

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, MARCH 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; Jeanette J. Amavisca, Carmine Forcina, Chet Madison, Steve Ly, Anthony “Tony” Perez, and Bobbie Singh-Allen (arrived late/left early) , 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

2A. Public Employee Appointment/Employment: Associate Superintendent, Human Resources

Open Meeting - 6:00 p.m. – Mrs. Cox announced that the Board met in Closed Session and that no action was taken.

I. Pledge of Allegiance – The Chadderton Family, volunteers at Carroll Elementary School, led the Pledge. Candy, mom, volunteers at least an hour a day in various classrooms providing support in any way needed; Nana, an extraordinary grandparent, volunteers a minimum of six hour a week tutoring and assisting in assessments and with various projects; Marc, dad, volunteers in the classrooms and field-trips and is willing to do whatever it takes to keep Carroll students safe. Both parents have served as crossing guard on a moment’s notice and help with morning and afternoon traffic.

II. Presentations/Recognitions

3. High School Student Representative Reports – Cynthia Saetern and Kyrsta Van from Florin High School and Shayasta Jain and Braden Trotter from Laguna Creek High School reported on activities and academics at their schools.

4. Academic Decathlon – Student and Teacher Recognition – Recognized were the students and coaches who placed in the “Top 5” at the 34th annual Sacramento County Academic Decathlon competition: Monterey Trail High School – 4th Place Overall and Most Improved Score, and Pleasant Grove High School – 3rd Place Overall and 3rd Place in the super Quiz.

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III. Student Expulsion Recommendations – Motion No. 124, 2013-14 – Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Ms. Amavisca, and carried unanimously, by a vote of all members present that Items No. 5 and 6 be approved as follows:

5. **Requests for Student Expulsion** - that the Hearing Panel's recommendations regarding three student expulsions be approved.
6. **Requests for Return from Student Expulsions** – that the Readmission Committee's recommendations regarding a student's request for permission to return to the District be approved.

IV. LCAP Update

7. **Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Update** – Mr. Cerutti and Ms. Sonjhia Lowery, Director of Learning Support Services, presented and discussed with the Board an update on the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) that will provide information for staff, parents and the community. The presentation focused on the eight state priority areas and the District's strategic goals.

Ms. Mary Deutsch, CSEA addressed the need for bilingual associates and support for their reinstatement, and Ms. Yolanda Contreras, parent and DLAC committee chairperson, spoke about her support for the program and the District.

Noted during the discussion was the need for funding for foster youth, the parent survey, communication plans, and ongoing commitment to the plan. Requested during the discussion were reports on the survey, LCAP meeting dates by school site, the expenditure of EIA funds by trustee areas, and Charter school plans which can be agendized if the Board chooses to do so.

Mrs. Cox noted the desire expressed to look at how we can reach out to parents in high poverty areas, the unique needs of foster youth, and the use of the CSTA website as a tool, communication with parents on what LCAP means, that this is a transition year, and an interest in how we can gain from surrounding districts.

V. Budget Update

8. **Budget Update** – Mr. Fagan reported most of the focus has been on the development of LCAP; changes have occurred in the State Senate resulting in the Democrats losing the super majority; February revenues are up almost a billion dollars; the unemployment rate is down to 8.1%; housing has dropped a little; and CalPERS rate increases will need to be included in the budgets for 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17.

VI. 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.

VII. Public Comment – Mrs. Cox announced that those submitting requests to address the Board will be called on at the time the agenda item is presented.

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VIII. Bargaining Units – Jennifer Ballerini, Nancy Clifford, and Leslie Wolcott Digman, representing AFSCME, noted the Board will be voting on their contract, thanked Mr. De Graw and staff, noted they are waiting for a date regarding their grievance, that this contract helps but the District’s practice of pattern bargaining really doesn’t work for their unit which represented many different positions and issues.

IX. Reports

9. Presentation on Marion Mix Elementary School - Mr. Pierce and Mrs. Cherry presented and reviewed with the Board plans for the opening of Marion Mix Elementary School in the fall of 2015. Included in the presentation was the following: (1) information about Marion Mix; (2) location and outline of the facility; (3) the boundary for the school and the schools that will be affected; (4) projected enrollments for the current and proposed schools affected by the opening of Marion Mix Elementary School; and (5) the projected timeline for communications, staffing and student registration. Also discussed was the safety of students walking to school, the traffic in the area, the size of the parking lot, and the commitment to schools to remain on the same schedule for at least three years.

IX. Public Hearing/Action Items

10. Tentative Agreement Between Elk Grove Unified School District and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) – Motion No. 125, 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 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Ms. Amavisca, and carried with Mr. Perez abstaining from voting on the motion and all other Board members voting yes.

