

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, February 2, 2016**

*Adopted Minutes*

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, Anthony Perez and Crystal Martinez-Alire

**Others Present:** Christopher Hoffman, Superintendent; Mark Cerutti, Donna Cherry, Rich Fagan, Tina Penna, Robert Pierce, and David Reilly, Associate Superintendents. The list of visitors who signed in is on file.

**Closed Session:** Ms. Singh-Allen announced that the Board would meet in closed session to address the items on the agenda and called for public comment on these items.

- I. Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9(a))**  
Cal200 and Marc Babin v. Apple Valley Unified, et al.  
Case No. 15-514477, San Francisco Superior Court
- II. Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/ Complaint**
- III. Government Code Section 54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiators**  
Agency designated representatives: Christopher Hoffman,  
David Reilly, Richard Fagan, Karen Rezendes  
  
Employee Organizations: All Elk Grove Unified School District  
Bargaining Units and Unrepresented Employees
- IV. Government Code section 54956.8: Conference with Real Property Negotiators**  
Property: A portion of APN 065-0070-007 to provide approximately 10.0 net acres  
  
District Negotiators: Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent and Robert Pierce, Associate  
Superintendent, Facilities and Planning, Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD)  
  
Negotiating Parties: EGUSD, Taylor Morrison and Liebau Family Partnership  
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment
- V. Government Code Section 54957 Public Employee Performance Evaluation Title:  
Superintendent**

**Open Session:** Ms. Singh-Allen called the regular session to order at 6:05 p.m. and announced that the Board met in closes session and that no action was taken in closed session.

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

Sameerah Wiggins-Berthia, who was accompanied by her sixth grade daughter Saniya, her kindergarten son Kevin and her mother Reatha led the pledge of allegiance. The Wiggins-Berthia family are active supporters at Robert J. Fite Elementary School staff, students and the community.

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**II. Presentations/Recognitions**

- 1. High School Student Representative Reports – Elk Grove Charter, Pleasant Grove, and Valley High Schools** – Kara Anderson and Destiny Tarver of Elk Grove Charter, Max Creech and Kate Cuaresma of Pleasant Grove High School, and Paul Martinez, Jr. and Lydia Veasna of Valley High School reported on activities and academics at their schools.
- 2. Lozano Smith Foundation Mentoring Program Premier Award Recognition - Monterey Trail High School** - The Board of Education recognized students from Monterey Trail High School's Link Crew Peer Counseling Program for receiving a \$1,500 award from Lozano Smith.
- 3. PG&E Grant to Cosumnes Oaks High School's Women Engineers Lead Club** – The Board recognized Cosumnes Oaks High School's (COHS) Women Engineers (WE) Lead Club who have been awarded a \$10,000 grant from Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) through its Better Together Classroom Grants giving program.

**III. Student Expulsions Recommendations**

- 1. Request for Student Expulsions** - Motion No. 67, 2015-16 – Motion by Mr. Madison, seconded by Ms. Albiani, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that the Hearing Panel's recommendations regarding student expulsions be approved.

**IV. Public Comment** – Cheryl Hollis approached the Board to provide an update about EGEA and her upcoming retirement.

**V. LCAP**

- 1. LCAP Update** – Mr. Mark Cerutti provided the Board with an update on the District's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). Information about the following topics was provided; Needs Analysis Side of the LCAP, EGUSD Strategic Goals, Levels of Engagement as Required by Statute, Two levels of Engagement, Stakeholders, Needs Analysis Meetings, and Needs Analysis Results.

**VI. Budget Update - None**

**VII. Facilities Update - None**

**VIII. Bargaining Units** - Kathleen Tijan, EGEA President approached the Board and suggested that the California Wonders for English Learners item on the agenda be looked at thoroughly before adopting.

**IX. Reports - None**

**X. Public Hearing/Action Items**

- 1. Consideration and Public Notice of EGEA's Initial Proposal to the District Regarding Collective Bargaining for the 2016-2017 School Year** – Motion No. 68, 2015-16, There were no responses to the call for a public hearing on the Public Notice of EGEA's Initial Proposal to the District Regarding Collective Bargaining for the 2016-17 School Year.

