

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, JANUARY 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Singh-Allen at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Education Center.

Members Present: Bobbie Singh-Allen, President; Carmine Forcina, Clerk; Beth Albiani, Chet Madison, Dr. Crystal Martinez-Alire, and Anthony “Tony” Perez

Others Present: Christopher Hoffman, Superintendent; Mark Cerutti, Rich Fagan, Brandon Krueger, Robert Pierce, and Tina Penna, Associate Superintendents. The list of visitors who signed in is on file.

Closed Session – 4:30 p.m. Ms. Singh-Allen 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 54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiators

Agency designated representatives: Brandon Krueger, Richard Fagan, Steven M. Ladd, Karen Rezendes

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

2. Government Code Section

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint

3. Government Code Section 54957

Public Employee Appointment/Employment: Elementary School Principals

Open Session - Ms. Singh-Allen called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced that the Board met in closed session and by unanimous votes appointed Carrie Underwood as principal for Joseph Sims Elementary School and Mark Vierra as principal for Arnold Adreani Elementary School.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance** – Mrs. Cheryl Potter, parent volunteer at T.R. Smedberg Middle School, led the Pledge. Mrs. Potter has volunteered and participated at schools in the District since moving to Elk Grove in 2004. In the past, she helped students every week with various reading and comprehension programs at Butler Elementary School and was also the KCRA Canned Food Drive facilitator and a member of the PTO Board. This year, she is serving as the parent member of T.R. Smedberg’s GEAR UP team and has also volunteered to help at school dances, Back-to-School Nights, Celebrate Smedberg, and various other leadership functions by distributing yearbooks at the end of the year.

II. Presentations/Recognitions

- 4. High School Student Representatives – Florin and Monterey Trail** – Crysta Van from Florin High School and Kelsie Cole and Christina Le from Monterey Trail High School, reported on activities and academics at their schools.
- 5. California Forestry Challenge – Student and Teacher Recognition** – Coaches Tony White and Rebecca Anderson and students from Elk Grove High School were

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recognized and commended for earning first place at the California Forestry Challenge and fourth place statewide.

III. Student Expulsion Recommendations - None

IV. LCAP - None

V. Budget Update

- 6. Governor's Budget Update** – Mr. Fagan submitted and reviewed a report on the Governor's 2015-16 Budget Proposal which outlined the positive economic growth and the State revenues for school districts; the 2015-16 Local control Funding Formula which provides an average increase in per-pupil funding of 8.7% or \$675 per ADA (\$550 for EGUSD) and the components of the multi-year budget projections with the increase to the target for 2015-16 and 2016-18 estimated to be \$32.7 million and \$17 million respectively; and the Ending Fund Balance and Undesignated Fund positive at the First Interim Financial Report in 2014-15, the 2015-16 January Governor's Budget and for 2016-17. The Surplus (Deficit) estimates are negative at the First Interim Report and positive for 2015-16 and 2016-17. Many other aspects of the Governor's Budget were included in the report.

Discussion included school facilities funding and District's submittal to the Board of the Facilities Master Plan with the probability of recommending another bond issue; funding of Special Education, Adult Education, Career Technology, and the need to be proactive with regarding to a State Building Fund. Ms. Albiani suggested a resolution opposing the 2% cap on reserves be presented for Board approval.

XII. Action Items

- 10. Day of Remembrance Resolution (Moved forward on the agenda)** – Motion No. 104, 2014-15 – Resolution No. 36, 2014-15 – Ms. Marielle Tsukamoto reviewed the history of the Day of Remembrance and Elk Grove's help in establishing the Day of Remembrance. She thanked the Board and staff for their support of the program and introduced people responsible for presenting the program.

Motion by Mr. Madison, seconded by Mr. Perez, and carried unanimously by affirmative votes of all members present that Resolution No. 36, 2014-15 be adopted reaffirming January 20, 2015 as a "Day of Remembrance" and affirming January 26 through March 20, 2015 as the time for student visits to the California Museum.

VI. Public Comment - None

VII. Bargaining Units - None

VIII. Reports - None

IX. Public Hearing/Action Items – None

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X. Discussion Items

6A. Finalization of Plans for the January 26, 2015, Special Board Meeting for the Purpose of Interviewing and Making a Provisional Appointment of a Board Member from Trustee Area 6 – Mr. Krueger reviewed plans for the January 26 meeting which included the following:

- Allowing three speakers per candidate – one minute per speaker.
- Allowing two minutes each for comments by Bargaining Units, and additional time for public comments using the guideline of 30 seconds per speaker.
- Deliberation process which will lead to the selection for the final candidate.
- Ms. Singh-Allen will not ask questions as she will facilitate the interviews.
- Board members should submit suggested question to the Superintendent which will be revealed to the Board members prior to the meeting. There will be no followup questions.

