

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, October 3, 2017**

Adopted

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

Members Present: Carmine Forcina, President; Nancy Chaires Espinoza, Clerk; Beth Albiani, Chet Madison, Sr., Crystal Martinez-Alire, Anthony Perez, and Bobbie Singh-Allen

Others Present: Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent; Mark Cerutti and Robert Pierce, Deputy Superintendents; and Donna Cherry, Associate Superintendent.

CLOSED SESSION – Mr. Forcina announced that the Board met in closed session to address the items on the closed session portion of the agenda and called for public comment on these items. There were no public comments on the following closed session items:

- I. Government Code Section 54956.9 Initiation of Litigation Pursuant Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) (Deciding Whether to Initiate Litigation):**
Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – 1 Case
- II. Government Code Section 54956.9 Subdivision (d) Paragraph (1):**
Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Case No. 15596080
- III. Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint**
- IV. Government Code Section 54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiators**
Agency designated representatives: Christopher R. Hoffman,
David Reilly, Robert Pierce, Karen Rezendes

Employee Organizations: All Elk Grove Unified School District
Bargaining Units and Unrepresented Employees
- V. Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Title:**
Superintendent

OPEN SESSION – Mr. Forcina called the regular meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. and announced that the Board met in closed session and the following action was taken:

- The Board unanimously voted in favor of placing a certificated employee on compulsory leave.
Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Singh-Allen;
Noes – None
- The Board unanimously voted in favor of suspending a certificated employee pursuant to Education Code section 44942. *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Singh-Allen;* *Noes – None*

I. Pledge of Allegiance – Elk Grove Charter School

Elk Grove Charter School’s Education Partner, Mrs. Brendaly Felix Hoang, led the pledge of allegiance and was recognized by the Board of Education for her contributions at Elk Grove Charter School.

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II. Presentations/Recognitions

- 1. High School Student Representative Reports - Monterey Trail and Valley High Schools** – Students from Monterey Trail and Valley High Schools reported on activities and academics at their schools.
- 2. Introduction of New District-Level Administrators** – Dr. Bindy Grewal introduced the following new district-level administrators:
 - Mark Cerutti, Deputy Superintendent, Education Services & Schools
 - Susan Larson, Executive Director, Education Services
 - Michael Sharp, Director, Transportation
 - Patricia Sipula, Program Specialist, Career & Technical Education
 - Kelli Quan-Martin, Program Specialist, Curriculum and Professional Learning
 - Cynthia Hayes, Program Specialist, Student Services, Special Education
 - Linda Sanguinetti, Program Specialist, Student Services, Special Education
 - Melissa Stoneman, Program Specialist, Student Services, Special Education
- 3. Energy Awareness Month - Energy Conservation Program Update** – Mr. Robert Pierce and staff presented a report on the progress, results and statistics of the Energy Conservation Program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. To date, since the program began in 2009-2010, the District has saved over \$14,500,000 and reduced its electrical consumption by over 108,000,000 kilowatt-hours. As a result of the ongoing efforts to conserve energy and to spread awareness, Administration requested that the Board of Education adopt a resolution designating October as Energy Awareness Month. The following top performing school sites were recognized for their energy conservation; Florence Markofer Elementary, John Reith Elementary, Foulks Ranch Elementary, John Ehrhardt Elementary, Elk Grove Elementary, Samuel Jackman Middle School, Toby Johnson Middle School, Laguna Creek High School, Florin High School, and William Daylor High School.

Motion No. 24, 2017-18 – Motion by Mr. Madison, seconded by Mr. Perez and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 24, which designates October 1 through October 31, 2017, as Energy Awareness Month be adopted. *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Singh-Allen; Noes – None*

III. Resolutions

- 1. Week of the School Administrator** | Motion No. 25, 2017-18 – Motion by Mr. Perez, seconded by Dr. Martinez-Alire and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 27, recognizing the week of October 8-14, 2017, as the Week of School Administrators in the Elk Grove Unified School District, be adopted. *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Singh-Allen; Noes – None*
- 2. Red Ribbon Week** | Motion No. 26, 2017-18 – Motion by Ms. Chaires Espinoza, seconded by Ms. Singh-Allen and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 25, recognizing the efforts of teachers, staff and administrators in support of Red Ribbon Week on October 23-31, 2017, be adopted. *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Singh-Allen; Noes – None*

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- 3. National Bullying Prevention Month** | Motion No. 27, 2017-18 – Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Dr. Martinez-Alire and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 26, that designates October as National Bullying Prevention Month, be adopted. *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Singh-Allen; Noes – None*

Public Comments

Lily Devaney provided information about a support group she created for parents in the district whose children are being bullied. She shared her concerns about her son being bullied, and how the issue was resolved by the site administrator quickly. She stated that she was here in support for parents who do not feel they are getting the needed support from their school sites. She requested that more be done.

