

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, March 15, 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, 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. Government Code Section 54956.9 Subdivision (d) Paragraph (1): Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation, Case Numbers: 12483225, 13525309**
- 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 and Liebau Family Partnership
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment
- V. Government Code section 54956.8: Conference with Real Property Negotiators**
Property: APN 125-0120-023
District negotiators: Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent and Robert Pierce, Associate Superintendent, Facilities and Planning, Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD)
Negotiating parties: EGUSD and Tina Calanchini, Executive Director, Project R.I.D.E., Inc.
Under negotiation: Terms
- VI. Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Title:
Superintendent**

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 that no action was taken on Item 1 and Items 3 through 6. For Item 2, the Board voted 5 in favor and 0 against with two board members absent (A. Perez and C. Madison) in favor of placing a certificated employee on compulsory leave.

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I. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Teresa Mejorado who was accompanied by her husband Daniel and their three children, all of whom attend James McKee Elementary School led the pledge of allegiance and they were recognized by the Board of Education. The Mejorado's have been a part of the James McKee family for the last two years and have been very involved at numerous school events. The staff and community of James McKee Elementary are grateful for their contributions.

II. Presentations/Recognitions

1. **High School Representative Reports: Florin and Rio Cazadero High Schools** – Students from both Florin and Rio Cazadero High School reported on activities and academics at their schools.
2. **Academic Decathlon – Student and Teacher Recognition** – The Board of Education recognized students and coaches who earned recognition at the 36th Annual Sacramento County Academic Decathlon competition. This year, two Elk Grove Unified School District high schools placed in the “Top 10” among competing schools. They are: Pleasant Grove High School – 3rd Place Overall and Sheldon High School – 6th Place Overall.
3. **California Poetry Out Loud Competition** – The Board recognized and commended the 2016 California Poetry Out Loud winner from Pleasant Grove High School for placing first in state competition. Chigozie Maduchukwu, a junior from Pleasant Grove High School won the 2016 California Poetry Out Loud competition on Monday, February 29, 2016 at the state Capitol, earning him a trip to Washington, D.C. to represent California in the national finals in May. This is the first time in eleven years of the state competition that a student from Sacramento County has won.

III. Student Expulsion Recommendations

1. **Request for Return from Student Expulsion** - Motion No. 97, 2015-16 – Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Albiani, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present, that the Readmission Committee's recommendations regarding a student's request for permission to return to the District be approved.
2. **Request for Student Expulsions** - Motion No. 98, 2015-16 – Motion by Mr. Forcina, 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 - None.

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V. LCAP

- 1. LCAP Update** – Mr. Mark Cerutti reviewed an update on the District’s Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). The following information was provided:

LCAP/BUDGET DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS

DATE	MEETING
January 7, 2016	Board of Education Meeting. Review of 2015-2016 LCAP Calendar and review of updated Decision Making Model template.
February 2, 2016	Board of Education Meeting. Needs Analysis results – Board feedback.
February 18, 2016	Board of Education Workshop. Prioritization of 2016-2017 LCAP Budget/Programs, Services and Expenditures.
March 10, 2016	Board of Education Workshop. Approval of 2016-2017 LCAP Budget/Programs, Services and Expenditures

LCAP/BUDGET UPCOMING MEETINGS

DATE	MEETING
May 15, 2016	CAC/CELCAC presentation of Draft LCAP and opportunity for formal comment and written feedback
May 25, 2016 through June 3, 2016	Draft LCAP posted on District website for public comments
June 16, 2016	Public hearing of Draft LCAP at Board of Education Meeting
June 28, 2016	Adoption of LCAP at Board of Education Meeting

VI. Budget Update – None

VII. Facilities Update – None

VIII. Bargaining Unites – None

IX. Reports

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- 1. Indian Education Program Update** – Sonjhia Lowery provided an update about the Indian Education Program for Native American and Alaskan Native students and their families.

The Indian Education program has strong connections to the Native American community in the Sacramento region and beyond, and is recognized widely as a leader in innovative programming for Native American children. The program provides important educational services to American Indian and Alaska Native children, and their families, to ensure students' academic success. These services include one-on-one and small group tutoring assistance, presentation of Native American cultural classes during the regular day, after school and during summer, and outreach to parents of students who have not met grade level requirements or who are at risk.

The program has been redesigned to include unrecognized, disenrolled and self-identified students and families, which were previously unserved. Since each tribe is a unique nation, rules for enrollment vary widely. These students are ineligible for our federal grant Title VII services. Support has been built in for them through our Local Control Funding and community partnerships. The American Indian Education program has welcomed these students and families into the program and the district has found collaborative ways to serve them.

- 2. Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Presentation** – Ms. Tina Penna and Mr. Ralph Robles provided an update about the AVID program in the Elk Grove Unified School District. AVID addresses college readiness for students, particularly those who would be first-generation college-goers. Each middle and comprehensive high school in the district offers AVID, which currently serves over 3,000 students district-wide.

