

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, NOVEMBER 4, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Cox at 4:30 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** – 4:30 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 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 54956.8**

**Conference with Real Property Negotiators**

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

**District negotiators: Mark Cerutti, Interim Superintendent and Robert Pierce, Associate Superintendent, Facilities and Planning, Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD)**

**Negotiating parties: EGUSD and Lennar Sunridge Investors, LLC, AKT 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**

**3. Government Code Section 54957**

**Public Employee Appointment/Employment: Director of Communications; Chief of Police and Police Services Consultant**

**Open Meeting** - 6:00 p.m. – Mrs. Cox announced that the Board met in Closed Session and took the following action:

- Approved the termination of a temporary employee by a unanimous vote of all members present. Board members voting in favor of the motion were Ms. Amavisca, Mrs. Cox, Mr. Forcina, Mr. Ly, Mr. Madison, Mr. Perez, and Ms. Singh-Allen

**I. Pledge of Allegiance** – Mr. Michael Lynch was recognized for his support of Valley High School. Through his experiences in politics and public policy, Mr. Lynch developed a vision to give back to the community that once served him. He co-founded and became the Chief Executive Officer of Improve Your Tomorrow, a nonprofit college prep program at Valley High School which was created to inspire young men of color to break generational

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cycles of poverty, incarceration and low educational attainment. Over the past year, 50% of the students who participated in the program have increased their grade point averages and all are four-year college bound based on their current a-g status. Since September, 38 9<sup>th</sup> grade recruits were welcomed to the program.

## II. Presentations/Recognitions

4. **High School Student Representative Reports** – Maricruz Diagut and Kyrsta Van from Florin High School, Noah Maidrand and Braden Trotter from Laguna Creek High School, and Kaljit Atwal and Briann Martin from Sheldon High School reported on activities and academics at their schools.

## III. Student Expulsion Recommendations

5. **Request for Student Expulsions** - Motion No. 56, 2014-15 - Motion by Ms. Amavisca, seconded by Mr. Madison, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that the Hearing Panel's recommendations regarding student expulsions be approved.

IV. **LCAP** - None

V. **Budget Update** - None

VI. **Public Comment** – None

VII. **Bargaining Units** - None

VIII. **Reports** – None

## IX. Public Hearing/Action Items

6. **Consideration and Public Notice of AFSCME's Initial Proposal Regarding Collective Bargaining for the 2014-2015 School Year** - Motion No. 57, 2014-15

There were no responses to the call for a public hearing on the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employee's (AFSCME's) Initial Proposal to the District Regarding Collective Bargaining.

Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen and seconded by Ms. Amavisca the AFSCME's Proposal to the District be accepted. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Amavisca, Cox, Forcina, Ly, Madison, Perez and Singh-Allen.; Noes - None

7. **Consideration and Public Notice of ATU's Initial Proposal Regarding Collective Bargaining for the 2014-2015 School Year** - Motion No. 58, 2014-15

There were no responses to the call for a public hearing on the Amalgamated Transit Union's (ATU's) Initial Proposal to the District Regarding Collective Bargaining.

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Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen and seconded by Ms. Amavisca that ATU's proposal to the District be accepted. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Amavisca, Cox, Forcina, Ly, Madison, Perez and Singh-Allen; Noes – None.

**8. Consideration and Public Notice of CSEA's Initial Proposal Regarding Collective Bargaining for the 2014-2015 School Year** - Motion No. 59, 2014-15

There were no responses to the call for a public hearing on the California School Employees Association's (CSEA's) Initial Proposal to the District Regarding Collective Bargaining.

Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen and seconded by Mr. Madison that CSEA's proposal to the District be accepted. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Amavisca, Cox, Forcina, Ly, Madison, Perez and Singh-Allen; Noes - None.

**9. Public Hearing and Resolution to Convey Land at C.W. Dillard Elementary School to the County of Sacramento for the Wilton Community Center** – Motion No. 60, 2014-15, Resolution No. 23, 2014-15 –

Mr. Pierce briefly reviewed the project and thanked members of the Wilton community, County Supervisor Nottolli's office, and his staff for their efforts to provide just under ½ acre and buildings at the Dillard Elementary School site to the County of Sacramento for the Wilton Community Center. Board members expressed their appreciation for the collaborative efforts to establish this Center.

