

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, MARCH 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Forcina at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Education Center.

**Members Present:** Bobbie Singh-Allen, President (Late – arrived during closed session at 5:30 p.m.); Carmine Forcina, Clerk; Beth Albiani, Nancy Chaires Espinoza, Chet Madison, Dr. Crystal Martinez-Alire, and Anthony “Tony” Perez

**Others Present:** Christopher Hoffman, Superintendent; Mark Cerutti, 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** – Ms. Singh-Allen announced that the Board would meet in closed session regarding the items listed on the agenda at 6:00 p.m. and called for public comment on the items.

**1A. Government Code Section 54956.9 Subdivision (d) Paragraph (1)  
Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation  
Case Numbers: 2014070093; 2014070099; 2014100301; 2014110634**

**1B. Government Code Section 54956.9 Subdivision (d) Paragraph (2)  
Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Significant Exposure to Litigation – 2 cases**

**2. Government Code Section 54957  
Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint**

**3. Education Code Sections 35146, 48900 et seq. and 48912(b)  
California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) Waiver Requests**

**4. Government Code Section 54957.6  
Conference with Labor Negotiators  
Agency designated representatives: Christopher Hoffman, Brandon Krueger,  
Richard Fagan, Karen Rezendes  
Employee Organizations: All Elk Grove Unified School District  
Bargaining Units and Unrepresented Employees**

**Open Session** - Ms. Singh-Allen called the regular session to order at 6:05 p.m. and announced that the Board met in closed session and no action was taken.

**I. Pledge of Allegiance** – Mr. Charlie Price, Elliot Ranch Elementary School grandparent, volunteer and yard supervisor, led the Pledge. Mr. Price has been a volunteer extraordinaire since his grandson was a kindergartener volunteering in the classroom and assisting any teacher who needed help. He is also known as Mr. Fixit because if there is a physical need on campus, he can always be counted on to offer help. With his own finances, Charlie bought materials to make individual whiteboards for hundreds of students, fixes anything that breaks or need replacement on the playground, and helped build their school garden. He used his connections to get donations to support the garden and the PBIS initiative. He is also a valued member of the school’s PBIS team and works to assure that all students have a caring and bully-free place to play; makes leather

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bookmarks bracelets for incentives for students, for staff, and for a club to sell and donate the funds to the SPCA.

## II. Presentations/Recognitions

5. **High School Student Representative, Florin, Laguna Creek and Calvine** - Maricruz Diagut and Kyrsta Van from Florin High School, Robert Gonzalez and Melanie Ayala from Pleasant Grove High School and Robert Moore and De Hanna Traylor from Calvine High School, reported on activities and academics at their schools.
6. **Academic Decathlon – Student and Teacher Recognition - Academic Decathlon – Student and Teacher Recognition** – Recognized were the students and coaches who placed in the “Top 10” at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Sacramento County Academic Decathlon competition: Pleasant Grove High School – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Overall, Sheldon High School -5<sup>th</sup> Place Overall, and Laguna Creek High School 7<sup>th</sup> Place. Also recognized were students and coaches from Elk Grove, Franklin, and Monterey Trail schools who received medals and/or team leadership awards.

## III. Student Expulsion Recommendation

7. **Request for Student Expulsion** – Ms. Singh-Allen announced that this item is being moved to just prior to the Consent Agenda.

## IV. LCAP

8. **Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) – Timeline for Spring** – Mr. Cerutti presented a report which outlined the District’s strategic goals, the LACP/ Budget Development meetings that have been scheduled and the agendas for those meetings to provide an update on the District’s Plan. Meetings will be held April 7 at the Board Meeting, April 14 from 4:00-8:00 p.m., April 21 at the Board meeting, and April 22 from 3:00-7:00 p.m., in the Board Room at the Education Center.

Mr. Perez noted requests he has made for presentations and information, and was asked to discuss these requests with the Superintendent at a meeting which has been scheduled.

## V. Budget Update - None

- VI. **Public Comment** – Ms. Katherine Duran addressed concerns about the Common Core Mathematics and was requested to submit her testimonial to the Board.

