

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, SEPTEMBER 16, 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: Mark Cerutti, Interim Superintendent; Donna Cherry, Rich Fagan, Brandon Krueger, Robert Pierce, and Tina Penna, Associate Superintendents. The list of visitors who signed in is on file.

Closed Session – 5:00 p.m. - Mrs. Cox announced that the Board would meet in closed session regarding the items listed on the agenda and called for public comment on these items.

1. Government Code Section 54958

Public Employee Appointment/Employment: Elementary School Vice Principal and Superintendent

2. Government Code Section 54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiators

Agency designated representatives: Brandon Krueger, Richard Fagan, Mark Cerutti, and Karen Rezendes

Employee Organization: All Elk Grove Unified School District Bargaining Units and Unrepresented Employees

Open Meeting - 6:00 p.m. – Mrs. Cox announced that the Board met in Closed Session and employed Scott Hadley as Vice Principal for Helen Carr Castello Elementary School with the following voting yes: Amavisca, Cox, Forcina, Ly, Madison, Perez, and Singh-Allen. She also announced that the Board voted to move forward with the hiring process of the new superintendent of the Elk Grove Unified School District, Christopher Hoffman, and that item will be formalized in Item 6 of the agenda tonight. She stated that the Board voted unanimously and all members voted in the affirmative. Mrs. Cox welcomed Mr. Cerutti as Interim Superintendent.

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Mrs. Anne Spencer, parent volunteer at Cosumnes River Elementary School, led the Pledge. Mrs. Spencer began volunteering more than nine years ago and has devoted herself to promoting family involvement and fundraising in order to provide the students with the best possible educational experience. Over the years, she has served in almost every PTA board position, helped with fundraisers and played a central role in the creation of their annual “Salute to Agriculture Day.”

II. Presentations/Recognitions

- 3. High School Student Representative Reports – Kaljit Atwal and Briann Martin** from Sheldon High School and Jack Danho and Mariah Jauregui from Valley High School reported on activities and academics at their schools.
- 4. Introduction of New Administrators** - Introduced were new administrators in the PreK-6 and Secondary Divisions.

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XII. Action Items

6. Superintendent Employment Agreement – Motion No. ___, 2014-15

Mrs. Cox reviewed the procedures the Board following in its search for a superintendent, introduced and thanked Mr. Bill Huyett, the key person in the search firm, Liz Graswich and Arlene Hein, staff personnel. She noted the criteria established and stated the Board chose Mr. Christopher R. Hoffman as the next superintendent for the District.

Board members commented on the positive selection process and the choice of Mr. Hoffman.

Mr. Huyett stated his appreciation for working with the Board.

Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen and seconded by Mr. Madison that an Employment Agreement be approved for Christopher R. Hoffman as the District's Superintendent of Schools beginning November 17, 2014, until June 30, 2018, under the terms included in the agreement, beginning with an annual salary of \$270,000, Step 1 of the Superintendent's salary schedule.

III. Student Expulsion Recommendations - None

IV. LCAP – No reports.

V. Budget Update – No reports

VII. Public Comment – None

VIII. Bargaining Units – None

IX. Reports - None

X. Public Hearing/Action Items

5. Environmental Determination for “Anatolia 2” Elementary School – Motion No. ___2014-15

Mr. Pierce briefly reviewed the requirements that environmental determinations be made on projects that may adversely impact the environment. He reported the District proposes to construct a new elementary school at the southwest corner of Appolon Drive and Sohpistry Drive in the Anatolia 2 community in the City of Rancho Cordova. The proposed project consists of the acquisition of a 10.5 acre school site and construction of a new elementary school facility with the capacity to accommodate 900 – 1,100 PreK-6th grade students. Based upon the Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Project, it has been determined that with mitigation

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measures, no significant environmental impacts have been identified pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, and that a Mitigate Negative Declaration was the appropriate study to perform.

There were no responses to the call for a public hearing and receiving comments on the “Anatolia 2” Elementary School Project (Project) and the Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and the Draft Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen and seconded by Mr. Madison that this item be moved forward for approval and adoption of Resolution 13, 2014-15 at the October 7, 2014, regular Board of Education Meeting. Vote: Ayes – Amavisca, Cox, Forcina, Ly, Madison, Perez, and Singh-Allen; Noes – None.