There were no responses to the call for a public hearing on the conveyance of land at C.W. Dillard Elementary School to the County of Sacramento for the Wilton Community Center.

Motion by Mr. Forcina and seconded by Mr. Perez that Resolution No. 23, 2014-15 be adopted authorizing the superintendent to execute a Conveyance Agreement, Grant Deed, Joint Use Agreements, and related documents with the County of Sacramento for the Wilton Community Center in accordance with California Education Code Section 35160. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Amavisca, Cox, Forcina, Ly, Madison, Perez, and Singh-Allen; Noes - None.

**X. Discussion Items –**

**10. 2015-2016 EGUSD Comprehensive High School Course Catalog and College/Career Planning Guide, Middle School Course Catalog, and Alternative School Course Catalog and College/Career Planning Guide** – The course catalogs and college/career planning guides were submitted and briefly reviewed with the Board by Jerrilyn Ewing, Director of Instructional Support and Tina Penna, Associate Superintendent of Instruction.

The catalogs will continue to be provided electronically via the District's website and through each school's website. Hard copies will be provided during the course selection process. The cost for printing is \$14,500.00.

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**11. Revisions to Board Policy 6174 – Education for English Language Learners -**

Submitted for the first reading were revisions to the policy which replace language to align the policy with the California School Boards Association (CSBA) model policy.

Staff will provide responses to Mr. Perez's suggestion to include DLAC in the committees listed and to change the wording from "may" to "shall" provide for adult literacy.

**XII. Action Items (No. 21 was moved forward in the meeting.)**

**21. School Psychology Awareness Week** – Motion No. 61, 2014-15 – Resolution No. 27, 2014-15 – Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Mr. Ly, and carried unanimously by affirmative votes of all members present, that Resolution No. 27, 2014-15 be adopted recognizing November 10-14, 2014, as National School Psychology Awareness Week.

Mr. Carl Steinauer, Director, Student Support and Health Services, introduced the District's psychologists who were in attendance and were recognized by the Board.

**XI. Discussion/Action Items**

**12. Changes to Inter-District Transfer Process** – Motion No. 62, 2014-15 - Revisions made to the Sacramento County Interdistrict Transfer Process by a committee of representatives from each Sacramento County school district were presented and reviewed with the Board. The application is intended to be used by each district in the County. During the discussion, it was noted that details regarding the procedures will be included in the Administrative Regulation to accompany the policy.

Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Ms. Amavisca, and carried unanimously, by affirmative votes of all members present that the revisions to the Interdistrict Transfer Process form be approved.

**13. Resolution Acknowledging that the State Facility Program Bond Authority is Exhausted** – Motion No. 63, 2014-15 – Resolution No. 24, 2014-15 – Mr. Pierce submitted and reviewed with the Board the resolution acknowledging that the State Facility Bond Authority is Exhausted and the requirement that the resolution be adopted before the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) and the State Allocation Board (SAB) will accept funding applications.

Motion by Mr. Madison and seconded by Mr. Ly that Resolution No. 24, 2014-15, Resolution of the Board of Education of the Elk Grove Unified School District Acknowledging that the State Facility Program Bond Authority is Exhausted be adopted. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Amavisca, Cox, Forcina, Ly, Madison, Perez, and Singh-Allen; Noes - None.

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- 14. Memorandum of Understanding Between Elk Grove Unified School District and the Sacramento County Office of Education** – Motion No. 64, 2014-15 – Mr. Ly stated that while he is a employee of the County Office of Education, legal counsel has determined that he has no conflict of interest.

Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Mr. Forcina, and carried unanimously by affirmative votes of all members present that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Sacramento County Office of Education be approved for services to deliver instructional support to staff for the implementation of Common Core State Standards for Mathematics associated with K-8 Math Generation training at a cost of \$75,000.00 to be paid out of the Math Generation Grant funds.

