

Escalon Unified School District

Board of Education

December 17, 2019; 7:00 PM

Location: District Office

Minutes

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:

Present:

Nicholas Caton

Martha Coelho

John Largent

Kate Powell

Richard Thompson

Absent:

Madison Bavaro

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

2. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

3. CLOSED SESSION

3.1. Call closed session to order

3.2. Discuss employment/discipline/release/acceptance of retirement/resignation/appointment or replacement of district employees

3.3. Conference with Superintendent and District Negotiator regarding negotiations

3.4. Student Discipline 19-20-03

3.5. Adjourn closed session

4. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

Minutes:

7:03pm

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:
Recited

6. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

Board President Kate Powell recused herself from the meeting during Report Out of Closed Session.

Nick Caton moved in reference to student 19-20-03, the Escalon Unified School Board of Education expel the student from all schools in Escalon Unified School District through the second semester of the 2019-2020 school year for violations of Ed. Code 48900(a)(2).

The following conditions must be met prior to the date set for review for re-admission to the Escalon Unified School District:

1. Student shall enroll in a San Joaquin County Alternative Education Program or a similar program for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year and maintain a 95% attendance record.
2. Student shall achieve satisfactory academic progress to promote to the next grade level.
3. Student shall not have any infractions of Education Code 48900 and/or 48915.
4. Upon returning to EUSD, Student shall sign a behavior contract that will include but is not limited to the following:
 - a. Attend classes assigned at a minimum of 97%
 - b. Follow all site and district rules as they relate to behavior expectations.

Continue to meet expectations to promote to the next grade level.

John Largent, second. Motion passed 4-0

7. ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

Minutes:

Superintendent Costa requested to move Superintendent's Report before all other reports on the agenda to accommodate the EHS Choir performance.

8. REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

8.1. Election of Officers

8.1.1. President

Minutes:

Richard Thompson moved to elect Kate Powell as President; John Largent seconded, motion passed 5-0

8.1.2. Vice President

Minutes:

Nick Caton moved to elect John Largent as Vice President; Martha Coelho seconded, motion passed 5-0

8.1.3. Clerk

Minutes:

John Largent moved to elect Nick Caton as clerk; Richard Thompson seconded, motion passed 5-0

8.2. Appointment of District Superintendent as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Minutes:

Nick Caton moved to elect Superintendent Ron Costa as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Martha Coelho second, motion passed 5-0

8.3. Appointment of District Superintendent as Authorized Agent for LEA

Minutes:

John Largent moved to elect Superintendent Ron Costa as Authorized Agent for LEA, Richard Thompson second, motion passed 5-0.

8.4. Appointment of County Office of Education School Board Representative

Minutes:

Nick Caton moved to elect Richard Thompson as County Office of Education School Board Representative, John Largent second, motion passed 5-0.

9. REPORTS

Minutes:

The Escalon High School Choir performed for the board and everyone in attendance.

Superintendent Costa updated the board on the construction progress at Dent. Interior drywall in the multipurpose/classroom building will begin installation next week. The office building is currently being painted. C.T. Brayton has done a great job managing the project that we are 1/2 way through and we have only used \$25,000. The district will be looking at using some contingency (approx. \$35,000) to install stage lighting in the multipurpose room. Lighting was not part of the project, which will be adding it during the construction project.

C.T. Brayton is building the greenhouse, which is scheduled to be completed by January 1, 2020.

The district architect, Tim Huff started a Rick John Memorial Scholarship for 1-2 graduating EHS seniors each year who are pursuing a career in the construction or engineering field. He started the scholarship account with a \$20,000 deposit.

The district is receiving 2 new electric school busses through a grant. John Lial is working on completing the paperwork.

Superintendent Costa congratulated the division 4A State Champion football team.

Superintendent Costa reported on the November 2019 financials. Through November the district has received 7.4 million of the 29.2 budgeted revenue for 2019-2020. Also, the district has expended 10 million of the 29.8 million budgeted expenditures. The districts expenditures still exceed revenue due to the district receiving different amounts of revenue throughout the year.

9.1. 2018-19 Developer Fee Report

Minutes:

Kristin Tiger, CBO reported on the 2018-19 developer fees.

The report contains the status report for developer fees collected during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The amount of developer fees to be collected during 2018-2019 for residential property within the Escalon Unified School District boundaries were \$3.79 per square foot July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019. The fees to be collected for commercial/industrial property during 2017-2018 were \$0.61 per square foot July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019. The mini-storage category of commercial/industrial fees were \$0.12 per square foot.

The total fees collected during the 2018-2019 fiscal year by Escalon Unified School District was \$239,534.07 and interest earned on fees was \$9,103.00.

9.2. Period 4 Attendance

Minutes:

Superintendent Costa reported on period 4 attendance. Escalon Charter Academy leads with 97.68% with Collegeville close behind. The district was up 0.24% compared to last year. Year to date, Escalon Charter Academy is in the lead with 98.60% with Collegeville and Farmington close behind. The district was down 0.03% at 97.22% with 6 of 8 schools still over 97%.

9.3. CAASPP 2019 Presentation

Minutes:

Assistant Superintendent Ricardo Chavez presented on CAASPP 2019. Claims assessed were reading, writing, listening, research/inquiry, concepts/procedures, problem solving/data analysis, and communicating reasoning. Graphs compared each subject by grade level and prior years.

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Minutes:

Superintendent Costa gave the board invitations for the Dent Elementary holiday

breakfast.

