

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, JANUARY 21, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Cox at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Education Center.

Members Present: Priscilla S. Cox, President; Steve Ly, Clerk (Late); Jeanette J. Amavisca, Carmine Forcina, Chet Madison, Sr., Anthony “Tony” Perez, Members

Members Absent: Bobbie Singh-Allen, Member

Others Present: Steven M. Ladd, Superintendent; Mark Cerutti, Donna Cherry, Glen De Graw, Rich Fagan, Robert Pierce, and Tina Penna, Associate Superintendents. The list of visitors who signed in is on file.

Closed Session – 5:00 p.m.

1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint
2. Public Employee Appointment/Employment: Elementary and Middle School Vice Principals
3. Conference with Labor Negotiators
Agency designated representatives: Glen De Graw, Richard Fagan, Steven M. Ladd, Karen Rezendes
Employee Organization: All Elk Grove Unified School District Bargaining Units

(Note: Mr. Ly arrived at the meeting during closed session.)

Open Meeting - 6:00 p.m. – Mrs. Cox announced that the Board met in Closed Session and by the following vote appointed Zachary Chaney as Vice Principal for Joseph Kerr Middle School: Ayes – Amavisca, Cox, Forcina, Ly, and Madison; Noes – Perez; Absent – Singh-Allen.

Pledge of Allegiance – The Taylor Family, volunteers at the Raymond Case Elementary School, led the Pledge. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are committed to supporting students in many ways. Mrs. Taylor has been the PTO President for the past two years and was actively involved in PTO prior to that. She orchestrated many outstanding activities to support the staff and students at Raymond Case Elementary School and has inspired many parents to be involved with the PTO.

II. Presentations/Recognitions

4. **High School Student Representative Reports – Florin, Monterey Trail, and Rio Cazadero** – Cynthia Saetern and Kyrsta Van from Florin High School, Natalie Antolin and Amy Ha from Monterey Trail High School, and Jorian Conway and Shanelle Reeves from Rio Cazadero High School, reported on activities and academics at their schools.
5. **Recognition of Valley High School’s Health TECH Academy** Valley High School’s Health TECH (Tomorrow’s Employees in Careers in Health) Academy was recognized and congratulated on its 20 year anniversary for its exceptional education for the students of Valley high School and the District. Instructors in the program were introduced and congratulated on their work to establish this outstanding program.

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XII. Action Items

- 9. Career Technical Education Month Resolution** (This item was moved forward on the agenda.) – Motion No. 97, 2013-14 – Motion by Mr. Madison and seconded by Ms. Amavisca that Resolution No. 35, 2013-14 proclaiming February 2014 as Career Technical Education Month in the Elk Grove Unified School District be adopted. Mrs. Cox announced that all members of the Board present voted in the affirmative.

III. Student Expulsion Recommendations - None

IV. Budget Update

6. Governor's 2013-14 Budget Update

Mr. Fagan submitted and reviewed a report on the governor's 2013-14 Budget which outlined the positive economic growth; the new State revenues for school districts; and the components of the multi-year budget projections with the increase to the target for 2014-15 estimated to be \$39.4 million, and the Ending Fund Balance and Undesignated Fund positive at the First Interim Financial Report in 2013-14, the 2014-15 January Governor's Budget and for 2015-16. The Surplus(Deficit) estimates are negative at the First Interim Report and positive for 2014-15 and 2015-16. During the discussion, interest was expressed in being watchful of the Federal funds, the unfunded liabilities, and to move forward cautiously.

V. Board Member and Superintendent Reports

Board members and the Superintendent reported on their activities within the District and other organization and committee meetings relative to the District and its operation.

Dr. Ladd, in response to a question submitted, stated that the video recording of board meetings project is progressing with the issuance of contracts for the cabling , equipment purchase, and the creation of a job description for the personnel necessary.

- VI. Public Comment** Angela Spease, representing the Elk Grove and Laguna Sunrise Rotary Clubs, reviewed the literacy program they are providing for 25 classes of Title I students in the District.

Dean Dal Ben requested that the District be very careful in implementing the Common Core program.

Susan Mason expressed her concern about health and safety issued with exposure to Wi-Fi and asked if an environmental impact report had been prepared.

VII. Bargaining Units - None

VIII. Reports - None

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IX. Public Hearing/Action Items – None

X. Discussion Items

7. Sale of Unused Vacant Land at Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School to the City of Elk Grove for Drainage Channel and Access:

Mr. Pierce reviewed the request from the City of Elk Grove to purchase vacant District property at Edward Harris, Jr. Middle school for accessing the maintaining the Strawberry Creek Detention Basin as part of the city's Water Quality Monitoring Project. He noted that while the City was preparing to install water quality monitoring wells in the detention basin, they discovered that one piece of property was inadvertently precluded from being designated for the drainage area; that it has been maintained by the City as a part of the storm drainage system; and that the land is not needed by the District. Therefore, it is in the best interest of the District to sell the vacant land to the City of Elk Grove for \$1.00 and incurring all surveying and legal costs necessary for the transaction. A public hearing and consideration of a resolution to sell the property will be scheduled for the February 4, 2014, Board meeting.