- 15. Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) Contract Approval** – Motion No. 65, 2014-15 – Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Mr. Ly, and carried unanimously by affirmative votes of all members present that a Contract for Services between the Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) and the Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD) be approved as part of the implementation of a \$6 million California Career Pathway Trust (CCPT) grant to form a regional consortium. As stipulated within EGUSD's CCPT application, the District will allocate \$772,316 to the Sacramento City Unified School District over a period of five years to provide services described in the contract.

During the discussion Mr. Forcina noted the need to include continuation of this project in budget planning following the end of the grant funding in 2017-2018.

- 16. Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA) Contract Approval** – Motion No. 66, 2014-15 – Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Amavisca, and carried unanimously by affirmative votes of all members present that a Contract for Services between the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA) and the Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD) be approved as part of the implementation of the California Career Pathway Trust (CCPT) grant to employ five Career Specialists to serve academy and pathway teams in both EGUSD and SCUSD. As stipulated within EGUSD's CCPT application, the District will allocate \$901,107 to SETA over the next four years to employ five Career Specialists.

- 17. Memorandum of Understanding Between Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD) and the Sacramento Educational Cable Consortium (SECC)** – Motion No. 67, 2014-15 – Motion by Ms. Amavisca, seconded by Ms. Singh-Allen, and carried unanimously by affirmative votes of all members present that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Sacramento Education Cable Consortium (SECC) for videotaping services for the Math Generation Grant be approved in the amount of \$59,925.00 to be paid from the Math Generation Grant Funds.

- 18. Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) and Approval of Contract for Integrative Technical Solution: CCSS, ELA and ELD Transitional Support (RFP #555-14-15)** – Motion No. 68, 2014-15 – Motion by Ms. Amavisca seconded by Ms. Singh-Allen, and carried unanimously by affirmative votes of all members present that RFP #555-14/15 be awarded to Synced Solution from Action Learning in the amount of

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\$336,000 over two fiscal years to provide a computerized system to support K-6 teachers with implementing the English/Language Arts (ELA) Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and the California English Language Arts Development (ELD) standards.

**XIII. Action Items**

- 19. Sikh American Appreciation and Awareness Month** – Motion No. 69, 2014-15, Resolution No. 25, 2014-15 – Motion by Mr. Ly, seconded by Ms. Amavisca, and carried unanimously by affirmative votes of all members present that Resolution No. 25, 2014-15 be adopted designating November 2014 a Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month. Ms. Singh-Allen noted she is a proud Sikh American and thanked everyone for being so inclusive.
- 20. Native American Month** – Motion No. 70, 2014-15 – Resolution No. 26, 2014-15 Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Mr. Ly, and carried unanimously by affirmative votes of all members present that Resolution No. 26, 2014-15 be adopted designating November 2014 as Native American Month.

Ms. Sonjhia Lowery, Director of Student Support Services, introduced Nelson Chaske, Indian Education Specialist and others involved in the Indian Education Program.

Mr. Forcina noted he is tremendously proud of this group for their work to sustain their entire culture.

- 21. School Psychology Awareness Week** – This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.
- 22. Developer Fee Annual Report** – Motion No. 71, 2014-15 – Motion by Ms. Amavisca, seconded by Ms. Singh-Allen, and carried unanimously by affirmative votes of all members present that the Annual Report of 2013-14 Developer Fee expenditures, presented for the first review on October 7, 2014, be approved. The beginning fund balance on July 1, 2013, is \$22,942,789.00 and the ending fund balance on June 30, 2014 is \$14,648,998.00.

- VI. Board Member and Superintendent Reports** – Mrs. Cox announced that Board Member reports on the community meetings will be presented at the next meeting. Mr. Madison noted the very successful AVID Program at Valley High School.

Mr. Cerutti stated this will be his last meeting in his position as Interim Superintendent and noted he is appreciative and humbled by the opportunity to serve.

**Hearing of Visitor on Topic Not on Agenda - None**

**Hearing of visitor on Topic on the Agenda** – Mary Deutsch, CSEA President, asked that deletion of reference to Education Code Sections 5400 and 4320 in the revised Board Policy 6174, Education for English Language Learners be reconsidered.

