared his concerns as to how the board was planning to handle the staff member of CUHS that made these accusations of Mr. Bruch. Who talked to who and who started this nonsense? Mr. Kimbrough stated that the board overreacted. The board could have just spoken with Mr. Burch and not have taken it to this extreme level. If accusations are unfounded and Mr. Burch remains to be a man above reproach, what is the board planning on doing? People made complaints and the board has simply empowered these people. Rather than you and the Superintendent having the control, they have it. These are the consequences when you do not back your leader.

The audience applauded.

Mr. Kimbrough made one final comment to not appoint an acting staff member as the Interim Superintendent but to go outside and retain a past superintendent in the community in order to distance yourselves and others from the situation.

The audience applauded.

Bob Johnson approached the podium and shared that he served on the Orland City Council in 1981 and in the 1990's served on the Orland High School Board. He then retired at Glenn County Public Works.

Mr. Johnson asked the board if they knew the Brown Act and asked if Mr. Burch has been interviewed by the Board. Board President Scott Patton's answer was that Mr. Burch had not been interviewed by the board. Mr. Bruch sits as an at will employee. He has the right to clear his name and the right to be interviewed by the board in opened or closed session, whichever he may choose. Mr. Burch has room for litigation and the board may be held liable outside of reach of district insurance. Mr. Johnson suggested that the school board contact the School Board Association for details. He assured the board and audience that they would all be seeing a whole lot of him in the future.

Luke Alexander raised his hand and asked the Board if the audit was complete.

Board President Scott Patton stated that the audit had not been started.

**3. ADJOURN TO
CLOSED SESSION:**

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:10 PM

**4. REOPEN TO
PUBLIC SESSION:**

The Board returned to Public Session at 5:48 PM

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF
DECISION MADE IN
CLOSED SESSION:**

Board President Scott Patton announced that the following action was taken in closed session:

The Board approved a settlement agreement with John Burch. The Board accepted the resignation of John Burch effective September 30, 2017. Copies of the settlement agreement are available at the podium.

The Board also ratified John Burch's paid administrative leave effective August 9, 2017.

The Board ratified its decision to appoint Jared Caylor as the interim superintendent effective August 9, 2017.

The Board authorized District legal counsel to send notifications to the two individuals that have filed cure and correct demands pursuant to the Brown Act.

In addition to the actions taken above, the Board will be conducting a workshop to present the key elements of the Brown Act and the California Education Code relative to noticing and conducting school board meetings.

These actions were unanimous.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Pauletta Bray and seconded by Jim Bingham to adjourn the meeting. There being no further action, the Board adjourned at 5:51 PM

Approved

Scott Patton, President

Pauletta Bray, Clerk