

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, November 1, 2016

Adopted

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Singh-Allen at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Education Center.

Members Present: Bobbie Singh-Allen, President; Carmine Forcina, Clerk; Beth Albiani, Nancy Chaires Espinoza, Chet Madison, Crystal Martinez-Alire and Anthony Perez.

Others Present: Christopher Hoffman, Superintendent; Robert Pierce, Deputy Superintendent; Mark Cerutti, Donna Cherry, Tina Penna and David Reilly, Associate Superintendents and Shannon Hayes, Chief Financial Officer.

Closed Session: Ms. Singh-Allen announced that the Board met in closed session to address the items on the closed session portion of the agenda and called for public comment on these items. There were no public comments on the following closed session items:

I. Government Code Section 54956.9 Subdivision (d) Paragraph (1):

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: Case Number 14536108

II. Government Code Section 54956.9 Subdivision (d) Paragraph (2):

Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to Litigation

III. Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint

IV. Government Code Section 54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiators

Agency designated representatives: Christopher R. Hoffman,
David Reilly, Robert Pierce, Karen Rezendes

Employee Organizations: All Elk Grove Unified School District
Bargaining Units and Unrepresented Employees

OPEN SESSION – Ms. Singh-Allen called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced that the Board met in closed session and action was taken on Item No. 3 from the closed session agenda.

Item No. 3 – During closed session, the Board voted 7 to 0 in favor of approving a resignation agreement with a certificated employee. Ayes – Albiani, Forcina, Chaires Espinoza, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez, and Singh-Allen; Noes – none

Ms. Singh-Allen announced that the Action Items portion of the agenda will follow the Consent Agenda.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance** - John and Debbie Lorraine, parent volunteers at Pleasant Grove Elementary, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lorraine were recognized for their hard work and dedication to the staff, students and families of Pleasant Grove Elementary.

II. Presentations/Recognitions

- 1. High School Student Representative Reports – Cosumnes Oaks and Laguna Creek High Schools** – Students from Cosumnes Oaks and Pleasant Grove high schools reported on activities and academics at their schools.

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- 2. Recognition of California Educational Theatre Association's Outstanding Theatre Educator of 2006** – The Board recognized Lisa Sandoval, teacher at Franklin High School and Artistic Director of the Franklin Theatre Company, who was selected as Outstanding Theatre Education of 2016 by the California Educational Theatre Association (CETA).

III. Student Expulsion Recommendations

- 1. Request for Student Expulsions** - Motion No. 33, 2016-17 – Motion by Mr. Perez, seconded by Mr. Forcina and carried unanimously by affirmative votes of all Board members present that the requests for return from student expulsion be approved. Ayes – Albiani, Forcina, Chaires Espinoza, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez, and Singh-Allen; Noes – none.

IV. Public Comment – Ms. Rebecca Persons, parent at Valley High School, expressed her appreciation for the efforts made at Valley High School over the past several months. She stated that she had been vocal in the past about issues she believed needed to be addresses and believes her concerns were listened to and largely addressed. Ms. Persons specifically thanked Dr. Tony Limoges for his efforts and expressed her appreciation of Mr. Gutierrez, Valley's new principal.

V. Consent Agenda - Action – Motion No. 34, 2016-17 - Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Chaires Espinoza, and carried unanimously by affirmative votes of all Board members present, that Items 1 through 19 be approved. Ayes – Albiani, Forcina, Chaires Espinoza, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez, and Singh-Allen; Noes – none.

- 1. Approval of Minutes** – Approved the minutes from the regular board meeting held on October 4, 2016.
- 2. Resolution Regarding Board Member Absence** - Approved Resolution No. 30, 2016-17 authorizing payment of the monthly compensation to Crystal Martinez-Alire for a meeting missed on October 4, 2016, due to illness.
- 3. Personnel Actions** - Approved personnel appointments, leaves of absence, resignations, retirements, promotions and returns from reemployment lists as submitted.
- 4. Williams Review Annual 2015-2016 Report** - Received a report on the Williams Review Annual Report for 2015-2016 Elk Grove Unified School District from Sacramento County Office of Education dated August 16, 2016.
- 5. Williams Act Quarterly Report Notification** - Received a report on the Williams Act Quarterly Report Uniform Complaint Process for the period of July 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016.
- 6. Amended 2016-2017 AFSCME Salary Schedule** – Approved the addition of School Police & Security Dispatcher classification added to the 2016-2017 AFSCME Salary Schedule.
- 7. Resolution to Reduce a Classified Position** - Adopted resolution number 31 to reduce a classified position (Student Store Technician) due to lack of funds.
- 8. Alliant University Preferred Pricing Agreement** - Approved the Preferred Pricing Agreement between Alliant University and Elk Grove Unified School District. The contract will be in effect from September 26, 2016 through November 26, 2016.