Motion No. 68, 2015-16 – Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Mr. Madison and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that EGEA's Initial Proposal to the District Regarding Collective Bargaining for the 2016-17 School Year be accepted.

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**XI. Discussion Items**

- 1. Public Opinion Survey Results Presentation** – Mr. Timothy McLarney of True North Research provided the Board with a report about the results of a public opinion survey they conducted pursuant to the Board of Education’s direction. The purpose of the survey was to seek valuable and critical input from the community and constituents regarding the District’s Facilities Master Plan, the condition of District facilities, the direction and services provided by the District, and amongst other important items, feedback on how the District can meet its obligation to address identified needs outlined in the Facilities Master Plan. An important outcome of the survey is an assessment of how informed our community and constituents are regarding the needs of the District and the level of support for a potential general obligation bond.

The survey began on January 6, 2016 and concluded on January 20, 2016. During the course of the survey 400 individual surveys were conducted via telephone interviews and 200 individual surveys were conducted electronically via email and web based interviews.

Staff, True North Research, and Government Financial Strategies will be presenting the results of the public opinion survey and offering appropriate outcomes and actions including a discussion and options regarding the potential for a future General Obligation Bond.

- 2. K-6 English Language Arts (ELA) and K-6 English Language Development (ELD) Instructional Materials Adoption** – Mr. Mark Cerutti provided the Board with information about the recommended series of instructional materials for the K-6 English Language Arts (ELA) and K-6 English Language Development (ELD) instructional materials adoption. This item will be brought back for approval at the regular meeting of the Board of Education on February 16, 2016.

The materials were reviewed by the K-6 ELA and ELD Steering Committees, EGUSD elementary teachers and administrators, and the EGUSD Curriculum Standards Committee.

**BASIC**

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English Language Arts and English Language Development, Grades K-6

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English Language Development, Grades K-6

The cost of these new instructional materials is planned for and budgeted in a multi-year textbook budget within the Curriculum and Professional Learning Department. Based upon projected student numbers and projected costs of the instructional materials for eight years, \$7,505,030.00 has been allocated for this expenditure. Three deferred payments will be paid over three fiscal years as follows:

- 2016-17: \$5,253,521.00 (70%)
- 2017-18: \$1,501,006.00 (20%)
- 2018-19: \$750,503.00 (10%)

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**XII. Discussion/Action Items**

- 1. Resolution to Support the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016** – Mr. Robert Pierce requested the Board of Education review and adopt Resolution No. 35, 2015-16 to support the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016.

On February 3, 2015 the Board of Education adopted Resolution No. 38, 2014-15 supporting the placement of a state school bond on the 2016 ballot. Subsequent to that action and in the absence of appropriate action by the State of California, Californians for Quality Schools has successfully qualified a \$9 billion school bond initiative for the November 2016 ballot. The initiative came in the wake of the Governor abruptly halting AB 2235 co-authored by Assemblywoman Buchanan and 14 other legislators, which called for a K-12 facilities bond on the November 2014 ballot. AB 2235 had received unanimous bipartisan support from the Legislature.

Similar to 2015 the Governor's 2016 budget proposal unfortunately delayed any meaningful or significant plan of action regarding California's compounding K-12 facilities needs, despite the fact that State school facilities funding has been exhausted with approximately \$20 Billion in current and immediate future needs already identified.

The California Constitution requires the State to fund public education, which is constitutionally second in priority only to paying debt obligations. Adequate school facilities are critical in providing meaningful education and as such for over 3 decades State school facilities bonds have ensured that local school districts can meet the ever changing needs of education. Moving forward additional funding is absolutely critical in preparing students for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. As the fifth largest school district in the State, the Elk Grove Unified School has identified growth needs for an additional 38 elementary schools, 7 middle schools and 7 high schools. In addition our District is very diverse not only in terms of our demographics, but also in terms of the age of our school facilities. Therefore besides tremendous growth needs, our District has a significant number of aging facilities that require learning environment and technology upgrades to ensure that all of our students are provided with equitable 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning environments. In total the District's comprehensive Facilities Master Plan has identified nearly \$1.7 billion in capital needs over the course of the next decade. A State and local partnership will be absolutely critical in meeting the facilities needs of the District.

