

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, MAY 6, 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. **Consideration of Student Records Appeal (Education Code Section 49070) - Delete**
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**
3. **Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9 1 Potential Case)**
4. **California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) Waiver Requests**
5. **Public Employee Appointment/Employment: Elementary School and Middle School Principals**

Open Meeting - 6:10 p.m. – Mrs. Cox announced that the Board met in Closed Session and by unanimous votes appointed the following: Mark Bensen – Principal, Harriet Eddy Middle School and Martin Martinez – Principal, Arnold Adreani Elementary School.

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Kathi Tovar, parent volunteer at Ellen Feickert Elementary School for the past thirteen years led the Pledge. Mrs. Tovar has worked in her daughters’ classrooms, served as vice president and president of the P.T.C; and organizes and works on the many P.T.C. activities and fundraisers. The P.T.C. also provides funds for classrooms teacher to spend on their classes and maintains a supply closet for classroom needs.

II. **Presentations/Recognitions**

6. **High School Student Representative Reports – Elk Grove and Pleasant Grove -** Makenna Engelbrecht and Kody Moore from Elk Grove High School and Melanie Ayala and Dana Blomquist from Pleasant Grove High School reported on activities and academics at their schools.
7. **2014 NorCal Science Olympiad State Competition** – Student and Teacher Coach Recognition – Sheldon and Pleasant Grove high schools’ students and teachers were recognized and commended for their outstanding performance at the 2014 NorCal Science Olympiad State Competition. Sheldon High School’s Science Olympiad team placed 3rd and Pleasant Grove High School’s team placed 5th.

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8. **Academic Recognition of Spring Student Athletes and Coaches** -- Coaches and teams from the nine comprehensive high schools who achieved the highest combined grade point average of any varsity athletic team during the spring sports season were recognized.
9. **Career Academy Certification** – The level of certification accorded to the following four Elk Grove Unified School District Career Academies were recognized as a result of a 2013-14 self-study and external evaluation: Cosumnes Oaks High School – Architectural Design and Engineering Academy (ADE); Cosumnes Oaks High School – Culinary Arts Academy (CAA); Florin High School – Law and the World Academy (LAW); and Pleasant Grove High School – Public Service Academy (PSA).

III. Student Expulsion Recommendations

10. **Requests for Student Expulsions** - Motion No. 150, 2013-14 - Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Mr. Madison, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present, that the Hearing Panel’s recommendations regarding three student expulsions be approved.

IV. LCAP Update

11. **Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Update** – Mr. Cerutti reported that the LCAP overall plan and timeline as continuing to be followed; a productive LCAP session was held on April 30; \$5.5 million has been allocated to support services and programs for our student built into LCAP; further deliberation of LCAP and the budget is scheduled for the May 15 Board workshop; and an update of the survey results will be presented on May 20. He noted that Dr. Ladd was invited to present EGUSD’s LCAP process at a regional gathering. However, due to his commitment at the Regional Scholarship Foundation, he was unable to attend. Mr. Cerutti and Mr. Fagan presented the District’s information. The attendees were very impressed with what this District is doing.

Mr. Madison stated he was very impressed with the Monterey Trail High School plan which was included on the “thumb drive” and thinks it should be a template throughout the District.

Mrs. Cox noted May 9 is CSBA Legislative Action Day and has asked what our District is doing relative to LCAP communication requirements.

In response to questions by Mr. Perez, it was noted that a Board Communication was sent which summarizes the general categories and the request for detailed reports will be considered at the Board Agenda preparation meeting.

V. Budget Update

12. **Budget Update** – Mr. Fagan reported the budget status is similar to that presented at the last meeting; the State is looking at \$1.5 to \$2 billion increased revenues next year which

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could be used for a variety of items in the State; and the question is where the money will be allocated.

Mr. Dean Dal Ben stated his concern about the impact of increasing health care costs on the budget and employees; and asked if any employee groups or classifications of employees had not received an increase in their compensation and what the District is doing to insure identification of foster youth, English Language Learners and the number of students on free and reduced price lunches and to maximize their education.

Mr. Forcina noted that to him the term budget means all of the funding the District received and not all twelve funds are included in the Budget. Mr. Perez agrees and stated he has not seen the federal, state and special projects under LCAP.

- 13. Approval of 2014-15 Budget Guidelines** – Mr. Fagan submitted for adoption the 2014-15 Budget Guidelines and noted the actions the Board took to approve expenditures at the April 30 meeting have been added to the guidelines. He noted that this is an ongoing process and as the Board takes actions to modify the budget they are reflected in the budget and included in the guidelines for the following year if they are ongoing expenditures or other actions. He noted that the District will have an idea of the state budget on May 15 but it will likely not be final until June at which time the District will have to modify its Budget.