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- 9. Developer Fee Annual Report** - Approved the Annual Report of 2015-16 Developer Fee expenditures.
- 10. Warrant Register No. 3** – Approved Warrant Register No. 3 – Warrant Numbers 003583-005258, 336696-337732, All Funds: September 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016
- 11. Investment Policy** – Received the Sacramento County Treasurer’s Report as of June 30, 2016, EGUSD has \$225,997,034 from all District Funds, in addition to Mello-Roos Investment proceeds of \$22,409,514 in the County Treasurer’s pool. The District’s portion is 7.13% of the total pooled assets of \$3,484,900,826.
- 12. Acceptance of Gifts** - Approved donations to the District’s schools/programs as submitted.
- 13. Ratification of Contracts** - Approved contracts signed by authorized staff in accordance with Board Policy 3312 as submitted.
- 14. Ratification of Non Public School/Non Public Agency (NPS/NPA) Contracts** - Ratified NPA/NPS contracts which have been signed by authorized district staff, in accordance with Board Policy 3312-Contracts.
- 15. Approval of Purchase Order History** – Approved purchase orders for the weeks of September 12, 2016 through October 7, 2016.
- 16. Charles Mack Elementary School, Parking Lot Expansion, Change Order No. 3** – Approved Change Order No. 3 with Roebbelen Contracting, Inc., and authorized a District Representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 3 changes the contract amount of \$1,537,229.00 by \$32,736.00 to \$1,569,965.00.
- 17. James Rutter Middle School, 2016 Roofing Acceptance and Notice of Completion** - Accepted the construction of James Rutter Middle School, 2016 Roofing, and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 18. Certification of Administrator’s Competence to Evaluate** – Granted Certification of Administrator's Competence to Evaluate to the following newly-hired district administrators who have successfully completed the District's training process:

Stephen Alessi, Herman Leimbach Elementary	Samantha Moorer, Elk Grove Elementary
Arnold Allen, William Daylor High School	Tina Murphy-Mayfield, Valley High School
Renee Askins, Florin Elementary	Matthew Niblock, Marion Mix Elementary
Patrina Baggett, Samuel Kennedy Elementary	Patricia Oliva, EGACE
John Buckmaster, CTE	Michelle Perkins, Student Services
Eugene Christmas, Laguna Creek High School	Jenny Pinedo, Student Services
Michael Court, Calvine High School	Gina Rogers, Student Services
Marco Farias, Student Services	Jane Ross, CTE
Jessica Ghalambor, Katherine L. Albani MS	Renee Schulz, Student Services
Katie Hedrick, Isabelle Jackson Elementary	Steve Schwander, Student Services
Natasha Lewis-Jones, Franklin High School	Diane Standring, Roy Herburger Elementary
Gina Liuzzi, T. R. Smedberg Middle School	Danielle Storey, Ed.D., Katherine L. Albani MS
Celeste Lopez, Irene B. West Elementary	Erik Swanson, Monterey Trail High School
Donna McGee, Rio Cazadero High School	Maya Webb, Student Support & Health Services
Edward Moore, Elizabeth Pinkerton MS	Alan Williams, Las Flores
	Adam Wood, Monterey Trail High School

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- 19. Out-of-State Field Trips** – Approved the following out-of-state field trips: Elk Grove High School, Albany, Oregon, Northwest Duals – Wrestling Tournament, December 28 – 31, 2016; Elk Grove High School, Ashland, Oregon, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, June 6 – 8, 2017.

Action Items

- 1. Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month** – Motion No. 35, 2016-17 | Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Mr. Forcina, and carried unanimously by affirmative votes of all Board members present that Resolution No. 32 that designates November 2016 as Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month be adopted. Ayes – Albiani, Forcina, Chaires Espinoza, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez, and Singh-Allen; Noes – none.

