MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, MARCH 13, 2014

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


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

Open Session

Pledge of Allegiance – Rob Pierce, Associate Superintendent for Facilities and Planning, led the Pledge.

Opening and Review of the Day – Dr. Ladd reviewed the agenda for the day including the timeline.

Master Planning (Facilities) – The Facilities Master Plan Update was presented and reviewed with the Board. Included were (1) a description of what the Plan does; (2) components of the Plan; (3) a recap of the District’s Master Plan history; (4) an overview of the growth component of the Master Plan update; and (5) an outline of the draft process. Reports will be presented to the Board as the plan is developed.

Board Governance

Recognitions – Presented and discussed was a history of Board Recognitions, the rationale, recognition recommendations, and strategic locations for highlight specific schools. The recommendation in summary is to continue all regularly scheduled board meetings with recognition of outstanding individuals/groups who contribute positively to our district while streamlining the meetings to limit to no more than 30-35 minutes; that recognitions be expanded to community board meetings and/or regional events for enhanced opportunities to recognize outstanding employees, students and parents; and work be done with jurisdiction to assist in recognition opportunities. (The detailed recommendation is on file.)

Resolutions – Staff will schedule the annual recognition resolutions; resolutions recommended by board members should be submitted to the Superintendent/Board President for the Board President’s approval a month in advance to provide time for checking legality (i.e. no political implications)- and preparation for the Board meeting agenda.

Finance Committee Application Process – copies of the application will be forward to Board members on a flash drive; Board members will identify their top three applicants; and appointment will be scheduled for the April 1, 2014, Board meeting.

Note: Ms. Singh-Allen left the meeting.
ELL Overview - Postponed until later in the meeting.

Closed Session

Public Employee Appointment/Employment: Associate Supt., Human Resources

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint

Conference with Labor Negotiators
Agency designated representatives: Glen De Graw, Richard Fagan, Steven M. Ladd, Karen Rezendes
Employee Organizations: All Elk Grove Unified School District Bargaining Units and Classified Unrepresented Employees

Open Session

Board Work on Budget and LCAP – A report was submitted and reviewed including the following: (1) the District’s Mission; (2) LCAP State priorities under the three broad categories of conditions of learning, pupil outcomes, and engagement; (3) research-supported approaches for low income, English learners, and foster youth; (4) roles of boards and LCFF; (5) suggestions for expenditures from EGEA, CSEA, AFSCME, EGTeams, PSWA, and ATU.

Also submitted and reviewed was information on the 2014-15 Budget Development which includes possible funding sources, financial values from the 2nd interim multi-year projection for on-going ($16,500,000) and one-time funds ($18,953,564) for the following:

I. 2014-15 Board Interests (no recommendations made pending Board direction)

II. 2014-15 Continuing programs for consideration

III. 2014-15 Other funding considerations

IV. 2015-16 Legally Required and continuing program considerations

V. 2015-16 Other funding considerations

As of this writing, the total amounts identified at this time are a total of $9,706,000 in on-going expenditures leaving a balance of $6,794,000 and $4,535,000 in one-time expenditures leaving a balance of $14,418,564.

It was noted that this discussion is for the purpose of beginning budget conversations; however, it does no replace bargaining. The following suggestions for programs to be considered were identified by board members and EGEA representatives: summer school and intersession – additional services to students, intervention, credit recovery and measurement of the success of the programs; review of existing programs; 9th grade class size reduction; additional positions for Maintenance; professional learning and possible changes in the program; increase in the number of Healthy Start Centers;
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Instructional coaches and release time for teachers; more programs at Title I schools including high schools; foster youth programs; concentrate on schools with low AYP scores; address the achievement gap; EGBERT funding; and consideration of a plan if funds are not available for a full adoption of the program being pilotted.

ELL Overview – This item will be addressed in a future meeting.

Career Pathways Trust Update – Application for a $6 million grant partnering with Sacramento City Unified School District and Crane Consortium is underway.

Adjournment – 3:53 p.m.

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

Approve by: ____________________________
Steve Ly, Clerk