

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, APRIL 8, 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, Anthony “Tony” Perez, and Bobbie Singh-Allen

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 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

2. Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, Anticipated Litigation, Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 – 1 Case

3. Public Employee Discipline, Dismissal Release, Complaint

Open Meeting - 6:00 p.m. – Mrs. Cox announced that the Board met in Closed Session and authorized staff to transfer an administrator from one site to another pending notification of staff.

She also announced that at the April 1, 2014, meeting of the Board of Education the following were appointed to the Finance Committee: Iqbal S. Badwalz, Michele Castillo and Linda Dublin.

I. Pledge of Allegiance – Dorothy and Stephen Davidson, parent volunteers at Sheldon High School, led the Pledge. Mrs. Davidson is committed to Sheldon High School’s Parent Volunteer Program as a volunteer coordinator, volunteers her time with the NorCal Cal Ripken organizations, and both Mr. and Mrs. Davidson help with and support numerous organizations at the school. They also encourage others to volunteer.

II. Presentations/Recognitions

4. High School Student Representative Reports – Natalie Antolin and Amy Tran from Monterey Trail High School and Aivi Huynh and Jeremy Huynh from Sheldon High School reported on activities and academics at their schools.

5. Schools to Watch Recognition – Elizabeth Pinkerton Middle School – Elizabeth Pinkerton Middle School was recognized for being designated as a School to Watch” as an exemplary middle school program model.

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- 6. Athletic Recognition** – The 195 pound CIF Sac-Joaquin Section masters wrestling champion from Franklin High School and his coach were recognized. Also recognized was the Pleasant Grove High School Girls Basketball Team for receiving the CIF Northern California Division I Championship.
- 7. National Library Week Resolution** – Resolution No. 52, 2014-15, Motion No. 130, 2014-15 – Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Singh-Allen, and carried unanimously by all members' votes being in the affirmative, that Resolution No. 52, 2014-15 be adopted. A representative group of library teachers were introduced.

III. Student Expulsion Recommendations

- 8. Requests for Student Expulsion** – Motion No. 131, 2013-14 – Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Ms. Amavisca, and carried unanimously by the votes all members being in the affirmative that the Hearing Panel's recommendation regarding one student expulsion be approved.

XIII. Consent Agenda – Action

- 22. 2014-16 Contract for Deputy Sheriff Personnel** (This item was moved forward from the Consent Agenda.) Discussion was held regarding Mr. Forcina's concern regarding the procedure of placing this item on the consent agenda and the amount of the contract which is \$200,000 less than the amount being spent in current year. This is due to the \$300,000 off-duty contract for officers which has not yet been brought to the Board. Board members indicated their respect for the work being done by the Sacramento County Sheriffs.

Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Amavisca, and carried unanimously by the votes of all members being in the affirmative.

IV. LCAP Update

- 7. Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Update** – Mr. Cerutti reported that the Joint Parent Advisory/LCAP meeting was held on April 3; a draft of the plan will be posted on line, staff is in the process of having the 65-page plan translated which will be accomplished in about 1 ½ weeks, and the community members will be able to view the plan and provide feedback. He reviewed the adoption process and stated the target for adoption is July 1 and the upcoming events.

Mary Deutsch, CSEA, noted statistics for English Language Learners and the need for bilingual teaching associates. Ms. Singh-Allen requested that the statistics be broken by region.

Discussion was held regarding the income calculations and the number of students served and the very good attendance at the community meeting.

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V. Budget Update

- 8. Budget Update** – Mr. Fagan reported that the 3% growth in the economy should continue for about three years, it is believed the drought will have a modest effect on the economy, the unemployment rate is falling, there is an improvement in construction of housing, the addition of jobs and the February income forecast are positive, and the PERS and STRS unfunded liabilities will have to be dealt with as we move forward.

- 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** – Carol Johnson and Kandy Tobiassen expressed their thanks for being able to attend the paraeducators conference and noted the excellent program provided.

- VIII. Bargaining Units** – Nancy Clifford, representing AFSCME, requested that the Board vote “no” on Resolution No. 56, 2013-14 which would reduce the number of elementary school librarians.