Public Comment: Mr. Randhawa thanked the Board and Ms. Singh-Allen. He shared that there is a need for the community to understand the culture and deep roots Sikhs have in the community.

- 2. Native American Month** - Motion No. 36, 2016-17 | Motion by Ms. Martinez-Alire, seconded by Mr. Madison, and carried unanimously by affirmative votes of all Board members present that Resolution No. 33 that designates November 2016 as Native American Month be adopted. Ayes – Albiani, Forcina, Chaires Espinoza, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez, and Singh-Allen; Noes – none.

Public Comment: Mr. Nelson Chaske thanked the Board for the acknowledgment and shared his concerns about some of the obstacles his community faces. He introduced students from the Native American Education Program who performed a healing song.

- 3. School Psychology Awareness Week** - Motion No. 37, 2016-17 | Motion by Mr. Madison, seconded by Mr. Perez, and carried unanimously by affirmative votes of all Board members present that Resolution No. 29 that recognizes November 14-18, 2016 as National School Psychology Awareness Week be adopted. Ayes – Albiani, Forcina, Chaires Espinoza, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez, and Singh-Allen; Noes – none.

VI. LCAP Update - None

VII. Budget Update - None

VIII. Facilities Update - None

IX. Bargaining Units - None

X. Reports - None

XI. Public Hearing/Action Items – None

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XII. Discussion Items

- 1. Board Policy 5127 – Graduation Ceremonies and Activities** – Ms. Tina Penna provided the board with a presentation regarding Board Policy 5127, then read for the first time and provided feedback to the proposed policy revisions pertaining to graduation ceremonies.

Proposed revisions to Board Policy 5127 are the result of work from a Community Advisory Committee comprised of community members, parents, and district staff. This committee was convened in June 2016 to address concerns related to an incident which occurred at a high school graduation ceremony in which a graduate was asked to remove a Kente cloth prior to walking the stage. This policy revision recommends that students be allowed limited self-expression at graduation and be permitted to wear one item of personal or cultural significance, in addition to their district-approved cap, gown, and tassel and any school-issued awards.

The following individuals participated on the Community Advisory Committee:

- Joyce Brown: Volunteer, Laguna Creek High School; Concerned African American Parents; Black Student Union
- Tanya Faison: Sacramento Chapter, Black Lives Matter
- Trina Allen: Teacher, Cosumnes Oaks High School; Ally, Black Lives Matter
- Rebecca Person: Parent, Valley High School
- Xanthi Pinkerton: Director, Communications, EGUSD
- Sundeep Dosanjh: Web and Communications Specialist, EGUSD
- Sonjhia Lowery: Director, Learning Support Services, EGUSD
- Charlotte Phinizy: Director, Secondary Education, EGUSD
- Melanie Dopson: Director, Secondary Education, EGUSD
- Tony Limoges: Director, Secondary Education, EGUSD
- Charlane Starks: Program Administrator for Equity, EGUSD

Committee Recommendations

Proposed addition to Board Policy 5127

- The Board of Education recognizes that the diversity of the district's school communities enriches our schools, strengthens our students' educational experiences and prepares students as global citizens. Therefore, it is the desire of the Board to authorize limited student-expression at high school graduation ceremonies in order to accommodate and acknowledge students' desire to demonstrate their individuality and personalized self-expression through the use of symbolic adornment to the graduation dress and regalia.
- It is proposed that students be allowed limited self-expression in the graduation uniform
- One item of personal expression would be allowed:
 - Around the neck (stole, cord, lei, or necklace) or
 - Item attached to the tassel
- Specific criteria would be outlined in AR 5127
- All items would be subject to pre-approval within parameters of appropriate free-speech
- The district will announce pre-approval timeline annually.
- The principal and/or a designee will review each student's item.
- If the item is approved, a student will receive a confirmation of approval.
- Students must have approval confirmation in their possession at the graduation ceremony.
- If a student's item is not approved, the student will have the right to appeal and/or present an alternative item within the appropriate timeline.

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- A student may be prohibited from wearing any item of adornment which has not been pre-approved.