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- XIV. Consent Agenda – Action** – Motion No. 72, 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 23 through 38 be approved.
- 23. Approval of Minutes** – Approved minutes of the September 2 and October 7, 2014, regular board meetings and the special board meetings held July 10 and 15, August 12, and September 3, 5, 6, 9, and 30, 2014.
  - 24. Personnel Actions** – Approved personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements, and returning from reemployment lists as submitted.
  - 25. Variable Term Waivers** – Approved variable term waivers for John Pellman as an Art Teacher at Pleasant Grove High School for the 2014-15 school year and for Benny Rich as an ROP Instructor (Legal) at Florin High School for the 2014-15 school year.
  - 26. Certification of Administrators’ Competence to Evaluate** – Granted Certification of Administrators’ Competence to Evaluate to the following newly-hired District administrators who have successfully complete the District’s training process: William Aydlett, Bruce Barron, Stephanie Carlstrom, Christopher Clark, Thomas Dickinson, Sue Hubbard, Tony Limoges, Elias Mendoza, John Mifsud, Louise Roachford-Gould, Tami Silvera, Erin Sipes, Anita Tong, Wilbert Villalta, and Yvonne Wright.
  - 27. Resolution Regarding Board Member Absence** – Resolution No. 28, 2014-15 – Adopted Resolution No. 28, 2014-15 authorizing payment of the monthly compensation to Bobbie Singh-Allen for a meeting missed on September 30, 2014, due to hardship.
  - 28. Approval of Purchase Order History** - Purchase orders for September 28 through October 10, 2014, with a Financial Summary Grand Total of \$6,746,542.54.
  - 29. Warrant Register No. 3 Approval** – Warrants number 968109-969249 and 305537-306686 totaling \$46,960,794.85 for September 1-30, 2014.
  - 30. Disposal of Obsolete/Surplus Property** – Authorized the disposal of obsolete/surplus property which included miscellaneous items and Vehicle ID#006B with no anticipated income.
  - 31. Acceptance of Gifts** – Accepted donations to the District’s schools/programs as submitted.
  - 32. Ratification of Contracts-** Approved contracts signed by authorized staff in accordance with Board Policy as submitted.
  - 33. Ratification of Non Public School/Non Public Agency (NPS/NPA) Contracts** – Ratified NPA/NPS contracts signed by authorized district staff in accordance with Board Policy 3312.

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- 34. Approval to Enter Into a Purchase Agreement for Five (5) New Blue Bird Wheelchair Buses** – Authorized the purchase of Five (5) new Blue Bird Wheelchair BBCV buses cooperatively through the Waterford Unified School District at a total cost including tax of \$712,191.88 (Bid #01-12) with funding from the General Fund and insurance proceeds.
- 35. Williams Act Quarterly Report Notification** – Received the report on the Williams Act Quarterly Report Uniform Complaint Process for the period of June 30, 2014, through September 30, 2014, which reported no complaints filed.
- 36. Out-of-State Field Trip Approval** – Approved the out-of-state field trip for Sheldon High School to attend the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, OR March 17-20-2015.
- 37. Franklin Elementary School Portables 2014 Relocatable Building Installation, Change Order No. 3** - Approved Change Order No. 3 with Lamon Construction for the Franklin Elementary School Portables 2014 Relocatable Building Installation project increasing contract by \$24,998.40 to \$331,947.40 and authorizing District representative to sign the approved change order.
- 38. Franklin Elementary School Portables 2014 Relocatable Building Installation, Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of the Franklin Elementary School Portables 2014 Relocatable Building Installation of Three (3) Relocatable Buildings by Lamon Construction and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.

**XV. Other Action Items**

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

**XVI. Information Items**

- 40. Other Items from the Floor** – None
- 41. Items for Future Agendas** – Mr. Forcina reported that Mr. Fagan and his staff have been working on the budget policy and will be bringing a request to the Board to send the document to the Finance Committee for review.

**XVII. Adjournment** – 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Mark Cerutti, Interim Superintendent

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