

Escalon Unified School District

Board of Education

December 15, 2020; 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:

Ella MacKinnon

1. NOTICE - COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER: MEETING TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY

2. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

4. CLOSED SESSION

4.1. Call closed session to order

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

4.3. Conference with Superintendent and District Negotiator regarding negotiations

4.4. Adjourn closed session

5. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

Minutes:

7:00pm

6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:
Recited

7. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:
No Report

8. ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

Minutes:
None

9. REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

9.1. Oath of Office

Minutes:
Prior to the Organizational Meeting, Superintendent Costa presented outgoing Board President Kate Powell with a plaque for her outstanding dedication and commitment to Escalon Unified School District and to the Board of Trustees for serving as Board President from 2018-2020.

Governing Board Members of Escalon Unified School District Nicholas Caton and Martha Coelho were sworn into office by Superintendent Ron Costa.

9.2. Election of Officers

9.2.1. President

Minutes:
Richard Thompson moved to elect John Largent as President; Martha Coelho seconded, motion passed 5-0

9.2.2. Vice President

Minutes:
John Largent moved to elect Nick Caton as Vice President; Kate Powell seconded, motion passed 5-0

9.2.3. Clerk

Minutes:
Nick Caton moved to elect Kate Powell as Clerk; Martha Coelho

seconded, motion passed 5-0

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

Minutes:

John Largent moved to appoint Superintendent Ron Costa as Board Secretary; Nick Caton seconded, motion passed 5-0

9.4. Appointment of District Superintendent as Authorized Agent for LEA

Minutes:

Kate Powell moved to appoint Superintendent Ron Costa as Authorized Agent for LEA; John Largent seconded, motion passed 5-0

9.5. Appointment of County Office of Education School Board Representative

Minutes:

Kate Powell moved to appoint Richard Thompson as the County Office of Education School Board Representative; Nick Caton seconded, motion passed 5-0

10. REPORTS

10.1. Escalon High School Board Representative

Minutes:

No Report

10.2. Period 4 Attendance

Minutes:

Superintendent Costa reported for period 4, the district is over prior year by 0.25% and for YTD the district is over prior year by 0.89%. He stated the district is collecting this data for information only, for this year, school districts are being funded on prior years attendance.

10.3. Update on EUSD Guaranteed Standards Process

Minutes:

Assistant Superintendent Ricardo Chavez gave an update on the EUSD Guaranteed Standards process. His report indicated Guaranteed Standards timelines, which included PLC questions. The development of Guaranteed

Standards will help the district answer the number one PLC question. 1. What is it we want our students to learn?

Guaranteed Standards should communicate the topic, concept, big idea or enduring understanding, that the students need to know and do.

His presentation indicated the Guaranteed Standards flowchart, and how the district determines if a standard should be guaranteed.

The next steps are:

1. Discuss how current units are aligned to the Guaranteed Standards teachers created
2. Are there content standards/skills that need to be added or removed from units
3. Continue refining Guaranteed Standards
4. Continue with the ongoing development of Common Formative Assessments.

10.4. 2019-20 Developer Fee Report

Minutes:

Chief Business Official Kristin Tiger reported on Developer Fees for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

The amount of developer fees to be collected during 2019-2020 for residential property within the Escalon Unified School district boundaries were \$3.79 per square foot. The fees to be collected for commercial/industrial property during

2019-2020 were \$0.61 per square foot. The mini-storage category of commercial/industrial fees were \$0.12 per square foot.

The total fees collected during the 2019-2020 fiscal year by Escalon Unified School District was \$135,993.50 and interest earned on fees was \$5,291.00.

11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Minutes:
None

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Minutes:
Superintendent Costa reported the CDPH released its guidelines for student athletics. Intra-team sports competition could resume as soon as January 25, 2021, provided a county has exited the current Regional Stay-at-Home order. CDPH also cautions that, based on COVID-19 transmission levels in the state, this date will be assessed again on January 4, 2021.

The district is closely following the San Joaquin County Public Health guidelines regarding COVID-19. Currently, the district has 5 confirmed COVID-19 cases of which all were exposed outside of school. The district is being cautious and is quarantining and isolating individuals who either are symptomatic or who have had possible exposure. There are 22 staff members and 128 students quarantining or isolating.

12.1. October / November 2020 Financial Report

Minutes:
Superintendent Costa reported as of November the district received 9.1 million in revenue and have expended \$11 million on expenditures.

13. FACILITIES REPORT

Minutes:
John Lial, Director of MOT gave the board an update on facilities. He stated custodial staff is working hard cleaning and sanitizing for both staff and students.

Another round of Purbloc will be applied during winter break. Grounds and maintenance crews are keeping busy with leaves, roof leaks and heater issues.

14. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Minutes:

George Megenney, Principal of Collegeville and Farmington Elementary reported both of his sites recently had earthquake drills. Early literacy assessments are complete. The Parent Teacher Club is hosting a Holiday celebration on December 17, 2020 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at Collegeville Elementary. Mr. Megenney expressed how hard his sites have been working at making sure staff and students feel safe now that they are back to school.

Julio Zambrano, Principal of Van Allen Elementary stated his teachers have enjoyed GoGuardian. He recently attended an ACSA administrator session, which focused on COVID criss. Santa Claus will drive by Van Allen to give students and opportunity to wave. He wished board members and the community Happy Holidays.

Anthony Varni, Principal of Dent Elementary reported his site had a staff meeting today, via Zoom. The main topic was trauma support for students and transitioning from Distance Learning to in person instruction.

