

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, FEBRUARY 18, 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 – arrived at the meeting at 5:25 p.m.); Jeanette J. Amavisca, Carmine Forcina, Chet Madison, Se., Anthony “Tony” Perez, and Bobbie Singh-Allen, Members

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. 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 and Classified Unrepresented Employees

Open Meeting - 6:00 p.m. – Mrs. Cox announced that the Board met in Closed Session and gave direction to staff regarding Item No. 2, Anticipated Litigation.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance** – Victoria Lamar-Haas, parent volunteer at John Ehrhardt Elementary School, led the Pledge. Mrs. Lamar-Hass has always contributed to the Ehrhardt learning community and is a strong supporter of local public schools. She has served on their School Site Council, distinguished school committee and the Superintendent’s and Elementary Parent Advisory meetings. For the past five years, she has been PTO President or Co-President, plans and executes various school activities and fundraisers which provide students with various supplies and activities and every field trip scholarship requested.

II. Presentations/Recognitions

- 4. High School Student Representative Reports – Cosumnes Oaks, Sheldon, and Las Flores** – Makenna Engelbrecht and Kody Moore from Elk Grove High School, Mariah Jauregui and Stephanie Silva Vera from Valley High School, and Skyler Islas and Amber McDaniel from William Daylor High School, reported on activities and academics at their schools.
- 5. Kids Can Food Drive** – Representatives from the Elk Grove Food Bank recognized and presented certificates to sixth grade students and their teacher at John Ehrhardt Elementary School for their collection of 18,368 food items in the Kids Can Program. Marie Jachino noted that this is the Food Bank’s fortieth year of service, they serve over 3,400 per month, have the clothes closet available for those in need of clothing, and also work with the homeless.

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III. Student Expulsion Recommendations

- 6. Requests for Student Expulsions** - Motion No. 106, 2013-14 - Motion by Mr. Perez, seconded by Ms. Amavisca, and carried unanimously by a vote of all Board members present, that the Hearing Panel's recommendations regarding three student expulsions be approved.

IV. Budget Update

- 7. Preliminary 2013-15 Interim Financial Report and Budget Update** – Mr. Fagan presented and reviewed with the Board a report on the Governor's 2013-14 2nd Interim Preliminary Report. Included in the reported were the K-12 Proposition 98 proposals for 2014-15, the 2013-14 Unrestricted General Fund Changes from 1st Interim to 2nd Interim, General Fund multi-year projections, components of multi-year projections, the 2013-14 Education Protection Account (EPA) expenditures, and the next steps. The change in the Unrestricted Fund Balance from the 1st Interim to the 2nd Interim Report is a reduction of \$1,140,000. Components of the Multi-Year Projection include revenue assumption of an increase to the Target for 2014-15 fiscal year to \$37.8 million and flat student enrollment based on 2013-14 CBEDS. Expenditure assumptions include continuing the 2013-14 staffing levels, funding the lottery stipend, special education growth, textbook adoption for 2014-15 fiscal year, technology as a utility (fully funded in 2015-16 - \$3m), a District health care contribution increase of 8% for 2015-16, and an increase in Routine Restricted Maintenance contribution to 3% starting in fiscal year 2015-16 (\$2.8m). In accordance with Proposition 30 requirements to expend EPA funds on instructional and instruction related expenditures, the District has allocated a portion of 2013-14 classroom teacher salaries and benefits for grades 4 through 12 to satisfy this requirement. Next steps include approval of the 2013-14 Second Interim Financial Report in March, receipt of the 2014-15 Governor's May Revise in May and adoption of the 2014-15 District Budget in June of 2014.

- 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.

- VI. Public Comment** – Mrs. Cox announced that all requests to address the Board are on Agenda Items.

- VII. Bargaining Units** – None

XII. Action Items

- 14A. Resolution Recognizing Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month – Resolution No. 44, 2013-14, Motion No. 1027, 2013-14.** This item was moved forward on the agenda. Ms. Michael Menicucci, representing WEAVE, noted her support for the resolution and the services provided by WEAVE. Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Ms. Amavisca, and carried unanimously by all Board members present, that Resolution No.44, 2013-14, recognizing February 2014 as Teen Dating Violence

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Awareness Month be adopted to highlight the importance of healthy relationships and to raise the awareness of available support in our community.