X. Discussion Items - None

XI. Discussion/Action Items - None

XII. Action Items

11. World Language Instructional Materials Adoption – Motion No. 126, 2013-14 – Motion by Ms. Amavisca, seconded by Ms. Singh-Allen, and carried unanimously by a vote of all Board Members Present that the recommended series of instructional materials for the 7-12 World Language Textbooks be adopted. Based on projected student numbers and costs will result in an estimated expenditure of \$1,200,000.00 which has been allocated for this expenditure.

12. Public Schools Month – Resolution No. 50, 2013-14, Motion No. 127, 2013-14. Motion by Ms. Amavisca, seconded by Ms. Singh-Allen, and carried unanimously by a vote of all Board Members present that Resolution No. 50, 2013-14 be adopted designating April 2014 as Public Schools Month in the Elk Grove Unified School District.

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13. Week of the School Administrator – Resolution No. 51, 2013-14, Motion No 128, 2013-14. Motion by Ms. Amavisca, seconded by Mr. Ly, and carried unanimously by a vote of all Board Members present that Resolution No. 51, 2013-14 be adopted designating March 2 through 8, 2013-14 as the Week of the School Administrator.

XIII. Consent Agenda – Action - Motion No. 129, 2013-14 – Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen and seconded by Ms. Amavisca, that Items No. 14 through 26A except Item No 20 which was deleted be approved. Mrs. Cox announced that the motion was carried unanimously by a vote of all Board Members present.

14. Approval of Minutes – minutes of the regular Board Meetings held February 18 and March 4, 2014, be approved.

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

16. Approval of Purchase Order History - purchase orders for February 11 through 21, 2014, with a Financial Summary Grand Total of \$4,717,461.54.

17. Approval of Warrant Register -Warrant Register No. 7, Warrants number 958350-959606 and 295007 -296217 totaling \$46,323,167.96 for February 1-28, 2014.

18. Contract Ratification - contracts signed by authorized staff in accordance with Board Policy as submitted.

19. Head Start Preschool Application for 2014-15 – preschool application for 2014-15 in the amounts of \$3,085,206 in Head Start Federal Funds (PA 22), \$40,108.00 in Head Start Federal COLA Funds (1.3%), and \$9,000.00 in Head Start Federal Training and Technical Assistance Funds (PA 20).

The Head Start Program will serve 480 children who are 3 ½ to 5 years old in 24 classes with twenty children in each class located at the elementary schools (Maeola Beitzel, Florin, Franklin, Samuel Kennedy, Charles Mack, Florence Markofer, James McKee, Prairie, David Reese, John Reith, Sierra Enterprise, and Union House) and one class housed at William Daylor Continuation School.

20. Request for Proposals and Award of Contract for Automated External Defibrillators and Related Services (AED Units, RFP #547-13/14 – Deleted

21. Revised Expenditure of New 7-12 English Language Development (ELD) Curriculum –the revised expenditure of \$802,494.11 for the newly adopted English Language Development (ELD) curriculum for grades 7-8 (*Inside*) and grades 9-12 (*Edge*).

22. California Montessori Charter School Annual Facilities Agreement - the Charter School Facilities Agreement between Elk Grove Unified School District and the California Montessori Project for the 2014-15 school year.

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- 23. **New Dillard Elementary School – Increment #1, Change Order No. 4** – change order with Bobo Construction, Inc., increasing the contract by \$14,855.00 to \$2,886,899.00 and authorize District representative to sign the approved change order.
- 24. **New Dillard Elementary School – Increment #1, Acceptance and Notice of Completion - construction** of Samuel Jackman Middle School, Laguna Creek High School Irrigation System Improvements be accepted and filing of the Notice of Completion be authorized.
- 25. **Fencing at Elk Grove High School, Change Order No. 1** – change order with Arrow Fencing Company decreasing the contract by \$459.00 to \$217,086.00 and authorizing District representative to sign the approved change order.
- 26. **2013 Fencing at Elk Grove High School, Acceptance and Notice of Completion** - accepted the construction of the 2013 Fencing at Elk Grove High School and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 26A. **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.

XV. Other Action Items

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

XVI. Information Items

- 28. **Other Items from the Floor** – Dr. Ladd reported that because of the requirement for a public hearing on the 2014-15 budget, the earliest the full budget package will be available is the June 17, 2014, Board meeting. The public hearing will then be scheduled for the July 1, 2014, Board meeting. He requested that Board members provide feedback regarding the plan to cancel the second meeting in July and the first meeting in August and hold the second meeting August which is August 19.

- 29. **Items for Future Agendas** – None

Closed Session – continued – the Board met in closed session to continue consideration of the items listed above and no action was taken.

XVII. Adjournment - 9:45 p.m.

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

Approve by: _____
Steve Ly, Clerk