Next Steps if approved on November 15, 2016:

- Finalize implementation process with input from Principals and Vice Principals
- Create and publicize timeline for Pre-Approval Process
- Implement Board Policy and AR for all 2017 graduations for both comprehensive and alternative high schools
- Evaluate implementation of new graduation attire policy after graduation

Proposed changes to Ceremony Oversight:

- Two Directors of Secondary Education will be present at each comprehensive high school's graduation ceremony to address any issues referred by site administration
- It will be expected that issues be addressed in a non-confrontational manner
- Law enforcement will intervene only if:
 - There is an emergency that compromises students'/staff's health and safety
 - There is a clear and immediate danger for students, staff, or guests
 - Their assistance is requested by District administration and falls within District guidelines for Law Enforcement intervention
- Parents will be notified of any problems as soon as is realistically possible
- Provide training for vice principals, activities directors, and other staff involved in ceremony regarding policy, process, and alternatives to student's removal from the graduation ceremony
- Establish Quarterly Meetings with Committee Members facilitated by the Office of Equity to assess progress on addressing interests
- Engage parents and community members in actively participating on a variety of district and school committees

Board members provided feedback and held a discussion.

After the presentation, Ms. Singh-Allen announced that this item would be brought back for action at the November 15, 2016 board meeting.

2. Resolution to Participate in the Sacramento Regional Zero-Emission School Bus Deployment Project – Mr. Robert Pierce provided the board with information about a resolution to participate in the Sacramento Regional Zero-Emission School Bus Deployment Project.

The Elk Grove Unified School District operates one of the cleanest fleets in California, with a goal of improving air quality for our students and the community. The fleet includes buses powered by CNG (compressed natural gas) and Propane fuels.

The California State Legislature has recently approved \$50 million in funding for partnerships to provide new technology with all electric, zero emission school buses. Partnering with Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) and the Sacramento City Unified and Twin Rivers Unified School Districts, we have tentative approval to participate together to purchase new technology with all electric school buses. This project will help accelerate the deployment of commercially available heavy-duty, zero emission school buses and to provide direct public benefits to Disadvantaged Communities throughout our District.

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As a part of this grant program the District will purchase 10 new zero-emission, battery-electric school buses, all of which will service students in our Disadvantaged Communities. These buses will provide improved air quality, and state of the art equipment and training for our staff. Grant funding includes operational expenses with upgraded electrical infrastructure, and 10 charging stations for onsite fueling.

The District will receive \$3,168,913.00 in grant funds towards the purchase of buses, infrastructure necessary for on-site fueling, a portion of ongoing operational costs (driver wages, support staff training, fueling charges). The District commitment is \$612,983.00 in cash from the General Fund, as well as \$1,215,675.00 in “in kind” funding which includes drivers’ wages, Director, Fleet Manager, clerical support, training, and vehicle maintenance. Buses are anticipated to be available in spring 2017.

After the presentation, Ms. Singh-Allen announced that this item would be brought back for adoption at the November 15, 2016 board meeting.

XIII. Discussion/Action Items

- 1. Adopt Resolution of Intention to Convey an Easement for Public Road and an Easement for Public Way and Pedestrian Purposes at the Charles Mack Elementary School Site, and set a Public Hearing for these Easements – Motion No. 38, 2016-17** | The City of Sacramento requested that the District formally convey two easements associated with the newly constructed bus lane at the Charles Mack Elementary School site.

The City requests that the District grant these easements to align public access, sidewalk, curb, gutter and street construction with the new layout of the recently completed bus lane on Tangerine Avenue, constructed as part of the Parking Lot Expansion Project, which serves the Charles Mack Elementary School site.

Motion by Mr. Madison, seconded by Mr. Forcina, and carried unanimously by affirmative votes of all Board members present that Resolution No. 34, Intention to Convey an Easement for Public Road and an Easement for Public Way and Pedestrian Purposes, at the Charles Mack Elementary Site be adopted. A public hearing was set for November 15, 2016 in the Board Room at 6:00 p.m.

XIV. Action Items – moved after Consent Agenda

- XV. Board Member and Superintendent Reports** - Board members and the Superintendent reported on organization and committee meetings and information relative to the District and its operation.

XVI. Other Action Items

- 1. Discussion and Action on Items Removed from the Consent Agenda - None**

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XVII. Information Items

1. Other Items from the Floor – None

XVIII. Adjournment – 8:16 p.m.

Submitted by: Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by: _____



Carmine S. Forcina, Clerk
November 15, 2016