VIII. Reports - None

IX. Public Hearing/Action Items (This item was moved forward on the agenda.)

- 8. Classified Support Personnel Salary Schedule #24 (Unrepresented Group of Classified Positions: Lay Reader; Parent Assistant, Pre School; Yard Supervisor; ROP/BET Student; Student Assistant, and Work Experience) - Motion No. 1038,** 2013-14. There were no responses to the call for a public hearing on the Classified Support Personnel Salary Schedule #24. Motion by Ms. Amavisca, seconded by Ms. Singh-Allen, and carried unanimously by all Board members present that revised Classified Support Personnel Salary Schedule #24 be approved retroactive to July 1,
- 8A. Tentative Agreement Between Elk Grove Unified School District and California School Employees Association (CSEA) – Motion No. 1049,** 2013-14. There were no responses to the call for a public hearing on the Tentative Agreement between the Elk Grove Unified School District and the California School Employees Association (CSEA). Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Ms. Amavisca, and carried with Mr. Perez voting no on the motion and all other Board members voting yes.

X. Discussion Items

- 9. Proposed Prequalification Revisions –** As a result of an interest by Mr. Forcina and Mr. Ly to provide input and proposed revisions to the existing Pre-qualification resolution and questionnaire/process Mr. Pierce reviewed with the Board proposed revisions to the Contractor Pre-qualification Process as approved on December 10, 2013. The proposed revisions as well as Staff and Legal Counsel's responses to each of the proposed revisions were reviewed.

Addressing the proposal regarding apprenticeship programs were Hector F. Lopez, Carpenters Apprenticeship Coordinator, noting they have one of the best apprenticeship programs in this area; G. Hernandez noting his training and better training for some in the Elk Grove Area; Wesley Namikawa, local plumbing contractor, requested that the apprenticeship question remain as currently worded; Richard Markson stated there is no evidence that joint training apprenticeship programs are better than unilateral programs; Rob Carrion encouraged the Board to promote the Helmets to Hard Hats Program, etc.; Don Carroll representing Western Engineering Contractors, urged a "no" vote on any amendment that would not allow open bidding for union or merit shop contractors; Nicole Goehring, who operates unilateral state-approved apprenticeship programs, asked that the Board not make any revisions to the existing prequalification process and that legal counsel's recommendation be supported; Alexander Hampton noted his experience in the apprenticeship program through the State Prison; Janet Staples noted her opportunity to become a bridge builder through the joint apprenticeship program; Frank Valentini, Royal Electric, stated that the District needs to maintain a very high participation program despite the union's attempt to preclude them; Eric Christensen of the Coalition of Fair Employment in Construction, noted the distinction

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between union and non union is unnecessary, the health care provision should be a good faith agreement the worker has with the company they are working for, and that unilateral apprenticeship programs are as valid and state approved just as joint apprenticeship programs He recommended that the Board should stick to one of their core values of collaborating with diverse communities.

Mr. Pierce stated that staff is not making a recommendation at this time; the item is for discussion.

Mr. Forcina reported that he and Mr. Ly made a number of recommended changes which he reviewed and noted the rationale for the suggested changes and that they had a desire to see a point system giving additional points to those joint apprenticeship programs that are more in line with the District's philosophy of partnership. Discussion was held regarding the prequalification process including apprenticeship program qualifications.

During the discussion, Board members indicated the following:

- Mr. Madison would want staff to recommend the best policies to the Board; he would not want litigation, and would want the best opportunities for our children in regard to apprenticeship programs.
- Mr. Perez indicated the bottom line is for students and the community and he believes in local control and jobs and apprenticeships.
- Ms. Amavisca questioned the reason the item is before the board and that she would go forward with the document as previously approved.
- Ms. Singh-Allen noted the document was approved with the intention of having a full review. As a result of her independent research, she reviewed her agreement with staff and legal counsel's responses on certain sections, recommend some revisions, and noted the questions she has.
- Mrs. Cox noted her concern regarding exposure to litigation and that she would recommend going with legal counsel's recommendation and the current process as previously approved. She noted she would not want to eliminate opportunities for students, community, and other members whether union or non union and her concern about the health care recommendation.
- Mr. Forcina noted that he and Mr. Ly did what they were requested to do with regard to reviewing the document and submitting their proposed revisions; the Board has a responsibility to set policy and for the overall budget which means spending money prudently. He noted that the Elk Grove City attorney has a different view regarding regulations for union and non-union apprenticeship programs. He would like a time for further discussion.

