

# Escalon Unified School District

Board of Education

January 14, 2020; 7:00 PM

Location: District Office

## Minutes

### Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:

Present:

Madison Bavaro

Nicholas Caton

Martha Coelho

John Largent

Kate Powell

Richard Thompson

### 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. Adjourn closed session

### 4. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

Minutes:

7:00pm

### 5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

Recited

## **6. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Minutes:  
No Report

## **7. ADDITION TO THE AGENDA**

Minutes:  
None

## **8. REPORTS**

### **8.1. Escalon High School Board Representative**

Minutes:  
Student Board Representative Madison Bavaro reported on events taking place at Escalon High School. Winter formal was a success. Prom is scheduled for April 4, 2020 at The Century in Modesto. The Valentine's dance was canceled due to lack of interest. Preparations are underway for the EHS Centennial celebration.

### **8.2. Period 5 Attendance**

Minutes:  
Superintendent Costa reported on period 5 attendance. The district was down 0.22% for period 5 compared to last year. However, Vista High School was at 100% for period 5. Year to date, the district is up 0.03% with a year to date ADA of 97.01%. Escalon Charter Academy is in the lead, with Farmington and Colledgeville close behind.

### **8.3. 2018-2019 Audit Report**

Minutes:  
Matthew Castanon of Christy White, Certified Public Accountants reported on the districts audit. The audit was performed on financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the district. In their opinion, the financial statements referred to present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the district, as of June 30, 2019.

### **8.4. EUSD & ECA California Dashboard Update**

Minutes:  
Assistant Superintendent Chavez presented EUSD & ECA California Dashboard data. The California School Dashboard is a website with easy to use reports on multiple measures of school success. Academic achievement, graduation rates, english learner progress, suspension rates, chronic

absenteeism, and college and career readiness. His report gave specifics on the LCFF priority, state and local indicators. School districts are identified for Differentiated Assistance based on student group performance on the CA Dashboard. In order to qualify for differentiated assistance certain criteria must be met. EUSD has been identified for Differentiated Assistance for the 2019-2020 school year. The district will be partnering with San Joaquin County Office of Education for consultation and support.

## **9. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

Minutes:

Superintendent Costa handed the annual report from CSBA.

## **10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Minutes:

Superintendent Costa updated the board on upcoming facilities meetings scheduled.

Cassandra Erkins will be at EHS to provide professional development on January 27, 2020.

Math instruction and ELD instruction are two areas of concerns. EUSD is partnering with the UC Davis Math Project to provide training and ongoing coaching for K-5 teachers. Also, EUSD is working on an ELD action research project with K-1 students.

The county will assist EUSD with targeted subpopulation of homeless students who were in the red for attendance and suspensions in two areas of the California Dashboard.

Escalon High School is 100 years old this year. A celebration is scheduled for February 29, 2020.

### **10.1. Financial Report - December 2019**

Minutes:

Superintendent Costa reported Fund 1 through December revenues are \$13.8 million and expenditures are \$12.5 million.

## **11. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS**

Minutes:

George Megenney, Principal of Collegeville and Farmington Elementary reported on events taking place at both his sites. Teachers are preparing for CAASPP testing and informing parents of the process. The Dual Language team will be attending a conference. An anti-bullying assembly will take place on January 29, 2020. Mr. Megenney thanked the board for approving the overnight field trip to the USS Hornet. The kids had a great time.

Anthony Varni, Principal of Dent Elementary reported his site had its first staff meeting of 2020. Dent is preparing for the upcoming Bond meeting, CAASPP and STAR testing. Dent staff will be working diligently on improving attendance.

Joel Johannsen, Interim Principal of Gateway Academy reported he is enjoying his time at Gateway. A parent survey was recently conducted and data from that survey will be presented to parents. Enrollment looks good at Gateway. The Safety Plan is almost complete. Gateway is preparing for CAASPP testing.

Julio Zambrano, Principal of Van Allen Elementary reported ELD training at SJCOE was attended by four of his teachers. GLAD training is in the works. Enrollment is up at Van Allen. Kindergarten recently attended a Gallo Center event. Van Allen is getting ready for the Bond meeting next week.

Mark Vos, Principal of El Portal Middle School reported the PBIS team held an assembly and a short film was created for the EPMS Facebook Page. The film was presented to the board. El Portal has a new bell system.

Eric Simoni, Principal of Escalon High School reported the Career Center is very active. A FASFA workshop will take place on January 23, 2020, with Modesto Junior College representatives. Career Day is taking place in April. The Centennial celebration preparations are underway.

Gustavo Arzac, Principal of Vista High School reported his site recently held a Choices & Consequences Presentation. A Navy recruiter was available for questions from students. An Employment Readiness event will take place on Friday, with real job interviews.

Vista recently had two students graduate and two more are in line to graduate.

## **12. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## **13. CONSENT AGENDA**

**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

### **13.1. Approval of Minutes, December 17, 2019**

### **13.2. Approval of Bills/Warrants**

### **13.3. Retirements/Resignations**

**13.3.1. Irma Bavaro, Cafeteria Assistant, EHS, effective 01/06/2020**

### **13.4. Request to Hire/Change Status**

**13.4.1. Patricia Hudson, Special Education Instructional Assistant, EHS - Position going from 6 hours a day to 6.5 hours a day, effective 01/15/2020**

**13.4.2. Paige Rodenburg, Special Education Instructional Assistant, EHS - Position going from 6 hours a day to 6.5 hours a day, effective 01/15/2020**

## **14. ACTION ITEMS**

**14.1. Consider Approval of Resolution 19-20-10 Authorizing Transfer of Funds for December 2019**

**Motion Passed:** The Administration Recommends the Escalon Unified School District Board of Trustees Approval of Resolution 19-20-10 for the December 2019 Transfer of Funds. Passed with a motion by Richard Thompson and a second by Nicholas Caton.

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

#### **14.2. Consider Approval of a Short-Term Assignment for Gateway Charter School.**

**Motion Passed:** The Administration Recommends the Escalon Unified School District Board of Trustees Approve the Short-Term Assignment for Gateway Academy. 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

#### **14.3. Consider Approval for Contingency Fund Requests (Change Orders) 12 - 16 for CT Brayton & Sons for the Dent Modernization Project**

**Motion Passed:** The Administration Recommends the Board of Trustees Approve Contingency Fund Requests 12 - 16 for CT Brayton & Sons for the Dent Elementary Modernization Project. Passed with a motion by Richard Thompson and a second by Nicholas Caton.

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

#### **14.4. Consider Approval of a Donation to Van Allen Elementary School From Escalon Educational Foundation**

**Motion Passed:** The Administration Recommends the Escalon Unified School District Board of Trustees Approve Donation to Van Allen. 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

#### **14.5. Consider Approval of Donations to Escalon High School**

Minutes:

Passed with a motion by John Largent and a second by Madison Bavaro.

Passed 5-0

#### **15. INFORMATION**

#### **16. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Minutes:

Board President Kate Powell thanked Principal Varni for being candid about attendance issues at Dent Elementary.

#### **17. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**17.1. January**

**17.2. February**

#### **18. ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes:

8:22pm