XI. Discussion/Action Items

8. 2014-15 Open Enrollment Recommendations:

Mrs. Cherry, Mrs. Penna, and Mr. Pierce presented the recommendation for 2014-15 open enrollment and reviewed the key factors for the recommendation – Year-round to traditional conversion, program improvement/public school choice, intra-district transfers – child care, and offloading students. Also reviewed were the projected enrollments and capacities for middle and high schools for the 2013-2014 school year and capacity for increased enrollment for multiple years. To maintain stable enrollments, it was recommended that no more than 5% of the school's students be allowed to open enroll to another school.

Boundary considerations are not recommended at this time. Boundaries for Marion Mix Elementary School have already been established; however, a review of the boundaries for schools in close proximity to Mix will be visited next spring.

Motion No. 98, 2013-14 - Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Mr. Perez, and carried by the following vote that (1) no elementary school be designated as an open enrollment and (2) in the secondary schools open enrollment be offered at Harriet Eddy, Edward Harris, Jr., Samuel Jackman, Joseph Kerr, Elizabeth Pinkerton, James Rutter, and T.R. Smedberg middle schools and Cosumnes Oaks, Elk Grove, Florin, Laguna Creek, Monterey Trail, Sheldon and Valley high schools, and that it be stipulated that current Elizabeth Pinkerton eighth grade students on Open Enrollment be allowed to matriculate to Cosumnes Oaks High School without

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reapplying for Open Enrollment. In addition, staff recommended that the Board consider limiting the number of students leaving any individual school should transfer requests exceed 5% of a school's total enrollment. Vote: Ayes – Amavisca, Cox, Forcina, Ly, Madison, and Perez; Noes – None; Absent – Singh-Allen.

Site-specific data regarding Open Enrollment transfers will be brought before the Board for approval on February 18.

XII. Action Items

- 9. Career Technical Education Month** This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.
- 10. African American History Month Resolution** – Motion No. 99, 2013-14 – Motion by Mr. Madison and seconded by Mr. Ly that Resolution No. 36, 2013-14 be adopted designating February 2014 as African-American History Month.

XIII. Consent Agenda – Action

Motion No. 100 , 2013-14 – Motion by Mr. Madison and seconded by Mr. Forcina, that Items No. 12 through 20 be approved. Item No. 11 has been postponed.

In response to a question by Mr. Perez regarding Item No. 24, Warrant Register, it was explained that the District receives its state funds in a lump sum of money under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), warrants reflect items purchased using the money the District receives, and that currently there is no direction from the State on reporting LCAP expenditures. Vote: Ayes – Amavisca, Cox, Forcina, Ly, Madison, and Perez; Noes – None; Absent - Singh-Allen

- 11. Approval of Minutes** – Postpone
- 12. Personnel Actions** - Personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements and returning from reemployment lists as submitted.
- 13. Approval of Purchase Order History** - Purchase orders for December 7 through December 28, 2013, with a Financial Summary Grand Total of \$3,144,106.35
- 14. Warrant Register Approval** – Warrant Register No. 6, Warrants Numbers 955717-956876 and 292214 -293190 totaling \$19,239,416.20 for December 1-30, 2013.
- 15. Acceptance of Gifts** – Donations to the District's schools/programs as submitted.
- 16. Contract Ratification** – contracts signed by authorized staff in accordance with Board Policy as submitted.

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17. **Williams Act Quarterly Report Notification:** It was reported that Williams Act reports are required to be publicly reported on a quarterly basis to the County Superintendent of Schools, with a summary of data on the nature and resolution of all Williams-type complaints filed with the District. During the period of October 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013, there were no complaints filed.
18. **Receipt of Bids and Award of Contract for Diesel Particulate Filters, Bid #546-13/14** - authorize the award of contract for Diesel Particulate Filters to A- Z Bus Sales in the amount of \$364,709.18.
19. **Samuel Jackman Middle School, Laguna Creek High School Irrigation System Improvements, Change Order No. 2** – approve change order with Aerco Pacific, Inc., increasing the contract by \$1,113.00 to \$39,045.00 and authorizing District representative to sign the approved change order.
20. **Samuel Jackman Middle School, Laguna Creek High School Irrigation System Improvements, Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – accepted the construction of Samuel Jackman Middle School, Laguna Creek High School Irrigation System Improvements and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion

XIV. Other Action Items

21. **Discussion and Action on Items Removed From Consent Agenda** - None

XV. Information Items

22. **Other Items from the Floor** – None
23. **Items for Future Agendas** – None

XVI. Adjournment – 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by:
Steven M. Ladd, Ed.D., Superintendent

Approve by: _____
Steve Ly, Clerk