- VII. **Bargaining Units** – Ms. Maggie Ellis, Elk Grove Education Association President, announced that the Tentative Agreement between the Association and the District passed with a 97% vote, and she looks forward to the Board’s decision on approval of the agreement.

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**VIII. Reports**

- 9. Water Conservation** – Motion No. 134, 2014-15 - Mr. Pierce presented a report on the District's water conservation efforts as a result of the current drought conditions and the necessity to comply with State and local agency mandates while meeting the needs of students for educational and activity purposes and the community use.

Discussion was held regarding the source of water (water agencies and wells) and the use of reclaimed water at the schools in the District; the conservation measures the District has taken; and the possibility of having to limit use of the playing fields.

Ms. Singh-Allen suggested scheduling 2x2 meetings with agencies and providing information and awareness of the necessity regarding water conservation to parents and the community.

The resolution supporting District and regional water conservation efforts will be presented for adoption at the April 7, 2015, Board meeting.

**IX. Public Hearing/Action Items**

**X. Discussion Items**

- 10. Online Board Agenda** – Mr. Steve Mate, Director of Technology Services, presented a report on CSBA AgendaOnline program which included CSBA's estimated cost saving of \$460 per meeting; the approximate cost of \$31,000 for equipment and subscriptions; the need to be replace laptops every three to four years; the recommendation for a phased-in approach and the timeline which concludes with conducting meetings using OnlineAgenda in July and August 2015. It was noted that it is an online service and connection issues happen, business will be done differently which takes time to adjust, the product is more about efficiency than savings, and updating will require additional training. Also, laptops will need to be replaced every three to four years.

Questions submitted by Board members included what other districts are using, laptop specifications and installation of other software, whether the laptops can be used for other purposes, and the cost for the District's current system. Questions will be responded to in a Board Communication, and the recommendation will be forwarded to the Board at the April 7, 2015 meeting.

**XI. Discussion/Action Items**

- 11. IB Middle Years Programme** – Motion No. 135, 2014-15 – Mrs. Penna, Mr. Doug Craig, Laguna Creek High School principal, and Mr. Mark Benson, Harriet Eddy Middle School principal, presented and reviewed with the Board a report on the recommendation to submit an Application for Candidacy, to include

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confirmation of funding for planning, implementation, and operation of the IB Middle Years Programme in grades 7-10 at Harriet Eddy Middle School and Laguna Creek High School. Included in the report were the objectives, description and benefits of the program, the costs and funding sources, and approval of submission of MYP application for candidacy which, through approval, confirms funding for the program planning and implementation and ongoing operation.

Costs and funding sources are as follows:

2014-15 - \$41,500 from LCFF (GATE, Honors, AP); Site Supplemental Funds; Title II

2015-16 - \$51,950 from LCFF (GATE, Honors, AP); Site Supplemental Funds; Title II

2016-17 - \$35,961 from LCFF (GATE, Honors, AP); Site Supplemental Fund; Title II

Motion by Mr. Madison, seconded by Mr. Forcina, and carried unanimously by affirmative votes of all members present that an Application for Candidacy, to include confirmation of funding for planning, implementation, and operation of the IB Middle Years Programme in grades 7-10 at Harriet Eddy Middle School and Laguna Creek High School be approved as submitted.

## **XII. Action Items**

- 12. Tentative Agreement Between Elk Grove Unified School District and Elk Grove Education Association** – Motion No. 136, 2014-15 – Dr. Krueger reported that the Tentative Agreement Between the District the Elk Grove Education Association (EGEA), 2014-15 and 2015-16, dated February 25, 2015 was ratified by EGEA and that the AB1200 report which provides the financial analysis of the Tentative Agreement was submitted to and approved by the Sacramento County Office of Education.

Board members indicated their support for the agreement and the interest based bargaining process followed to reach this agreement.

There were no responses to the call for a public hearing on the Tentative Agreement between the District and the Elk Grove Education Association.

Motion by Mr. Madison, seconded by Ms. Chaires-Espinoza, and carried unanimously by affirmative votes of all members present that the Tentative Agreement between the District and Elk Grove Education Association, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 dated February 25, 2015 be ratified.