X. Public Hearing/Action Items

- 1. Consideration and Public Notice of ATU's Initial Proposal to the District Regarding Collective Bargaining for the 2016-17 School Year** - Mr. David Reilly provided information about ATU's initial proposal to the Elk Grove Unified School District regarding Collective Bargaining for the 2016-17 School Year.

There were no responses to the call for a public hearing on the proposal.

Motion No. 99, 2015-16 – Motion by Ms. Albiani, seconded by Ms. Martinez-Alire, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present, that ATU's initial proposal to the Elk Grove Unified School District Regarding Collective Bargaining for the 2016-17 School Year be accepted.

- 2. Consideration and Public Notice of Elk Grove Unified School District's (EGUSD) Initial Proposal to AFSCME Regarding Collective Bargaining for the 2016-2017 School Year** - Mr. David Reilly presented Elk Grove Unified School District's Initial Proposal to AFSCME regarding Collective Bargaining for the 2016-17 School Year.

There were no responses to the call for a public hearing on the proposal.

Motion No. 100, 2015-16 – Motion by Ms. Chaires Espinoza, seconded by Ms. Martinez-Alire, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present, that Elk Grove Unified School District's Initial Proposal to AFSCME regarding Collective Bargaining for the 2016-17 School Year be approved.

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XI. Discussion Items

- 1. Local Education Agency Plan** – Ms. Sonjhia Lowery presented information and requested that direction and input be provided regarding the recent revisions to the District’s Local Education Agency (LEA) Plan. The Elk Grove Unified School District is required to rewrite the LEA Plan every five (5) years.

The LEA Plan is a:

- blueprint for students to achieve the state content standards;
- single, coordinated, and comprehensive plan describing services for all students;
- basis for a continuous cycle of assessment, parent and community involvement, planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation;
- summary of all existing federal and state plans that can establish a focus for raising academic performance for all students;
- yearly update of LEA program implementation;
- guide to implementing federal and state-funded programs, allocation of resources, and reporting requirements.

In developing this plan, input has been received from various stakeholders. This plan meets the compliance requirement set forth by the California Department of Education (CDE). This item will be brought back for approval at the regular meeting of the Board of Education on April 5, 2016.

XII. Discussion/Action Items - None

XIII. Action Items

- 1. EGUSD Community Facilities District No. 1 Special Tax Bonds Outstanding Bond Refunding Opportunity and New Money Borrowing** – Mr. Robert Pierce provided an overview of the presentation from February 16, 2016. On February 16, 2016 staff and Government Financial Strategies Inc. presented an extensive report on a potential opportunity to refund/refinance up to three outstanding bond series under Community Facilities District No. 1 (CFD #1) as well as an opportunity to issue new money in order to construct two necessary and priority elementary schools.

The District has outstanding special tax bonds issued via CFD #1 totaling just over \$175 million. Of the outstanding bonds approximately \$78 million are eligible for early repayment (callable) while at the same time the rates on these three outstanding series of bonds are sufficiently high enough, relative to the current market, to warrant an opportunity for an efficient refunding and significant savings. The opportunity for significant debt service savings has transpired due to the fact that municipal bond rates are at historically low levels while at the same time certain outstanding bonds are callable. Meanwhile the District has a need for approximately \$30 million in new money for the purposes of constructing two priority elementary schools. The savings achieved through the refunding warrants the District an opportunity to issue new money to be partially repaid with the savings realized through the refunding.

The resolution authorizing the sale of Certificates of Participation (COP’s), to be used for the refunding and new money, includes a minimum savings provision as a protection measure, which only allow the COP’s to be sold and bonds to be called and refunded if an

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acceptable minimum level of savings is achieved through a competitive bid for the sale of the COP's. The District is using the Board-approved services of Government Financial Services Inc., as the financial adviser and Lozano Smith Attorneys at Law, as bond counsel.

This potential opportunity to refund outstanding bonds would generate significant debt service payment savings on an annual basis for up to 23 years while creating a new money opportunity of \$30 million to use for needed capital projects. Financial adviser fees, underwriter's discount, and bond counsel fees are payable from the proceeds of the COP's.

Motion No. 101, 2015-16 – Motion by Ms. Chaires Espinoza, and seconded by Mr. Forcina, and carried unanimously by affirmative vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 48 authorizing the delivery and sale of Certificates of Participation to finance capital facilities of the District be adopted and approved related documents and also authorized staff to finalize the resolution and related documents based on the terms and conditions of the sale of Certificates of Participation.