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

11.1. November 2019 Financial Report

12. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Minutes:

George Megenney, Principal of Collegeville and Farmington Elementary reported on events taking place at both of his sites. He along with Mr. Chavez and four DLI teachers visited Riverbank California Avenue School. The team was able to visit several kinder and 1st grade classes. Farmington is having a tamale and movie night PTC fundraiser on November 8th. Both sites held 1st trimester awards assembly. Former Superintendent Mantooth, the entire Farmington student body enjoyed a live performance at the Gallo Center of "Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus".

Anthony Varni, Principal of Dent Elementary invited the board to the Nutcracker performance on Wednesday at EHS and to the holiday breakfast on Friday. He along with the other elementary principals collaborated to discuss most recent STAR scores and how they are planning on reporting out to the sites.

Gateway is winding up the first semester and currently registering students for classes for the second term. Gateway conducted a survey focused on program and services, parent needs and concerns, as well as other topics related to the school's operation. Gateway has had two very productive and insightful staff meetings and a "Meet the Principal" parent meeting. A site leadership team is being comprised of 3-4 staff members and the principal to provide leadership and direction in the school improvement process.

Julio Zambrano, Principal of Van Allen Elementary reported PLC has been productive and he shared data analysis from STAR benchmarks. Fruit tree fundraiser made \$4000 and the See's candy fundraiser made \$6800. Redwoods and poinsettias are for sale. The Van Allen Christmas program is on Friday.

Mark Vos, Principal of El Portal Middle School reported his site recently held a "Feel the Power" assembly presented by John Pritikin. Hi smessage focused on character and relationships and bullying.

Eric Simoni, Principal of Escalon High School reported the State Championship game was on Saturday. There was amazing support from the town. There were approximately 3000 in attendance. There were no issues. Great Game!

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

14. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Nicholas Caton and a second by Martha Coelho.

Yes Nicholas Caton
Yes Martha Coelho
Yes John Largent
Yes Kate Powell
Yes Richard Thompson

14.1. Approval of Minutes, November 19, 2019

14.2. Student Body Quarterly Report

14.3. Approval of Bills/Warrants

14.4. Retirements/Resignations

14.5. Request to Hire/Change Status

14.5.1. Carmen Diaz, Bus Driver/Other, effective 12/11/2019, MOT

14.5.2. Stephanie Wheeler, Yard Duty, El Portal Middle School, effective TBD

14.5.3. Samantha Rush, Bus Driver/Part-time, MOT, effective 12/18/2019

14.5.4. Tyler Martinez, Technology Support Assistant, DO, effective TBD

15. ACTION ITEMS

15.1. Consider Approval of Resolution 19-20-09 Authorizing Transfer of Funds for October and November 2019

Motion Passed: The Administration Recommends the Escalon Unified School District Board of Trustees Approval of Resolution 19-20-09 Authorizing

the October and November 2019 Transfer of Funds. Passed with a motion by Richard Thompson and a second by John Largent.

Yes Nicholas Caton
Yes Martha Coelho
Yes John Largent
Yes Kate Powell
Yes Richard Thompson

15.2. Consider Approval of a Positive Certification for the 2019-20 First Interim Report

Motion Passed: The Administration Recommends the Escalon Unified School District Board of Trustees Approve the 2019-20 First Interim Report as a Positive Certification, certifying that the Escalon Unified School District can meet its fiscal obligations through the remainder of the fiscal year. Passed with a motion by John Largent and a second by Nicholas Caton.

Yes Nicholas Caton
Yes Martha Coelho
Yes John Largent
Yes Kate Powell
Yes Richard Thompson

15.3. Consider Approval of a Negotiated Memorandum of Understanding Between Escalon Unified Teachers Association (EUTA) and Escalon Unified School District (EUSD).

Motion Passed: The Administration Recommends the Escalon Unified School District Board of Trustees approve the negotiated Memorandum Of Understanding between Escalon Unified Teachers Association and Escalon Unified School District. Passed with a motion by Richard Thompson and a second by Martha Coelho.

Yes Nicholas Caton
Yes Martha Coelho
Yes John Largent
Yes Kate Powell
Yes Richard Thompson

15.4. Consider Approval of Citizens' Oversight Committee Member

Motion Passed: The Administration Recommends the Escalon Unified School District Board of Trustees approval of David Willis as a member the Escalon Unified School District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Passed with a motion by Nicholas Caton and a second by Richard Thompson.

Yes Nicholas Caton
Yes Martha Coelho

Yes John Largent
Yes Kate Powell
Yes Richard Thompson

15.5. Consider Approval of Escalon Education Foundation Donation to El Portal Middle School

Motion Passed: The Administration Recommends the Escalon Unified School District Board of Trustees Approve the Escalon Educational Foundation Donation to El Portal Middle School Passed with a motion by Martha Coelho and a second by John Largent.

Yes Nicholas Caton
Yes Martha Coelho
Yes John Largent
Yes Kate Powell
Yes Richard Thompson

15.6. Consider Approval of Board Policy Revisions

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by John Largent and a second by Richard Thompson.

Yes Nicholas Caton
Yes Martha Coelho
Yes John Largent
Yes Kate Powell
Yes Richard Thompson

16. INFORMATION

17. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Minutes:

Nick Caton congratulated everyone on getting through the first half of the year. Very positive things happening in our schools. He commented on how incredible the Championship game was. First class event.

John Largent wished everyone Happy Holidays!

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

18.1. December

18.2. January

19. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

8:20pm