Mrs. Cox thanked everyone and stated there will be a schedule for further discussion.

XI. Discussion/Action Items – None

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XII. Action Items

- 10. English Language Development (ELD) Instructional Materials** – Motion No. ~~1105~~, 2013-14 – Motion by Ms. Amavisca, seconded by Mr. Forcina, and carried unanimously by a vote of all Board Members present, that the following series of instructional materials for the 7-12 English Language Development (ELD) instructional materials be adopted:

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Inside Common Core (Language, Literacy, and Content), Second Edition, Levels: Newcomer, and A, B, C; Copyright 2014 by National Geographic School Publishing/Hampton Brown (English/Language Arts Intervention ELD, Grades 7-8)

Edge Common core (Reading, Writing, and Language for High School), Second Edition, Levels: Newcomer, and A, B, C; Copyright 2014 by National Geographic School Publishing/Hampton Brown (English/Language Arts Intervention/ELD, Grades 7-12)

- 11. District Open Enrollment** – Motion No. ~~10611~~, 2013-14 – Mrs. Penna noted that on January 21, 2014, the Board approved staff's recommendation that 14 middle and high schools be included as part of the Open Enrollment process for the 2014-15 school year. She submitted and reviewed a report summarizing Open Enrollment requests specific to the net enrollment impact of transfer requests at each designated school. Discussion was held regarding ways in which students might be encouraged to remain in their school of residence.

Motion by Ms. Amavisca, seconded by Mr. Madison, and carried unanimously by all Board Members present that the following Open Enrollment Plan be approved for 2013-14:

- Approve Open Enrollment transfers from schools with fewer than 5% transfer requests.
- Impose a 5% cap limiting the number of students who would be allowed to transfer from Harriet Eddy, Samuel Jackman, and James Rutter middle schools and from Florin and Valley high schools.
- Exempt Toby Johnson Middle School from the 5% cap due to continuing enrollment impaction in the Franklin region.
- Approve an Open Enrollment lottery to be held February 24 at Cosumnes Oaks High School to determine which students will be allowed to transfer to their schools of choice from Open Enrollment schools with requests exceeding 5%.

Open Enrollment Guidelines are as follows:

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- The Open Enrollment Agreement applies only to the student making the application.
- The agreement does not extend to siblings.
- Once enrolled in a school of choice, a student does not have to reapply for admission to that school; however, he/she must apply to attend a school of choice at the next level (i.e., middle school to high school).
- Parents must provide transportation for Open Enrollment students.

12. Arts Education Month Resolution – Resolution No. 42, 2013-14, Motion No. ~~10712~~, 2013-14 – Motion by Ms. Amavisca, seconded by Ms. Singh-Allen, and carried unanimously by all Board Members present, that that Resolution No. 42, 2013-14 designating March 2014 as Arts Education Month be adopted.

13. Women’s History Month Resolution – Resolution No. 43, 2013-14, Motion No. ~~10813~~, 2013-14 – Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Ms. Amavisca, and carried unanimously by all Board Members present, that Resolution No. 43, 2013-14 designating March 2014 as Women’s History Month be adopted.

14. 2013-14 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election – Motion No. ~~10914~~, 2013-14 – Motion by Ms. Amavisca, seconded by Ms. Singh-Allen, and carried unanimously by all Board Members present, that votes be cast for Craig DeLuz, John Dexter, and Teresa A. Stanley for delegates to the California School Boards Association Subregion 6B Delegate Assembly.

14A. Resolution Recognizing Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month – This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

XIII. Consent Agenda – Action – Motion No. ~~1105~~, 2013-14 – Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen and seconded by Mr. Madison, that Items No. 15 through 27A be approved. Mrs. Cox announced that the motion was carried unanimously by a vote of all members present.

15. Approval of Minutes – Minutes of the regular Board Meeting held January 7, 2014 be approved.

16. Personnel Actions – Personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements, and returning from reemployment lists as submitted.