X. Discussion Items – None

XI. Discussion/Action Items - None

XII. Action Items

6. Superintendent Employment Agreement – This item was moved forward for action earlier in the meeting.

7. Walk to School Week Resolution – Motion No. __, 2014-15, Resolution No. 14, 2014-15

Mr. Pierce and Ms. Lisa Dixon, Project Coordinator, presented a report on and discussed with the Board the District’s Project AWARE – Advancing Walk and Roll Environments. The report included information on what the “Safe Routes to School” (SRTS) programs are, the program history and the District’s plan to educate, encourage, evaluate, enforce and engineering to sustain efforts by parents, schools, community leaders and local, state, and federal governments to improve the health and well-being of children by enabling and encouraging them to walk and bicycle to school.

Motion by Mr. Ly, seconded by Ms. Singh-Allen, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 14, 2014-15 be adopted designating October 6-10, 2014 as Walk to School Week.

8. Character Education Month Resolution – Motion No. __, 2014-15, Resolution No. 15, 2014-15 – Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Mr. Perez, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 15, 2014-15 be adopted affirming the month of October 2014 as Character Education Month in the District’s schools.

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9. Gear Up Resolution – Motion No. __, 2014-15, Resolution No. , 2014-15

Mrs. Penna reported on the benefits of the GEAR UP program to the District's students, participation by Samuel Jackman Middle School and Valley High School for the past ten years; Edward Harris, Jr., Middle School's receipt of services, and the selection of five middle schools for the 2012-17 Program Implementation Phase – Edward Harris, Jr., Harriet G. Eddy, Samuel Jackman, James Rutter, and

T.R. Smedberg middle schools. She introduced Ms. Crystal Robinson, Bridge Project Manager for GEAR UP; spoke about the program and Ms. Chelsia Bowler-Shelton, Valley High School Principal, Valley High School, where the Bridge Program has been operating for the past ten years.

Motion by Ms. Amavisca, seconded by Mr. Perez, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 16, 2014-15 be adopted recognizing September 22-26, 2014 as National GEAR UP Week.

10. United Way Resolution – Motion No. __, 2014-15, Resolution No. 17, 2014-15 – Motion by Ms. Amavisca, seconded by Mr. Forcina, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 17, 2014-15 be adopted proclaiming the period from October 1 through October 31, 2014, the United Way Campaign in the District.

XIII. 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 Comments

Mr. Steve Volmer, Assistant Superintendent for El Dorado Union High School District, spoke about the many positive attributes of Mr. Christopher Hoffman that he experienced in his District and stated that in the forty years he worked in education he has never had a better superintendent.

Ms. Katherine Duran asked what the procedure is for opting out of state testing and the Common Core. She was asked to speak to Ms. Cherry regarding this matter.

XIV. Consent Agenda – Action – Motion No. __, 2014-15 – Motion by Mr. Madison, seconded by Ms. Singh-Allen, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that Items 11 through 19, be approved.

11. Approval of Minutes - Approved minutes of the July 2, 2014, regular board meeting.

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

13. Approval of Purchase Order History- purchase orders for June 10 through July 25,

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2014, with a Financial Summary Grand Total of \$101,970,495.53.

- 14. Approval of Warrant Registers Approval of Warrant Register No. 1**, Warrants number 966084-966939 and 301974-303801 totaling \$49,748,450.73 for July 1-31, 2014.
- 15. Ratification of Contracts** - Approved contracts signed by authorized staff in accordance with Board Policy as submitted.
- 16. Acceptance of Gifts** – Accepted donations to the District’s schools/programs as submitted.
- 17. Supplemental Educational Services Provider Contracts** –Approved the annual 2014-2015 Supplemental Educational Services Contracts with 34 outside agencies who are eligible to complete the contract process and become an SES provider.
- 18. Ratification of Non Public** – Ratified Non-Public School/Non Public Agency (NPS/NPA) contracts which have been signed by authorized district staff in accordance with Board Policy 3312, Contracts.
- 19. Approval of Option of Five-Year Extension to the Lease Agreement for Property at the Old Transportation Yard to Elk Grove Community Food Bank Services** – Approved the option for a five-year extension to the Lease Agreement and authorized Robert Pierce, Associate Superintendent, Facilities and Planning to finalize and execute the lease extension on behalf of the District.

XV. Other Action Items

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

XVI. Information Items

- 21. Other Items from the Floor** - None
- 22. Items for Future Agendas** – None

XVII. Adjournment – 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by:
Mark Cerutti, Interim Superintendent

Approve by: _____
Steve Ly, Clerk