Mr. Forcina stated he will vote “no” on approval of the guidelines and believes the District has the resources to restore expenditures to those prior to the recession. Discussion was held regarding the unknown amount of funding that will be available. Ms. Ellis, EGEA President stated the need to make sure what is restored is what needs to be restored.

Motion No. 151, 2013-14 – Motion by Mr. Forcina and seconded by Mr. Perez that the 2014-15 Budget Guidelines be approved with the restoration of seven items – restoration of custodial formulas, reinstate site supplies formula, lower class size in 9-12 grades by three FTE per site, increase registrar for continuations schools, lower class size at continuation high school from 32:1 to 20:1, increase library technicians by one hour for K-8 schools, add bilingual teaching associate for Punjabi/Hindu/Urdu. After discussion, Mr. Perez seconded the motion. In response to a question, Mr. Fagan stated the balance of \$16 million is available and staff recommends not approving expenditures above this amount at this time and explained the availability of funding and the changes in the Guidelines as the Board approves changes. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Forcina and Perez; Noes – Amavisca, Cox, Ly, Madison, and Singh-Allen.

Motion No. 152, 2013-14 - Motion by Ms. Amavisca and seconded by Mr. Madison, that the 2014-15 Budget Guidelines be approved as submitted. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Amavisca, Cox, Ly, Madison, and Singh-Allen; Noes – Forcina and Perez.

- 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.

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- VII. Public Comment** – Susan Mason acknowledged how hard all work, noted her disappointment that her information on the dangers of WiFi was not address and that she has attended community meeting, but is still not sold on the Common Core and misses community meetings. Mrs. Cox responded that the Board has received the WiFi information and noted the meetings notices on the website and school sites.

Dean Dal Ben noted his concerns regarding Common Core, the parent meetings held regarding LCAP, the reading of magazines rather than literature, the questions of whether there rubrics for teachers and administrators as well as students, vocational education, and he is looking for leadership and local control.

- VIII. Bargaining Units** – Nancy Eastman, CSEA, noted agreement to place the time of their presentations earlier on the agenda; does not agree that one-time money cannot be used to save jobs, especially bilingual teaching assistants, and not all languages are represented by the addition of five teaching associates.

- IX. Reports - None**

- X. Public Hearing/Action Items**

- 14. Consideration and Public Notice of Elk Grove Education Association (EGEA) Initial Proposal to the District Regarding Collective Bargaining for the 2014-2015 School Year** - Mr. De Graw presented the Elk Grove Education Association (EGEA) Initial Proposal regarding Collective Bargaining for the 2014-15 School Year to the District.

There were no responses to the call for a public hearing on the proposals.

Motion No. 153, 2013-14 - Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Singh-Allen, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present, that the Elk Grove Education Association's 2014-2015 Negotiations Proposals to the Elk Grove Unified School District be accepted.

- XI. Discussion Items - None**

- XII. Discussion/Action Items**

- 15. 2014-2015/2015-2016 Calendar** – Motion No. 154, 2013-14 – Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Mr. Forcina, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present, that the proposed 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 be approved.
- 16. Adjustment to School Facilities Fees (Developer Fees)** – Motion No. 155, 2013-14 – Mr. Pierce submitted and reviewed information regarding the April 2014 Development Fee Justification Study/School Facilities Needs Analysis and the legal requirements associated with the Justification Study and establishment of fees. Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Mr. Perez and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present, that this item be moved forward for the public hearing and

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adoption of resolutions approving the April 2014 SFNA/Fee Justification Study and the statutory fee for commercial and industrial development and the increased Level 2 and Level 3 Fees for residential development identified therein.

- 16A. Consultant Contract** – Motion No. 156, 2013-14 – Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Mr. Forcina, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present, that a contract between the District and Mary Montle Bacon, PhD. in the amount of \$66,5000 for the period of May 7, 2014 through June 30, 2016 be approved to provide services to continuously improve Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) and expand GATE/HONORS opportunities to all students. It was noted that this contract is to assist the District in meeting the mediated requirements of the recent Office of Civil Rights findings of GATE/HONORS/AP disproportionality.

Mr. Perez requested a copy of the mediated agreement.

XIII. Action Items

- 16B. Employment of Associate Superintendent, Human Resources** – Motion No. 157, 2013-14 – Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Mr. Madison, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present, that, in accordance with the Board’s action on April 30, 2014, to employ Brandon Krueger as Associate Superintendent, Human Resources, a contract be approved for the period of July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2017, at a beginning salary of \$157,851 (Step 1 of the Associate Superintendent’s salary schedule) and including all elements of the contract as issued.