In response to Mr. Ramos's comments that more questions and not limiting public comment would be better. Mr. Madison stated that the timeline for the appointment is short and a decision must be made.

XI. Discussion/Action Items

7. 2015-16 Open Enrollment Recommendations - Mr. Roe, Mrs. Penna, and Mr. Pierce presented the recommendation for 2015-16 open enrollment and reviewed the key factors for the recommendation – Year-round to traditional conversion, program improvement/public school choice, intra-district transfers – child care, and offloading students. Also reviewed were the projected enrollments and capacities for middle and high schools for the 2015-2016 school year and capacity for increased enrollment for multiple years. To maintain stable enrollments, it was recommended that no more than 5% of the school's students be allowed to open enroll to another school.

Discussion was held regarding the inequality of programs and facilities caused partly by the requirement to offer open enrollment and the need to establish programs that will change the perception of some schools. A survey is planned to try to identify the reasons parent/pupils want to leave their school of residence.

Motion No. 105, 2014-15 - Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen and seconded by Mr. Madison, (1) no elementary school be designated as an open enrollment and (2) in the secondary schools open enrollment be offered at Harriet Eddy, Edward Harris, Jr., Samuel Jackman, Joseph Kerr, Elizabeth Pinkerton, James Rutter, and T.R. Smedberg middle schools and Cosumnes Oaks, Elk Grove, Florin, Laguna Creek, Monterey Trail, Sheldon and Valley high schools, (3) that it be stipulated that current Elizabeth Pinkerton eighth grade students on Open Enrollment be allowed to matriculate to Cosumnes Oaks High School without reapplying for Open Enrollment, and (4) the number of students leaving any individual school not exceed 5% of a school's total enrollment. Vote: Ayes – Albiani, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire, and Singh-Allen ; Noes – Perez.

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Site-specific data regarding Open Enrollment transfers will be brought before the Board for approval on February 17.

XII. Action Items

8. **African American History Month Resolution** – Motion No. 106, 2014-15 - Resolution No. 34, 2014-15 – Motion by Ms. Albiani, seconded by Mr. Perez, and carried unanimously by affirmative votes of all members present, that Resolution No. 34, 2014-15 be adopted affirming February as African-American History Month.
9. **Career Technical Education Month Resolution** – Motion No. 107, 2014-15 – Resolution No. 35, 2014-15 - Motion by Mr. Madison, seconded by Mr. Forcina, and carried unanimously by affirmative votes of all members present, that Resolution No. 35, 2014-15 be adopted affirming February as Career Technical Education Month.
10. **Day of Remembrance Resolution** – This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

XIII. Board Member and Superintendent Reports - Board members and the Superintendent reported on activities within the District and other organization and committee meetings relative to the District and its operation.

XIV. Consent Agenda – Action – Motion No. 108, 2014-15 – Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Mr. Madison, and carried unanimously by affirmative vote of all members present, that Items No. 11 through 18 be approved.

11. **Approval of Minutes** Approved minutes of the regular meeting held December 9, 2014.
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** - Approved purchase orders for December 13, 2014, through January 2, 2015, with a Financial Summary Grand Total of \$3,207,368.74.
14. **Warrant Register Approval** - Approved Warrant Register No. 6, warrants number 971860-973142 and 309287-310273 in the total amount of \$24,370,152.09 for all funds for the period of December 1, through 31, 2014.
15. **Contract Ratification** - 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.

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- 17. **Revision to Board Policy 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures** – Approved modifications to Board Policy 1312.3, Uniform Complaint Procedures which is compliant with the Procedures Policies and Procedures issued by the California Department of Education on July 24, 2014.
- 18. **EGUSD Graduate Profile** – Approved the District’s Graduate Profile which was presented and reviewed at the January 6, 2015, Board meeting.

XV. Other Action Items

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

XVI. Information Items

- 20. **Other Items from the Floor** - None
- 21. **Items for Future Agendas** – It was suggested that a future agenda address the CSBA resolution regarding the ending fund balance cap. Mr. Hoffman stated he has this on a list along with other items requested and they will be included in the spring calendar.

XVII. Adjournment – 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by:
Christopher R. Hoffman., Superintendent

Approve by: _____
Carmine Forcina, Clerk