17. Approval of Purchase Order History - Purchase orders for January 10, 2014, through January 23, 2014, with a Financial Summary Grand Total of \$839,602.30.

18. Warrant Register Approval - Warrant Register No. 7, Warrants number 956877-958349 and 293191 -295006 totaling \$68,437,642.04 for January 1-31, 2014.

19. Contract Ratification - Contracts signed by authorized staff in accordance with Board Policy as submitted.

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- 20. Contract for 2014 High School Graduations** - approve a contract with Sleep Train Arena for the 2014 comprehensive high school graduations to be held Tuesday, May 27, through Friday, May 30, in the total amount of \$80,000.00.
- 21. Investment Policy** - received the Sacramento County Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2013, stating that the Elk Grove Unified School District had \$150,392,871 from all District funds, in addition to Mello-Roos Investment proceeds of \$11,810,341 in the County Treasurer's pool which is 6.17% of the total pool assets of \$2,629,844,328.
- 22. Acceptance of Gifts** - – Donations to the District's schools/programs as submitted.
- 23. Approval of the District Printing Services Department to Lease Copier Equipment as Required Cooperatively Through WSCA (Western States Contracting Alliance)** – approve a contract authorizing the Elk Grove Unified School District Printing Services Department to lease printer/copier equipment through WSCA (Western States Contracting Alliance), a 60 month municipal lease totaling \$4,726.19 per month including staples and toner, contract #07-247-1800 expiring June 30, 2014.
- 24. Approval of the District Purchasing Department to Purchase Copier Toner as Required Cooperatively Through the County of Sonoma** – approve a contract authorizing the Elk Grove Unified School District Purchasing Department to purchase copier toner through the County of Sonoma, General Services – Purchasing BP0 #07-6-3533 EXTENSION issued to Stapled Contract & Commercial, Inc. dated September 21, 2013, through August 31, 2014.
- 25. New High School Courses** - That the following new high school courses be approved for use Districtwide: AP Physics 1 (Grades 10-12, 10 Credits) and AP Physics 2 (Grades 10-12, 10 Credits)
- 26. Supplemental Instructional Materials Adoption - Instructional Materials Approval** – That the following supplemental instructional materials be adopted:
- Edge Common Core (Reading, Writing, and Language for High School), Second Edition, Leveled Libraries;* Copyright 2014 by National Geographic School Publishing/Hampton Brown (ELA Intervention/ELD, Grades 7-12 EL or RFEP students)
- Edge Common Core (Reading, Writing, and Language for High School), Second Edition, Complex Text Libraries;* Copyright 2014 by National Geographic School Publishing/Hampton Brown (ELA Intervention/ELD, Grades 7-12 EL or RFEP students)
- Inside Common Core (Language, Literacy, and Content), Second Edition, Level A Theme Books;* Copyright 2014 by National Geographic School Publishing/Hampton Brown (ELA Intervention/ELD, Grades 7-12 EL or RFEP students)

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27. Out-of-State Field Trip Approval – Cosumnes Oaks High School to Reno, NV a College Field Trip, April 7, 2014 and to Ashland, OR for the Shakespeare Festival, April 13-17, 2014.

27A. Installation of Wi-Fi for 10 Elementary and 9 Middle School Sites, Amendment #1 to Lease-Leaseback (LLB) Contract with Decotech – Motion No. 111, 2013-14 – In response to a question by Mr. Perez, it was stated that this recommendation is being made due to the inability of Ultralink Cabling Systems, Inc. being unable to obtain the appropriate bond insurance to complete the contract and install the WiFi awarded to them on January 14, 2014.

Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Ms. Amavisca and carried unanimously by all Board Members present, that the Administration be authorized to sign Lease-Leaseback (LLB) contract documents with Decotech Systems for a negotiated Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP of \$311,601 (\$155,000 previous agreement plus \$156,601 for new sites) to install the required cabling and wireless access points for the wireless project necessary to install Wi-Fi to support the implementation of Common Core and state mandated testing.

XIV. Other Action Items

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

XV. Information Items

26. Other Items from the Floor Mr. Forcina noted his request for the Finance Committee study with respect to indirect fees. Mrs. Cox state that information on this request is being gathered.

27. Items for Future Agendas – None

Adjournment – 8:45 p.m.

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

Approve by: _____
Steve Ly, Clerk