- XIV. Consent Agenda – Action** - Motion No. 159, 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. 17 through 33 be approved as follows:

- 17. Approval of Minutes** – minutes of the regular Board Meeting held April 22, 2014, and the Special Board Meeting held April 30, 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. Resolution Regarding Board Member Absence** – Resolution No. 62, 2013-14, authorizing payment of the monthly compensation to Anthony “Tony” Perez for a meeting missed on April 22, 2014, due to hardship.
- 20. Revised Resolution approving Visiting Educator Loan Agreement with California Department of Education for Classified Employee Kathleen Moore** – Resolution No. 63, 2013-14, approving Visitor Educator Loan Agreement No. 4143 with the California Department of Education extending the current agreement allowing Kathleen Moore, an employee of this District to work with the California Department of Education from June 30, 2014, to June 30, 2016.

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21. **Approval of Purchase Order History Approval of Purchase Order History** - purchase orders for March 29 through April 11, 2014, with a Financial Summary Grand Total of \$1,992,186.07.
22. **Approval of Warrant Register** -Warrant Register No. 9, Warrants number 959607-961006 and 296220 -297707 totaling \$44,718,383.94 for March 1-31, 2014.
23. **Sale of Obsolete-Surplus Property** – authorized the sale of eight (8) obsolete school busses as submitted.
24. **Ratification of Contracts** - 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. **Ose Family Community Service Awards** – approved the Ose Family Community Service Awards – One Award of \$1,000 for an outstanding graduating senior in each of the following high schools: Cosumnes Oaks, Elk Grove, Florin, Franklin, Laguna Creek, Monterey Trail, Pleasant Grove, Sheldon, and Valley high schools.
27. **Associated Student Body Scholarship Expenditures – Franklin, Monterey Trail and Valley High Schools** – approved Franklin High School Associated Student Body Scholarship Expenditures for up to six \$500 AVID annual scholarships; Monterey Trail High School Associated Student Body Alumni Scholarship; Monterey Trail High School Associated Student Body Scholarship Expenditure for a \$1,000 MTHS Alumni Scholarship; and Valley High School Associated Student Body Scholarship Expenditure for one \$500 Valley Staff scholarship.
28. **Establish Certificate of Deposit – Ted LaTona Memorial Fund and Daylor School Age Parenting Scholarship** – authorized establishment of a certificate of deposit with BBVA Compass Bank in the amount of (\$7,456.67)\$4,517.23 for the Ted LaTona Memorial Fund and \$2,939.04 for the Daylor School Age Parenting Scholarship.
29. **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.
30. **Instructional Materials Adoption** - the following series of instructional materials be adopted: SUPPLEMENTAL –Ready Common Core Reading; Copyright 2013 by Curriculum Associates, LLC (English/Language Arts, Grades 2-6).
31. **2014-15 Annual Master Contract for Non Public Agencies and Non Public Schools** – approved the District’s 2014-15 Annual Master Contracts for Nonpublic Agencies (NPA) and Nonpublic Schools (NPS) as submitted.

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- 32. Approval to Purchase Networking Equipment Cooperatively Through California Multiple Award Schedules (CMAS)** – authorized the District’s Purchasing Department to purchase Network Equipment cooperatively through the California Multiple Award Scheduled (CMAS) Contract – funding source is Board approved State Common Core Funds in the amount of \$164,145.05, Evolve Technology Group Quote #04242014-KH01.
- 33. Out-of-State, Out-of-Country Field Trip Approval** – Cosumnes Oaks High School to Corvallis, OR to attend the 2014 Oregon State Football Camp, June 20-23, 2014; Laguna Creek High School to Monte Carlo, Monaco, to participate in the Solar1 World Cup Solar Championships July 7-14, 2014; and Elk Grove High School to Reno, NV to participate in the Damonte Ranch Summer Classic Basketball Tournament, July 11-13, 2014.

XV. Other Action Items

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

XVI. Information Items

- 35. Other Items from the Floor** – None
- 36. Items for Future Agendas** – Ms. Singh-Allen stated she would like the Board to consider moving the Board and superintendent Reports toward the end of the agenda and look at a better option of how they report.

In response to Mr. Perez’s request for a presentation on the status of installation of the televising of Board meetings, it was noted that installation is underway and should be completed this month. Also, Mr. Forcina reported he has learned there are other options for utilizing the equipment.

Mr. Forcina noted the District’s SARB record which is beneficial in returning students to school and requested a presentation before the Board.

XVII. Adjournment - 8:50 p.m.

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

Approve by: _____
Steve Ly, Clerk