

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, APRIL 22, 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, and Bobbie Singh-Allen

**Members Absent:** Anthony “Tony” Perez

**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. Conference with Real Property negotiators (Government Code Section 54956.8)**

**Property:** APN 067-0430-027 (Southwest corner of Sophistry and Appolon Drives)

**District Negotiators:** Steven M. Ladd, Superintendent, and Robert Pierce, Associate Superintendent, Facilities and Planning, Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD)

**Negotiating Parties:** EGUSD and Lennar Sunridge Investors, LLC; KT Sunridge Investors, LLC; Angelo K. Tsakopoulos, Eleni Tsakopoulos-Kounalakis and Markos Kounalakis, Tsakopoulos Family Partnership, Mark Enes, and AKT Development

**Under Negotiation:** Price and Terms of Payment

**2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code). Case name unspecified: Disclosure would jeopardize existing settlement**

**2A. 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 Meeting - 6:10 p.m. – Mrs. Cox announced that the Board met in Closed Session and approved a settlement agreement with an employee.**

**I. Pledge of Allegiance – Mrs. Daphane Cooks, grandparent volunteer at David Reese Elementary School Pre-K, led the Pledge. Mrs. Cooks served as a team mom for the Valley High School baseball team and was involved in the PTA. She now serves in her granddaughter’s Pre-K class nearly every day assisting with meals, classroom preparation, cleaning and small groups.**

**II. Presentations/Recognitions**

**3. High School Student Representative Reports – Natalie Antolin and Amy Tran from Cosumnes Oaks High School and Aivi Huynh and Jeremy Huynh from Valley High School reported on activities and academics at their schools.**

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4. **EGUSD Science Fair and Invention Convention Winners** – Recognized were the first place winners from each grade level for the 2014-15 District Science Fair and first place winners of the Invention Convention.
5. **California Business for Education Excellence Awards** – 2013 recipients of the California Business for Education Excellence (CBEE Awards recognized were: **STAR Schools** – Arnold Adreani Elementary School, Elizabeth Pinkerton and Katherine L. Albiani middle schools, and Pleasant Grove High School; **SCHOLAR Schools** – Cosumnes River, Elliott Ranch, and Sunrise elementary schools; and **STEM School**: Arnold Adreani Elementary School.
6. **Recognition of Western Festival Art Contest Winners** – Recognized were 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner Hayley Sedgwick, 12 grade student from Sheldon High School and her teacher, Deborah George; 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner John Fuchs, 11<sup>th</sup> grade student from Elk Grove High School and his teacher, Jennifer Moore; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner Filippo Castronova, 11<sup>th</sup> grade student from Elk Grove High School and his teacher, Jennifer Moore.
7. **2014 Mock Trial and Moot Court Sacramento County and State Competition – Student, Teacher Coach and Attorney Coach Recognition** - Recognized and congratulated were Elk Grove High School students, and teacher and attorney coaches as the winner of the 2014 Gordon D. Schaber (GSD) Mock Trial Competition. The team went on to represent Sacramento County at the California Mock Trial competition placing 7<sup>th</sup>. Laguna Creek High School students, teacher and attorney coaches were recognized for placing 8<sup>th</sup> out of 20 teams in the Mock Trial competition.
8. **Recognition of Sean McNally** – Sean McNally, teacher at Elk Grove High School, was recognized for his selection as the 2014 Claude Farinha Chapter 116 High School Teacher of the Year.

### III. Student Expulsion Recommendations - None

### IV. LCAP Update

9. **Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Update** – The Board reviewed the development of the LCAP goals based on E-4; the schedule of surveys, the last being held May 16; the posting on-line of the draft LCAP plan including the translations which should occur within a few days; and the stakeholder events including the May 14 Coordinated School Health Program involving administrators, staff and students. It was noted that the most recent survey results will be available at the April 30 Board meeting and the 64 school LCAP plans will be forwarded to the Board.

### V. Budget Update

10. **Budget Update** – Mr. Fagan reported that the State's March revenues surpass that of February, the next snapshot of revenues will be with the May Revise, the job loss is less than a year ago, median price of homes is higher, additional funds could be as much as 1 ½ to 2 billion dollars, and Cal Pads concentration factor is less than the last count.

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- 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 stated that requests to address the Board will be addressed at the time the Agenda Item is presented.
- VIII. Bargaining Units** – Maggie Ellis, Elk Grove Education Association President, noted the work with LCAP, that they want to spend money in a thoughtful manner, and a two-year calendar has been approved by EGEA with the exception of report card dates.

