

## ANTELOPE SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: Tuesday, March 25, 2014  
TIME OF MEETING: 6:30 P.M. Open Session  
PLACE OF MEETING: Manton School

BOARD MEMBERS:  
DAN BOONE, PRESIDENT  
JAMES KEFFER, CLERK  
JAMIE HICKOK, MEMBER  
BRET RICHARDS, MEMBER  
SHANNON BARROW, MEMBER

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## MINUTES

### 1. CALL TO ORDER- ROLL CALL 6:33 P.M.

Dan Boone  
James Keffer  
Jamie Hickok  
Bret Richards  
Shannon Barrow

Todd Brose, Superintendent

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by Dan Boone

### 3. OPEN FORUM FOR LOCAL CONTROL ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN-(LCAP)

**3.1- Board Introduction-** Board President, Dan Boone, introduced the Antelope Elementary Board Members.

**3.2- Purpose of the Meeting-** President Dan Boone & Bret Richards Board Member - Discussions will be about changes in education, changes in funding due to lapsation , LCFF, and an explanation as to why the option of lapsation came about-to keep the small schools open.

**3.3- Explanation of Common Core State Standards and Smarter Balanced Assessments-**  
**Teresa Cottier, Director of Curriculum and Assessment-** Teresa Cottier presented the State Standards and what they are and explained that the State of California has been operating under these standards for the past 10 years and now the educational systems are beginning to operate under the Common Core State Standards. A power-point presentation by Teresa along with discussion was presented.  
SMARTER BALANCE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM is the new assessment program that comes along with the new Common Core State Standards. The 2013/2014 is a Field Test Year which means that students in Grades 3-8, and 11 will take the Smarter Balance Assessments on line but will not be scored this year-it is like a practice test. The S.B. Assessment results will have a much faster turn-around time for the schools to receive these results-within a few weeks. Student scoring will begin in 2014/2015. This will be an opportunity for teachers to administer the on-line S.B. testing and again this is a practice run of the new assessments. Smarter Balance Assessments do not have any time limits-the students can take as much time as needed to complete the assessments. Assessments will be administered over a 2-3 day time period. Parents are

encouraged to go to the School Site web page and follow the link to the Smarter Balance practice tests. Anyone can log in and try out the tests and they can also practice with their students.

**3.4- Explanation of LCAP- Todd Brose, Superintendent** - Mr. Brose introduced himself and explained that he would be discussing the LCAP and school funding. He announced that public comments will be taken at the end of the presentations. Public comments will be listed on the large sheets of papers on the wall. Mr. Brose gave an explanation of the LCFF of which the LCAP is a part of. LCFF/LCAP is new in 2013/2014 and it provides more local control working with the individual populations within the District. The LCAP is required to pass along with the budget. The LCAP is a 3 year plan and there are 8 state priorities that must be included in the LCAP. The LCAP must also include all schools in the entire district and to include all populations.

**3.5- Small School Planning for 2014-2015- Todd Brose, Superintendent** - What does LCFF mean for Manton Elementary School? There are 3 focus areas: Improve Quality of Instruction, How to Improve high school readiness, and ensure safe transportation. Common Core instruction teaches more in depth critical thinking and this takes much more time for the teachers-especially in multi graded classrooms. If the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students came down to Berrendos Middle School, it would lessen the grade levels per classroom at Manton School and give the teacher more time for in-depth learning with their students.

As far as the Smarter Balance assessments, the mountain school students in grades 3-8 will be transported to Antelope Elementary School and will take the on-line assessments due to the low band width of the T-1 line at the mountain schools. The students will take the on-line assessments all at one time and it will be administered by their teachers.

**3.6- Public Input** - Speakers were asked to step up to the microphone, state their name, and then state their comment or concern. Mr. Brose led public comment period.

A. Diana Barton-concerns about sending the Manton School Community children to the larger city schools. They want to keep the children in their small community school.

B. Jessica Forbes-Jessica moved to Manton last May and had previously home-schooled her children. She is concerned that her children do not get Physical Education at school.

C. Shalon Ellis-expressed concerns that her student doesn't get a quality education at Manton School so she sent him to Vista School. She is also concerned about her nephew who attends Manton School and his science project and would like to be more involved with the science work on the project.

D. Unknown: child attended Manton School and now attends Shasta College. Manton School is very special and she doesn't want to send the children on the bus down to Red Bluff for school.

E. Pat Johnston-running for Tehama County Supervisor and used to live in Manton for a couple of years. She also rode the bus to RBHS. She is also concerned about problems with the food. Concerned that her family member "slipped" through the cracks in the Antelope School District schools and doesn't want to see that happen. She also has a daughter that did terrific at Berrendos Middle School and Red Bluff High School. She is unhappy with the Common Core and State Standards.

F. Jessica Forbes-if her 6<sup>th</sup> grader is pulled to BMS, she will pull the rest of her children from Manton School/Antelope School District.

G. Maria Vierya-she attended Manton School, her son graduated from 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Manton School last year, and she would like to see a good upper grade teacher at Manton School.

H. Joanna Ferguson-she is a community member and her children attended Manton School. Joanna has known many children that have gone through Manton School and done well in high school, sports, etc.