Motion No. 69, 2015-16 – Motion by Ms. Chaires Espinosa, seconded by Mr. Forcina, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 35, 2015-16 to support the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 be adopted.

- 2. Charter Petition from Tri-Valley Learning Corporation**— At the request of Tri Valley Learning Corporation, the petition was withdrawn.

**XIII. Action Items**

- 1. Recognition of School Counseling Week** – Motion No. 70, 2015-16 – Motion by Mr. Madison, seconded by Mr. Forcina, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 36 proclaiming February 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as National Counseling Week be adopted.
- 2. Facilities Master Plan 2015-2025 Update** – Motion No. 71, 2015-16 - Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Martinez-Alire, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that the Facilities Master Plan 2015-2025 Update be adopted.

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**XIV. 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.

**XV. Consent Agenda - Action** - Motion No. 72, 2015-16 – Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Mr. Madison, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that items 1 through 14 be approved.

1. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes from the regular board meeting that was held on January 19, 2016 were approved.
2. **Personnel Actions** – Approved personnel appointments, leave of absence, resignations, retirements, promotions, and returns from reemployment lists as submitted.
3. **Resolution of Intention to Authorize Payment of Salary Difference Benefit for an employee who has been activated for Active Military Duty** – Approved Resolution No. 38, 2015-16 to authorize payment of salary difference for an employee who has been activated for Active Military Duty.
4. **Warrant Register No. 6 All Funds: December 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015** – Approved Warrant Register No. 6 - Warrant Numbers 989298-990640, 325297-326221.
5. **Acceptance of Gifts** – Approved donations to the District's school/programs as submitted.
6. **Approval of Purchase Order History** – Approved purchase orders for the weeks of December 15, 2015 through January 11, 2016, with a financial summary of \$1,962,740.60.
7. **Ratification of Contracts** – Approved contracts signed by authorized staff in accordance with Board Policy 3312 as submitted.
8. **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.
9. **Approval of Addendum to NextEd Contract for Career Pathway Trust (CPT) Grant** - Approved the addendum to the contract for services between NextEd and the Elk Grove Unified School District for the 2015/2016 school year.
10. **Environmental and Testing Consultants for Various Projects** – Authorized administration to enter into agreement for environmental testing services for various projects.
11. **2015-2016 State Preschool Program Contract CSPP-5360 Amendment and Resolution** - Approved an amendment to the 2015-16 State Preschool Program Contract #CSPP-5360 and Resolution No. 39, 2015-16.
12. **California Minimum Wage Increase** – Approved the hourly rate increase in support of the change to the California minimum wage that was effective January 1, 2016.
13. **2015-16 General Child Care & Development Programs Contract CCTR-5185 Amendment and Resolution** - Approved an amendment to the Child Development Division's General Child Care and Development Programs Award for Fiscal Year 2015-16, Contract # CCTR-5185 and Resolution No. 37, 2015-16.
14. **Out-of-State Field Trips** – Approved the following out-of-state field trips: Cosumnes Oaks High School, Ashland, OR, Shakespeare Festival on March 16-18, 2016 and Laguna Creek High School, Reno, NV, Reno Jazz Festival on April 29, 2016.

**XVI. Other Action Items**

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

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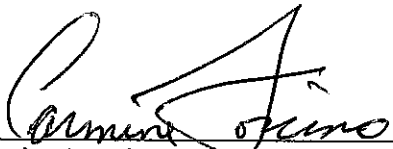
**XVII. Information Items**

1. **Other Items from the Floor** – Ms. Singh-Allen shared the CSBA Summer Learning Guide with fellow Board members and Superintendent Hoffman along with a newsprint from Sacramento City Unified School District as an option to consider.

**XVIII. Adjournment** – 9:11 p.m.

Submitted by: Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Carmine Forcina, Clerk