Nancy Clifford, representing AFSCME, spoke about the layoff process, the way in which layoffs were reported, her hope that library assistants will not be laid off, and the agreement signed last June which expires June 3. She invited the Board to a function at Sierra-Enterprise Elementary School on May 2 where the movie “Frozen” will be shown as they look for ways to work together with the communities.

Mary Deutsch, CSEA President, noted her appreciation of the hard work looking at LCAP and the work of Special Education paraprofessionals. She reviewed her experience with a student who can read but not understand and the way in which he plans to proceed with his goal.

**IX. Reports - None**

**X. Public Hearing/Action Items - None**

**XI. Discussion Items**

- 11A. Discussion, Freshmen Sports** – Dr. Ladd briefly reviewed information from meetings held with athletic directors regarding athletic funding and the possible restoration of freshmen sports noting that there was unanimity that the most important priority is to fully fund the existing athletic program estimated to cost \$400,000. He also met with principals where discussion was held regarding the feasibility of adding Freshmen sports.

Chip Pollock, Joe Ming, John Mcatee, Brynn Bedal, and Wendy Tomlinson spoke in support of reinstating freshmen sports noting the positive aspects of the program for students.

Reviewed during the discussion were the following: the teams that could be offered; compliance with Title IX; the effect of offering sports at only a portion of the high schools; whether or not timelines could be met with regard to implementing programs (scheduling, ordering and receiving equipment, a hiring coaches for a fall program); financing of the program which must be considered along with other LCAP programs; the concern about equity and imbalance; and whether coaches had provided input.

Dr. Ladd stated that answers to the questions will be provided at the April 30 meeting and considered along with LCAP budget priorities.

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11. **Review of 2014-15 Budget Guidelines** – The Budget Guidelines were reviewed in detail, questions answered, and it was noted that the Guidelines are changed as the Board makes decisions to either augment, delete, or modify items and/or amounts. It was also noted that the Guidelines are for the General Fund portion of the Budget and do not include special funds.

**XII. Discussion/Action Items**

12. **Specifications of Governing Board Member Election Resolution, Publication of Notice of Election Form, Notice of Election, and Certification of Maps and Boundaries** – Resolution No. 57, 2013-14 - Motion No. 136, 2013-14 – Motion by Ms. Amavisca, seconded by Mr. Madison, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 57, 2013-14 be adopted establishing specifications of the November 4, 2014, governing board member election and that the Publication of Notice of Election, Notice of District Election and Certification of Maps and Boundaries be approved.
13. **Summer School** – Motion No. 137, 2013-14 – The Board was requested to discuss and take action on providing a Summer School Program for 2014 at this time as it is necessary for development and implementation.

Board members indicated their support for the program and its relevance to LCAP and discussed the components of a program that can be offered and assessment of results of the program. Funding in the LCAP priority list is for \$3,200,000 with \$2,200,000 in ongoing funds and \$1,000,000 in one-time funds. Mr. Forcina noted his concern about approving a program and expenditure outside of the timeline.

Motion by Ms. Amavisca, seconded by Mr. Madison, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that the 2014 Summer School Program be approved with funding in the amount of \$3.2 million in one-time funds. Prior to the vote on the motion, Mr. Forcina stated he would vote “yes,” but that one-time carry-over funds could have been used for bilingual and library technicians, landscaping, or stipends.

**XIII. Action Items**

14. **Recognition of May 14, 2014 as Day of the Teacher** – Resolution No. 58, 2013-14 – Motion No. 138, 2013-14 – Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Ms. Amavisca, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 58, 2013-14 recognizing May 14, 2014 as California Day of the Teacher in the Elk Grove Unified School District be adopted.
15. **Classified Employee Week Resolution** – Resolution No. 59, 2013-14 – Motion No. 139, 2013-14 – Motion by Ms. Amavisca, seconded by Mr. Madison, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 59, 2013-14 establishing May 19-23, 2014 as Classified School Employees Week for the Elk Grove Unified School District be adopted.