2. **Charter Petition from California Montessori Project** – Ms. Kathy Hamilton provided information about the Charter Petition from the California Montessori Project. On January 19, 2016, the EGUSD Governing Board received a renewal petition from California Montessori Project (CMP) to renew its Elk Grove Charter School. At the March 1, 2016, meeting, Director of College and Career Options Kathy Hamilton presented a preliminary report outlining findings of fact as identified by staff who reviewed the renewal petition. She noted that EGUSD has identified one corrective action and is working with CMP to clarify several other areas, but that the petition otherwise meets guidelines for renewal identified in Education Code. Ms. Hamilton also informed the Board that a Memorandum of Understanding describing the operational agreements between EGUSD and CMP will be developed and presented for approval at the regular board meeting on April 5, 2016.

Motion No. 102, 2015-16 – Motion by Mr. Forcina, and seconded by Ms. Chaires Espinoza, and carried unanimously by affirmative vote of all Board members present that the California Montessori Project's Charter School Renewal Petition for its Elk Grove school be approved.

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. 103, 2015-16 – Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Albiani, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that items 1 through 21 be approved.

1. **Approval of Minutes** – Approved the minutes from the regular board meeting that was held on March 1, 2016.
2. **Personnel Actions** - Approved personnel appointments, leave of absence, resignations, retirements, promotions, and returns from reemployment lists as submitted.
3. **Approval of Job Description for Senior Financial Data Analyst** – Approved the job description for the position of Senior Financial Data Analyst.

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4. **Approval of Job Description for Coordinator, Health Services** – Approved the job description for the position of Coordinator, Health Services.
5. **Approval of Job Description for Director of Personnel Development** – Approved the job description for the position of Director of Personnel Development.
6. **Approval of 2015-16 2nd Interim Financial Report** – Approved the 2015-16 2nd Interim Financial Report.
7. **2016-17 Budget Guidelines** – Approved the 2016-17 Budget Guidelines.
8. **Approval of Purchase Order History** - Approved purchase order for the weeks of February 9, 2016 through February 22, 2016, with a financial summary of \$1,540,346.50.
9. **Approval of Budget Transfers** – Approved the budget transfers along with summaries by fund for the period November 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016. Included are budget transfers for the 2015-16 2nd Interim Report.
10. **Acceptance of Gifts** – Approved donations to the District’s schools/programs as submitted.
11. **Ratification of Contracts** – Approved contracts signed by authorized staff in accordance with Board Policy 3312 as submitted.
12. **Warrant Register No. 8 All Funds: February 1, 2016 through February 29, 2016** – Approved Warrant Register No. 8, Warrant Numbers 992254-993622, 327806-328985.
13. **Extension of Request for Proposal (RFP) and Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for After School Providers (RFP #572-15/16)** – Approved the extension of RFP #572-15/16 to Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center as the afterschool provider at John Reith Elementary School for an additional year, through June 2017.
14. **Approval of the Purchasing Department to Purchase Fleet Vehicles** – Authorized the purchase of Fleet Vehicles cooperatively through a bid secured by State of California Department of General Services (Contract #1-16-23-10 A-I, 1-16-23-20 A-J, and 1-16-23-23 A-H)
15. **Head Start Preschool Application, 2016-2017** – Approved the Head Start application for the 2016-17 school year.
16. **Contract for 2016 High School Graduations** – Approved a contract with Sleep Train/Arco Arena in the amount of \$80,000 for the 2016 comprehensive high school graduations.
17. **ASES/21st Century Community Learning Center Contract for John Reith Elementary School** - Approved the Addendum to the Master Contract with ASES (After School Education and Safety) /21st CCLC (Century Community Learning Center) to be provided after school at John Reith Elementary.
18. **Certification of Administrator’s Competence to Evaluate** - Granted Certification of Administrator's Competence to Evaluate to newly-hired district administrator who has successfully completed the District's training process; Deborah Cardin, Mary Tsukamoto Elementary.
19. **Approval of Supplemental Resource for Family Life Education** – Approved the following supplemental resource for Family Life Education.

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MATERIAL: Erika Munoz: Guest speaker and teen parent speaking on the topic of teen parenting

APPROVED GRADE LEVELS: Middle and High School

20. **California Montessori Charter School Annual Facilities Agreement** - Approved the Charter School Facilities Agreement between the Elk Grove Unified School District and the California Montessori Project for the 2016-2017 school year.
21. **New Dillard Elementary School – Increment 2A and 2B Change Order No. 8** - Approved Change Order No. 8 with Broward Builders, Inc., and authorized a district representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 8 changes the contract amount of \$25,256,534.00 by \$149,513.0 to \$25,406,047.00.

XVI. Other Action Items

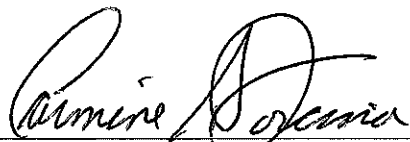
1. **Discussion and Action on Items Removed from the Consent Agenda - None**

XVII. Information Items

1. **Other Items from the Floor** - Mr. Forcina requested to have a discussion in the future about the status of SARB since the new program was implemented, School Security & Safety, and PBL.

XVIII. Adjournment – 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by: 
Carmine Forcina, Clerk