

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, FEBRUARY 4, 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; 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. **California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) Waiver Requests**
2. **Public Employee Appointment/Employment: Elementary School Vice Principal**
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 and Classified Unrepresented Employees

Open Meeting - 6:00 p.m. – Mrs. Cox announced that the Board met in Closed Session and appointed Anita Tong as Vice Principal for Elk Grove Elementary School by a unanimous vote of all Board members present.

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Ana Diaz Rivera, parent volunteer and supporter of Rio Cazadero High School, led the Pledge. Ms. Diaz Rivera has enrolled and supported her daughter and others at Rio Cazadero High School which has had positive results in their education. She has been and continues to be involved in the site’s English Learner Advisory Committee and the School Site Council.

II. Presentations/Recognitions

4. **High School Student Representative Reports – Cosumnes Oaks, Sheldon, and Las Flores** – Jorian Conway and Shanelle Reeves from, Rio Cazadero High School, Bailey Coben and Timothy Winslow from Cosumnes Oaks High School, and Aivi Huynh and Jeremy Huynh from Sheldon high School, reported on activities and academics at their schools.
5. **Recognitions Presented by the Elk Grove Citizen** – Mr. Roy Herburger presented the Elk Grove Citizen’s award as Man of the Year to Dr. Steven Ladd. Mr. Cameron MacDonald presented the Citizen’s awards for Team of the Year to Pleasant Grove boys Basketball Team and Educator of the Year to Mr. Tim Smith.
6. **Food and Nutrition Service’s SHAPE Program Celebrates 20 Years** – The District’s Food and Nutrition Services was recognized for making nutrition education a priority by providing nutrition education to teachers, staff, and students under the name of SHAPE (Shaping Health As Partners in Education since 1993).

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7. **CalSPRA Recognition** – The Board recognized the Communications Department and District Web Specialist for earning awards in the CalSPRA Excellence in Communications Awards and the NSPRA 2013 National School Communication Awards.

III. Student Expulsion Recommendations

8. **Requests for Student Expulsions** - Motion No. 101, 2013-14 - Motion by Mr. Perez, seconded by Ms. Singh-Allen, and carried unanimously by a vote of all Board members present, that the Hearing Panel's recommendations regarding three student expulsions be approved.
9. **Requests for Return from Student Expulsions** – Motion No. 102, 2013-14 – Motion by Ms. Amavisca, seconded by Ms. Singh-Allen, and carried unanimously by a 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.

IV. Budget Update

10. **2014-15 Budget Update** – Mr. Fagan reported that staff is working to complete the Second Interim Financial Report; item the Legislature is currently addressing; and that he is still confident the District will not need a TRANs this year.

- 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** – Esther Romero addressed the lack of understanding and help provided for dyslexic children, cited research, and stated her hope that the District will choose to be a leader in this area.

- VII. **Bargaining Units** – None

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

13. **Public Hearing and Resolution to Sell Unused Vacant Land at Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School to the City of Elk Grove for a Drainage Channel and Access** – Resolution No. 39, 2013-14, Motion No. 103, 2013-14 There were no responses to the call for a public hearing on Resolution No. 39, 2013-14 authorizing the Superintendent to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement and related documents with the City of Elk Grove regarding the sale of unused vacant land at Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School to the City of Elk Grove for a drainage channel and access.

Motion by Ms. Amavisca, seconded by Mr. Perez, and carried unanimously by all Board members present, that Resolution No. 39, 2013-14, Resolution Approving and Authorizing superintendent to Execute Purchase and Sale Agreement and Related Documents with City of Elk Grove for the City's Purchase of District Property to Access and Maintain the Straw berry Creek Detention Basin be approved.

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VIII. Reports

- 11. Update on Spring Common Core Testing and Technology** - Mr. Cerutti, Director of Research and Evaluation Christine Hikido, and Director of Technology Services Steven Mate presented and reviewed with the Board a report on the assessment of the Common Core State Standards and the 2014 Spring Testing for California schools.
- 12. Discussion of Transition to Common Core State Standards in Mathematics** – Mr. Cerutti and Director of Curriculum/Professional Learning Anna Trunnel presented a report and reviewed with the Board a report on the transition to Common Core State Standards in Mathematics

X. Discussion Items

- 14. English Language Development (ELD) Instructional Materials Adoption** – Mr. Cerutti, Director of Curriculum/Professional Learning Anna Trunnel, and Program Specialist in Learning Support Services Sue Larson presented a review of the English Language Development Materials Adoption for 7-12 English Language Development (ELD) textbook adoption which included the purpose, the process, communication about the process, data collection, participants, the recommendation for adoption and the preparation and planning for use of the materials.

XI. Discussion/Action Items – None

XII. Action Items

- 15. National Nutrition Month Resolution** – Motion No. 104, 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. Mrs. Cox announced that the motion was carried unanimously by a vote of all members present.

XIII. Consent Agenda – Action – Motion No. 105, 2013-14 – Motion by Mr. Madison and seconded by Mr. Forcina, that Items No. 16 through 20 be approved. Mrs. Cox announced that the motion was carried unanimously by a vote of all members present.

- 16. Approval of Minutes** – Minutes of the regular Board Meetings held December 10, 2013, and January 21, 2014, the Special Board Meetings held November 22 and December 12, 2013, be approved.
- 17. Personnel Actions** – Personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements, and returning from reemployment lists as submitted.
- 18. Resolution Regarding Board Member Absence** – Resolution No. 41, 2013-14 authorizing payment of the monthly compensation to Carmine S. Forcina for a meeting missed on January 14, 2014, due to hardship and Bobbie Singh-Allen for a meeting missed on January 22, 2014, due to illness.

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19. **Approval of Purchase Order History** – Purchase orders for December 29, 2013, through January 10, 2014, with a Financial Summary Grand Total of \$3,144,106.35.
20. **Acceptance of Gifts** – Donations to the District’s schools/programs as submitted.
21. **Contract Ratification** – Contracts signed by authorized staff in accordance with Board Policy as submitted.
22. **Approval to Enter Into a Purchase Agreement for Two (2) New Blue Bird Wheelchair Buses and Two (2) Used Blue Bird Wheelchair Buses** – authorize the purchase of the following buses cooperatively through the Waterford Unified School District: 2 Blue Bird Wheelchair Buses @ \$141,338.01 each, 1 Blue bird Wheelchair Bus @ \$112,023.89, and 1 Blue Bird Wheelchair Bus at \$116,760.19 for a total cost including tax of \$511,460.10
23. **Receipt of Bids and Award of Contract for a Horizontal Wrapping Machine** – award a contract for Horizontal Wrapping machine for Food and Nutrition Services, Bid #545-13/14 to AmeriPak in the amount of \$115,030.80
24. **California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) Requests** – approve the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) waiver requests for students with disabilities who have met appropriate criteria be approved.

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