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- 13. National Nutrition Month Resolution** – Resolution No. 51, 2014-15 – Motion No. 137, 2014-15 – In response to Mr. Perez’s suggestion to establish farmers markets within our school sites, Ms. Michele Drake, Food and Nutrition Services Director, stated that the District does provide special events to promote healthy food but cannot farmers markets cannot be funded through Food and Nutrition Services.

Motion by Mr. Madison, seconded by Ms. Chaires Espinosa, and carried unanimously by affirmative votes of all members present, that Resolution No. 51, 2014-15 be adopted designating the month of March as National Nutrition Month.

- 14. Public Schools Month Resolution** – Resolution No. 52, 2014-15 – Motion No. 138, 2014-15 - Motion by Mr. Perez, seconded by Mr. Madison, and carried unanimously by affirmative votes of all Board Members present that Resolution No. 52, 2014-15 be adopted designating April 2015 as Public Schools Month in the Elk Grove Unified School District.

- 15. Resolution to Eliminate or Reduce Classified Positions**– Resolutions No. 53 and 55, 2014-15 – Motion No. 139, 2014-15 - Dr. Krueger reported that the elimination of the positions listed for elimination are in areas where funding has not yet been verified and will be restored when funding is approved.

Motion by Mr. Madison, seconded by Ms. Albiani, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all members present, that Resolution No. 53, 2015-16, Resolution Eliminating or Reducing Classified Position (AFSCME) and Resolution No. 55, 2014-15, Resolution Eliminating or Reducing Classified Positions (AFSCME) be adopted

- XIII. Board Member and Superintendent Reports** - Board members and the Superintendent reported organization and committee meetings and information relative to the District and its operation.

- III. Student Expulsion Recommendation** – There were no responses to the call for anyone who wishes to address the Board in closed session regarding a student expulsion recommendation.

- 7. Request for Student Expulsion** – Motion No. 140, 2014-15 - Motion by Mr. Madison and seconded by Mr. Perez that the Hearing Panel’s recommendation regarding a student expulsion be approved. Vote: Ayes – Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez, and Singh-Allen; Abstain – Albiani.

- XIV. Consent Agenda – Action** – Motion No. 141, 2014-15 – Motion by Mr. Madison, seconded by Ms. Chaires Espinoza, and carried unanimously by affirmative votes of all members present that Items No. 16 through 37 be approved.

- 16. Approval of Minutes** - Approved minutes of the regular board meeting held March 3, 2015.

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17. **Resolution Regarding Board Member Absence** – Resolution No. 54, 2014-15 – Adopted Resolution No. 54, 2014-15 authorizing payment of the monthly compensation to Nancy Chaires Espinoza for a meeting missed on February 17, 2015, due to hardship.
18. **Personnel Actions** - Approved personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements, and returns from reemployment lists as submitted.
19. **Certification of Administrator's Competence to Evaluate** - Granted Certification of Administrator's Competence to Evaluate to Anna Trunnell, Curriculum and Professional Learning, and Michelle Wallner, James Rutter Middle School.
20. **Memorandum of Understanding Between Assistant Chief of Police and Elk Grove Unified School District** – Approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Assistant Chief Rick Ewing and the Elk Grove Unified School District dated February 10, 2015, continuing out-of-class pay until June 30, 2015, or ending sooner if the District determines, in the District's sole discretion, that the chief of Police position is filled, restructured and/or eliminated, and other terms outlined in the MOU.
21. **Approval of Second Interim Financial Report** – Approved the 2014-15 Second Interim Financial Report which was Presented and reviewed at the March 3, 2015, Board meeting.
22. **Approval of Warrant Register No. 8** – Approved Warrant Register No. 8, warrants number 974568-975922 and 312026-313261 totaling \$45,292,364.04 for February 1-28, 2015.
23. **Approval of Purchase Order History Approval of Purchase Order History** – Approved purchase orders for February 7 through February 16, 2015, with a Financial Summary Grand Total of \$1,725,907.97.
24. **Approval of Budget Transfers** – Approved budget transfers for various funds for the period November 1, 2014, through January 31, 2015, as submitted.  
  