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- 16. Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Resolution** – Resolution No. 60, 2013-14– Motion No. 140, 2013-14 – Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Ms. Amavisca, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 60, 2013-14 be adopted designating May 2014 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.
- 17. Disability Awareness Month Resolution** – Resolution No. 61, 2013-14 – Motion No. 145, 2013-14 – Motion by Ms. Amavisca, seconded by Mr. Ly, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 61, 2013-14 proclaiming May 2014 as Disability Awareness Month be adopted.
- 18. Grades 7-8 Mathematics Instructional Materials Adoption and Middle School Course Catalog Addendum** – Motion No. 146, 2013 - Motion by Ms. Amavisca, seconded by Ms. Singh-Allen, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that the following recommended series of instructional materials for the grades 7-8 be adopted with an addendum to the Middle School Course Catalog: BASIC materials include California Go Math Middle School Grade 7, California Go Math Middle School Accelerated Grade 7, and California Go Math Middle School Grade 8.
- 19. IB Waiver** – Motion No 147, 2013-14 – Motion by Ms. Amavisca, seconded by Mr. Madison, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that the proposal to waive the current senior graduation requirements of American Government and Economics for full-diploma candidates enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Program be approved.
- XIV. Consent Agenda – Action** - Motion No. 148, 2013-14 – Motion by Mr. Madison, seconded by Ms. Amavisca, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that Items No. 20 through 30A be approved as follows:

  - 20. Approval of Minutes** – minutes of the regular Board Meeting held April 8, 2014, be approved.
  - 21. Personnel Actions** – personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements, and returning from reemployment lists as submitted.
  - 22. Appointment of Consulting Teachers to the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) and the Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) Program** – Elementary Schools: Jeff Anderson, Robert J. Fite; Kristan Huscher and Michelle Fennel ,and Leigh Mason, Arlene Hein; Heather Wright, Elliott Ranch; Julia Fong, Joseph Sims; Julia Butz, Sunrise; and Teresa Hansen, Union House – Middle School: Paul Swain, Katherine L. Albiani - Other: Jennifer Lawson and Elizabeth Steele, Curriculum & Professional Learning.
  - 23. Approval of Purchase Order History** - purchase orders for March 15 through 28, 2014, with a Financial Summary Grand Total of \$1,871,056.46.

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24. **Contract Ratification** - contracts signed by authorized staff in accordance with Board Policy as submitted.
25. **Acceptance of Gifts** – Donations to the District’s schools/programs as submitted.
26. **California Department of Rehabilitation CalPROMISE Grant Instructional Materials Adoption** - the CalPROMISE Grant award from the California Department of Rehabilitation in the amount of \$1,014,126.00 for a three-year period (2013-14 to 2015-16) with the District be approved.
27. **Instructional Materials Adoption Instructional Materials Adoption** - the following series of instructional materials be adopted: **BASIC – College Physics-AP) Edition, Ninth Edition**; Copyright 2012 by Cengage Learning (AP Physics 1 and AP Physics 2, Grades 11-12); **SUPPLEMENTAL – Academic Vocabulary Toolkit 1 and 2**; Copyright 2013 by National Geographic School Learning (ELA Intervention/ELD, Grades 6-12).
28. **Williams Act Quarterly Report** - 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.
29. **2013-14 California-Japan Scholars Exchange Program Field Trip Approval** – the 2013-14 California-Japan Scholars Exchange Program field trip to Osaka, Japan from June 4-19, 2014 was approved.
30. **New Dillard Elementary School – Increments #2A and 2B, Award of Contract** - That (1) the bids be received for the New Dillard Elementary School – Increments #2A and 2B project; (2) the contract be awarded to Broward Builders, Inc., for the base bid of \$24,546,000.00; and (3) the Administration be authorized to sign all documents and contracts pertaining to this work and to proceed with the next bidder should a fully endorsed contract with the low bidder accompanied by certification of the necessary bonds not be obtained.

It was reported that the project will be funded with State monies, Developer Fees and/or Measure A monies.

- 30A. **Out-of-State Field Trip Approval** – Pleasant Grove High School to St. Louis, Missouri, to participate in the National Robotics Competition, April 23-28, 2014.

**XV. Other Action Items**

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

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**XVI. Information Items**

**32. Other Items from the Floor** – Mr. Forcina requested that Board Policy 4328 be reviewed to insure that it is consistent with today’s standards regarding what should occur in the work place; noted a new protocol that will allow elementary school participation in the Science Olympiad for 2015; requested a discussion of the establishment of stipends for non-coaching supporting positions; and suggested establishment of a District grant program to provide a source of funds to provide opportunities for students.

**33. Items for Future Agendas** – None

**XVII. Adjournment** - 10:05 p.m.

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

Approve by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Ly, Clerk