- IX. Reports - None**

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

XI. Discussion Items

- 11. Common Core Communication Update on Social Emotional Learning** – Ms. Anna Trunnell, Director of Curriculum/Professional Learning; Ms. Barbara Schuh, Instructional Coach; and Ms. Erin Sipes, Program Specialist, presented a report on the transition to the Common Core State Standards in Social Emotional Learning which address Goals 1 and 3, Wellness and Curriculum. Included in the report was information on what Social Emotional Learning is; the primary skill clusters; the connections to the Common Core State Standards ; how parents can support the program; preparation and communication of the program; and the next parent night which will address how students show what they have learned and how children can be supported at home.
- 12. Grades 7-8 Mathematics Instructional Materials Adoption and Middle School Course Catalog** – Ms. Trunnell and Mr. Mark Freathy, Program Improvement Curriculum Specialist, presented information on the recommended series of instructional materials for the grades 7-8 instructional materials adoption along with an addendum to the Middle School Course Catalog. The 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. Based on projected students enrollment and costs, \$1,725,000 has been allocated for this expenditure.

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- 13. Senior Graduation Requirement and LCHS IB Program** – Ms. Penna reviewed the proposal to waive the current senior graduation requirements of American Government and Economics for full-diploma candidates enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Program. Staff analysis found that there are areas in these IB classes where the standards of American Government and Economics are clearly met and addressed.
- 14. Automated External Defibrillators and Related Services (AED Units)** - Mr. Fagan presented information and reviewed with the Board the implementation of an Automated External Defibrillator program and the related services. The report included information on legal authorization; responder, site and provider responsibilities, program training, implementation costs and the recommended AED model.

Mrs. Jenny Woods, parent and registered nurse, spoke about the need for AED units and thanked Mr. Fagan for his work.

Discussion was held with the representative of proposed provider regarding placement of units, inservice training, and the timing of installation and training with hopefully the program in operation sometime in the next school year.

XII. Discussion/Action Items

- 15. Water Conservation Efforts** – Resolution No. 53, 2013-14, Motion No. 132, 2013-14. Mr. Pierce reviewed with the Board the need for water conservation, plans in other entities for conversation, the effects of reducing irrigation on our campuses, and the cooperation with other agencies. Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Mr. Forcina, and carried unanimously by the votes of all Board Members present being affirmative, that Resolution No. 53, 2013-14 supporting regional water conservation efforts be approved.

XIII. Action Items

- 16. Resolutions to Eliminate and/or Reduce Classified Positions** – Discussion was held regarding the possible restoration of positions as the budget priorities are established. Ms. Jennifer Ballerini, representing AFSCME, noted that some of the positions have been restored. Mr. Forcina noted the need for maintenance and library positions and will vote “no.”

Resolution No 54, 2013-14, Motion No. 133, 2013-14, Resolution Eliminating or Reducing Classified Positions in the EGTEAMS – Motion by Mr. Madison, seconded by Ms. Amavisca, and carried by the following vote that Resolution No. 54, 2013-14 be adopted: Yes – Amavisca, Cox, Ly, Madison, and Singh-Allen; No – Forcina; Abstain - Perez.

Resolution No. 56, 2013-14, Resolution Eliminating or Reducing Classified Positions in AFSCME - Motion No. 134, 2013-14 – Mr. Madison, seconded by Ms. Amavisca,

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and carried by the following vote that Resolution No. 56, 2013-14 be adopted: Yes – Amavisca, Cox, Madison, and Singh-Allen; No – Forcina and Ly; Abstain – Perez.

XIV. Consent Agenda – Action - Motion No. 135, 2013-14 – Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen and seconded by Ms. Amavisca, that Items No. 17 through 24 except Item No. 22 which was addressed earlier in the meeting be approved. Mrs. Cox announced that the motion was carried unanimously by the votes of all Board Members present being affirmative.

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

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

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

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

21. Acceptance of Gifts – Donations to the District’s schools/programs as submitted.

22. 2014-16 Contract for Deputy Sheriff Personnel – This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

23. Instructional Materials Adoption - the following series of instructional materials be adopted: **BASIC** - Abriendo paso Gramatica; Copyright 2012 by Pearson Education, Inc. (IB Spanish SL1, Grades 11-12)

24. New High School Courses – the following new high school courses be approved for **ROP**: Medical Terminology, Grade 12, 5 Credits; Robotics, Grades 11-12, 10 Credits; Home Health Aid, Grade 12, 3 Credits; Environmental Architecture, Grades 11-12, 120 Credits; and for **Career Technical Education**: Entrepreneurship: Turning Risk Into Success (TRIS), Grades 10-12, 10 Credits.

XV. Other Action Items

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

XVI. Information Items

28. Other Items from the Floor – Ms. Amavisca suggested that any Board member having suggestions for the CSBA Golden Bell nominations contact Dr. Ladd.

29. Items for Future Agendas – None

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XVII. Adjournment - 10:25 p.m.

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

Approve by: _____
Steve Ly, Clerk