It was noted that included are budget transfers are the 2014-15 2nd Interim Financial Report.
25. **Acceptance of Gifts** - Accepted donations to the District's schools/programs as submitted.
26. **Correction of Surplus School Bus Vehicle Identification Numbers** – Authorized VIN number correction of the following two of the eight surplus school buses sold to Sacramento Unified School District:

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Bus # 190 from VIN #1HVLPUGNXFHA45228, License # E465356 to VIN # VIN #1HVLPUGN4FHA45208, License # E465355

Bus #191 from VIN #1HVLPUGN2FHA45742, License #E465357 to VIN #1HVLPUGNXFHA465356, License #E465356

27. **Ratification of Contracts** - Approved contracts signed by authorized staff in accordance with Board Policy as submitted.
28. **Award of Request for Proposal and Contract for External Auditing Services** – Awarded RFP# 567-14/15 and Contract for External Audit Services to Crowe Horwath for the contract term of three (3) years, with the possibility of an additional two (2)-year extension at total fees of \$83,000 for 2015, \$83,000 for 2016, and \$83,000 for 2017.
29. **ConnectEd Contract Approval** – Approved, as part of its implementation of its \$6 million California Career Pathway Trust (CCPOT) grant, the contract for services between ConnectEd and the Elk Grove Unified School District with the District allocating \$84,800 in following amounts to ConnectEd to provide the services described in the grant: 2014-15 school year - \$49,000, 2015-16 - \$17,600, 2016-17 - \$11,000, and 2017-18 - \$6,600.
30. **Approval to Award the Bid for UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply) Equipment and Installation E-Rate – RFP #565-14/15** – Awarded Bid #565-14/15 for E-Rate UPS Equipment to Frontier Communications in the amount of \$993,425.22.
31. **Quintessential School Systems (QSS) Contract** – Approved the Support Contract with Quintessential School Systems (QSS) for Fiscal Year 2015-16 in the amount of \$92,209.00 with a 3% discount of \$2,766.00 if the payment is postmarked and mailed between March 16, and April 10, 2015 for a total payment of \$89,442.00.
32. **Head Start Preschool Grant, 2015-16** – Deleted.
33. **California Montessori Charter School Annual Facilities Agreement** – Approved the Charter School Facilities Agreement between the Elk Grove Unified School District and the California Montessori Project for the 2015-16 school year with \$72,084.76 being paid in a series of monthly installments to pay a pro rata share of 4.33 teaching stations and 131.25 square feet of office/RSO space for the 2015-16 school year.
34. **Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 4030, Nondiscrimination in Employment** - **Approved** the proposed changes to Board Policy 4030, Employee Nondiscrimination which reflect a finding in the recent FPM review of District policies and changes in laws included but not limited to an expansion of protected categories in Government Code Section 12940 to include unpaid interns and volunteers.

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- 35. New High School Course Approval** – Adopted the following new high school mathematics course as reviewed at the March 3, 2015, Board meeting:

**Mathematics I** (Grades 8-12, 10 Credits)

- 36. High School Mathematics Instructional Materials Adoption** – Adopted the following portion of the recommended series of instructional materials for the high school mathematics instructional materials adoption:

**BASIC**

*Integrated Mathematics I, Volume 1 and Volume 2*, Copyright 2015 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (Mathematics I, Grades 8-12)

- 37. California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) Waiver Requests** – Approved CAHSEE waiver requests for students with disabilities who have met appropriate criteria.

**XV. Other Action Items**

- 38. Discussion and Action on Items Removed from the Consent Agenda** – None

**XVI. Information Items**

- 39. Other Items from the Floor** – In response to Mr. Madison’s concern regarding the location of the basketball court near the wall along the street at the Marion Mix Elementary School, Mr. Pierce stated that the basketball court has been relocated. Mr. Perez noted his communication with the County regarding a right turn in the street near the school and Ms. Singh-Allen stated these types of questions should be referred to staff.

- XVII. Adjournment** – 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Christopher R. Hoffman., Superintendent

Approve by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carmine Forcina, Clerk