I. Liz Merry-has no children but is a property owner in Manton and is concerned that if the upper graders are bussed to BMS-then people may not want to move to Manton with children due to the bussing and her property value may go down.

J. Lynn Thompson-a community member that has concerns about Common Core and the Smarter Balance Assessments-what about students that don't have computers at home? Can't Manton School opt out of the Common Core and Smarter Balance Assessments? Mr. Brose explained that the State of California would have to opt out of the programs-it isn't up to the schools-they need to follow the California Department of Education guidelines. Lynn is also concerned about the cost to transport students to BMS.

K. Amanda Pritchard-Does not want to put her daughter on the RBHS bus to transport to BMS.

L. Alice Swetzer-had 3 children that attended Manton School and does not want to give funding and control to A.S.D.

M. Becky Hoskins- graduate of Manton School--has had her children and grandchildren attended Manton School and have done well in high school.

N. Judy Rucker-concerned that parent's weren't asked their opinion about the C.C. Standards? Mr. Brose explained that they are California State adopted-it isn't up to each individual school. Parent is also concerned about the on-line assessments-Can students be identified by others? How is it kept secure? Teresa Cottier addressed these questions and explained that the assessments are through a secure portal and the students use only their first name. They are also identified only by their SSID# which follows the students from the time they begin school to the time they graduate in the state of California. Parent also asked if the students are only "field-testing" without scores in 2013/2014, how the teachers and parents will know where their children are in their education. T. Cottier discussed the need for some benchmarking of student progress and the administration is looking into it.

O. Janet Rogers: Questions about bussing from Manton School to BMS and the cost? Mr. Brose explained that the transportation is an issue and will need to be addressed in the LCAP if the upper graders do attend BMS.

P. Shalon Ellis-concerns about general funding, transportation and how the funding would work.

Q. Alice Swetzer-concerns about bussing students to BMS and that not all students will be going to college-some of the students may become farmers, agricultural jobs, etc.

R. Pat Johnston-has concerns about transportation and funding.

S. Kayla Smith-Huffman-new to the community and her children get on the Manton School bus at 6:30 am and don't return home until 5:00 pm in the evening so transportation can be done.

T. Cindy Nellums-looking ahead at the student population: Grade 7 & 8 number of students is very low and has concerns about peer groups and the Common Core instruction with so few students in the grade levels.

U. Mike Whitelock-concerned about bussing and the future number of students coming into the district.

V. Maria Vierya- concerns about grade 6-8 bussing to Berrendos Middle School, asked what the teacher to student ratio is at Berrendos? Mr. Brose replied with a 20:1 ratio. Parent also concerned about bullying problems in a larger school?

W. Amber Rogers-plans to raise her children here in Manton and concerned about if a child from Manton that attends Berrendos is hurt while at school-who will transport the student back to their home in Manton?

X. Judy Ramos-concerns about transportation and being recognized when they get off of the bus at Berrendos and possibly bullied because of this. Also, teacher funding and the LCAP and how to balance the budget is a concern.

Y. Corey-concerns about bussing and would like to see the funds put into Manton School.

Z. Jessica Forbes-her children attended Boulder Creek School and they were far below grade level. She does not want to bus their students to Berrendos and interested in organizing a charter school.

AA. Brett Richards-was a Manton School Board member (President) and is now on the Antelope School Board and he has an interest in the small school community. He is concerned if students are bussed from the small schools and may need to be on the high school bus with high schools students.

BB. Amanda Pritchard-moved back to Manton to her family home so that her children can attend and graduate from the small Manton School.

CC. Linda Strawn-works for Manton School and enjoys it here in Manton. Linda has a child at Manton School with Special Needs and would be concerned about the bussing for the grade 6-8 students and riding with the high school age students. Linda's daughter has been very happy here at Manton School. Linda would like to challenge parents to come and volunteer for some of the programs in the Manton Community.

DD. Judy Ramos- will speak for her mother whom used to be on the Manton School Board. She would like to see more advertisements when there are open positions on the Antelope School Board. As far as students being bussed to Berrendos to be more comfortable in social situations-speaking for her son-there is not an advantage for her son to bus to Berrendos-they have him involved in sports in Red Bluff and he is very social.

### **3.7- Next Steps- Todd Brose, Superintendent**

### **3.8- Closing statements from the Board**

Jamie Hickok- he is a 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher and his students took their first Smarter Balance testing today and they were so excited-students were "pumped". Common Core is good.

Brett Richards- Thank you all for attending the meeting tonight.

Shannon Barrow-apology for arriving late but got lost on the way to Manton School. Shannon is the principal at e-Scholar Academy Charter School and even the charter schools are required to implement the common core standards.

Jamie Keffer- Thank you all for attending the meeting. We are one district trying to do the best for all and it is not "us vs. you" and the board came up to listen to the Manton School community. Thank you and let's work together for all.

Brett Richards-Lapsation happened due to the viability of the small schools, in lapsing-we've become part of a larger district/community and if we hadn't lapsed we would have had to do all of this that we talked about tonight on our own. Manton School could have closed within a year or two.

Dan Boone-Thank you and we have concerns about all 5 schools in the district community. We've listened to all of your comments and concerns and will take it all into consideration in the decisions.

4. **ADJOURNMENT** - Dan Boone adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Todd A. Brose, Superintendent

Date