Joel Johannsen, Principal of Gateway Charter Academy reported the library at Gateway is almost complete and ready for students. A tablet has been donated and will be used as an AR prize. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Mark Vos, Principal of El Portal Middle School reported his leadership team has been working hard at decorating his site for the holidays. He stated he and his staff are so happy to see kids on campus again.

Eric Simoni, Principal of Escalon High School reported students are preparing for finals week. His staff is working hard to target students that are struggling. He thanked the board for returning students to in person learning. He encouraged everyone to visit his site to see the First Responder program, which is thriving.

Gustavo Arzac, Principal of Vista High School thanked Joe Coelho of MOT for his efforts on the landscaping at Vista. The next step at Vista is to work with the IT Department to track academics and see areas where students need improvement.

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS

16. CONSENT AGENDA

16.1. Approval of Minutes - November 17, 2020 , November 18, 2020, November 24, 2020, December 1, 2020

Motion Passed: 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

16.2. Student Body Quarterly Report

16.3. Approval of Bills/Warrants

16.4. Retirements/Resignations

16.5. Request to Hire/Change Status

16.5.1. Kendra Kimura Berghorst, Instructional Assistant, Dent Elementary, effective 12/16/2020

16.5.2. Maricela Hernandez, Bilingual Instructional Assistant, El Portal Middle School, effective 12/16/2020

16.5.3. Amanda Gutierrez-Taylor, Teacher, Gateway Academy, TBD

16.5.4. Carmen Diaz, Bus Driver/Part-Time, MOT, effective 12/16/2020

16.5.5. Olga Psomostithis, ASP Instructional Assistant, Collegetown Elementary, effective 12/16/2020

16.5.6. Lorena Velasco, ASP Instructional Assistant, Collegeville Elementary, effective 12/16/2020

17. ACTION ITEMS

17.1. Consider Approval of Resolution 20-21-11 Authorizing Transfer of Funds for October and November 2020

Motion Passed: The Administration Recommends the Escalon Unified School District Board of Trustees Approval of Resolution 20-21-11 Authorizing the October and November 2020 Transfer of Funds. Passed with a motion by Martha Coelho and a second by Richard Thompson.

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

17.2. Consider Approval of a Positive Certification for the 2020-21 First Interim Report

Motion Passed: The Administration Recommends the Escalon Unified School District Board of Trustees Approve the 2020-21 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 Kate Powell and a second by Martha Coelho.

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

17.3. Consider Approval of the 2020-2021 LCFF Budget Overview for Parents

Motion Passed: The Administration Recommends the Escalon Unified School District Board of Trustees Approve the 2020-21 Budget Overview for Parents. Passed with a motion by Martha Coelho and a second by Richard Thompson.

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

17.4. Consider Approval of New AP History Curriculum for Escalon High School

Motion Passed: The Administration recommends the Escalon Unified School District Board of Trustees Approve the New AP History Curriculum for Escalon High School Passed with a motion by Kate Powell and a second by Nicholas Caton.

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

17.5. Consider Approval of a Contract with Rainforth Grau Architects for Architectural Services.

Motion Passed: The Administration Recommends the Board of Trustees Approve the contract with Rainforth Grau Architects. 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

17.6. Consider Approval to Enter Into a Contract with I.C.Electronics to Replace the Existing Paging/Bell System at Farmington Elementary

Motion Passed: The Administration Recommends the Escalon Unified School District Board of Trustees Enter into Contract with I.C.Electronics to Replace the Existing Bell/Paging System at Farmington Elementary Passed with a motion by Kate Powell and a second by Nicholas Caton.

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

17.7. Consider Approval to Enter Into a Contract with I.C.Electronics to Replace the Existing Paging/Bell System at Collegeville Elementary

Motion Passed: The Administration Recommends the Escalon Unified School District Board of Trustees to Enter into a Contract with I.C.Electronics to Replace Existing Paging/Bell System at Collegeville Elementary 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

17.8. Consider Approval of a Short-term Assignments

Motion Passed: The Administration Recommends the Board of Trustees Approve the Short-Term Assignments as presented. Passed with a motion by Kate Powell and a second by Martha Coelho.

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

17.9. Consider Approval of an Memorandum of Understanding between Escalon Unified School District and Escalon Unified Teachers Association

Motion Passed: The Administration Recommends the Board of Trustees Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between EUSD and EUTA for an early retirement incentive. Passed with a motion by Kate Powell and a second by Nicholas Caton.

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

17.10. Consider Approval to Surplus E-Waste Materials

Motion Passed: The Administration Recommends the Escalon Unified School District Board of Trustees Approve the Surplus E-waste Items as proposed. 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

17.11. Consider Approval of Donation to Van Allen Elementary School

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

17.12. Consider Approval of the Updated Escalon High School 2020-2021 Stipend Assignments

Motion Passed: The Administration Recommends the Escalon Unified School District Board of Trustees Approve the Updated Escalon High School 2020-2021 Stipend Assignments Passed with a motion by Kate Powell and a second by Martha Coelho.

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

18. INFORMATION

19. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Minutes:

Board President John Largent thanked everyone for their nomination and their support. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Board Vice President Nick Caton congratulated Kate Powell for her outstanding leadership during the past two years as board president.

Board Clerk Kate Powell stated it was a pleasure to serve as board president. She thanked the entire administration for their hard work.

20. ANNOUNCEMENTS

20.1. December

20.2. January

21. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

8:24pm