Summer Thomas is happy with the initiative, but feels that more can be done. She came on behalf of another parent whose children are being bullied and who isn't receiving assistance from the site administration. Ms. Thomas stated that different schools are doing different things and understands that every situation is different. Ms. Thomas requested guidelines that administrators can follow across the board.

IV. Student Expulsion/Involuntary Transfer Recommendations

1. Request for Student Expulsions

Motion No. 28, 2017-18 | 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 student expulsions be approved. *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Singh-Allen; Noes – None*

V. Public Comment

Solomon Guanikim, Pleasant Grove High School student, stated that his academic rights have been violated. According to the academic code of conduct, all students have the right to be protected from a plagiarism charge as stated. When the teacher charged him with plagiarism, he got the chance to admit to the charge. The teacher told him what the consequence would be if he didn't admit to plagiarism; he would be given a referral to administration. He felt he didn't receive the opportunity to defend himself even though he had the documentation to support his essay. He feels that Pleasant Grove High School has failed to protect students.

VI. Consent Agenda - Action | Motion No. 29, 2017-18 – Motion by Ms. Chaires Espinoza, seconded by Mr. Perez and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that items 1 through 16 be approved. *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Singh-Allen; Noes – None*

- 1. Approval of Minutes** – Approved the minutes from the regular board meeting that was held on September 19, 2017.
- 2. Personnel Actions** – Approved personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements, and returns from reemployment lists as submitted.
- 3. Developer Fee Annual Report** – Approved the Annual Report of 2016-17 Developer Fee expenditures.
- 4. Acceptance of Gifts** – Approved donations to the District's schools/programs as submitted.

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5. **Warrant Register No. 2** - Approve Warrant Register No. 2 – Warrant Numbers 021016-022328, 351344-352396. All Funds: August 1, 2017, through August 31, 2017.
6. **Approval of Purchase Order Encumbrance Modification History** – Approved purchase order modifications from September 1-14, 2017.
7. **Ratification of Contracts** – Approved contracts signed by authorized staff in accordance with Board Policy 3312 as submitted.
8. **Ratification of Non Public School/Non Public Agency (NPS/NPA) Contracts** – Ratified NPA/NPS contracts that have been signed by authorized district staff in accordance with Board Policy 3312-Contracts.
9. **Approval of Purchase Order History** – Approved purchase orders for the weeks of August 26, 2017, through September 8, 2017.
10. **Disposal of Obsolete/Surplus Property** – Approved the disposal of obsolete/surplus property deemed uneconomical to repair. No income is anticipated to be received for the miscellaneous items; however, any income that is received will be placed in the General Fund.
11. **Elk Grove Elementary School, HVAC & Roofing Replacement - Change Order No. 2** – Approved Change Order No. 2 with Division 5-15, Inc. and authorized a district representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 2 changes the contract amount of \$1,098,908.98 by \$36,383.00 to \$1,135,291.98.
12. **CTE Modernization at Cosumnes Oaks High School - Change Order No. 2** – Approved Change Order No. 2 with F&H Construction and authorized a district representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 2 changes the contract amount of \$193,193.00 by \$1,650.00 to \$194,843.00.
13. **CTE Modernization at Cosumnes Oaks High School - Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of CTE Modernization at Cosumnes Oaks High School and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion with the County Recorder within the statutory ten-day period.
14. **Robert J. McGarvey Elementary School (Anatolia II) - Change Order No. 5** – Approved Change Order No. 5 with D.L. Falk Construction, Inc. and authorized a District Representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 5 changes the contract amount of \$25,569,752.00 by \$86,245.00 to \$25,655,997.00.
15. **Approval to Purchase Bulk Gasoline, Diesel, and Related Fuel Products** – Authorized Elk Grove Unified School District Purchasing Department to purchase bulk fuel (gasoline, diesel, and related fuel products) through the County of Placer Bid #10566.
16. **Certification for Administrator's Competence to Evaluate** – Granted Certification of Administrator's Competence to Evaluate to the following newly-hired district administrators who have successfully completed the District's training process:
 - Amber Clark, Pleasant Grove High School
 - Tierra Crothers, Elliott Ranch Elementary School
 - Christopher Rauschenfels, Toby Johnson Middle School
 - Rinaldo Shackelford, James Rutter Middle School

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VII. LCAP Update – None

VIII. Budget Update – None

IX. Facilities Update – None

X. Bargaining Units – None

XI. Reports

1. LCAP and Budget Update

Mr. Mark Cerutti and Ms. Shannon Hayes provided an update on the approval of the District's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and the District's Adopted Budget for 2017-2018 from the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE).

LCAP APPROVAL

- Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE)
 - September 15, 2017
- SCOE Comment:

We commend you and the Elk Grove Unified School District staff for their efforts to continuously improve the achievement of all students. As a reminder, the fall 2017 release of the California School Dashboard will support your evaluation of the effectiveness of the LCAP actions and will help to inform your stakeholders of the progress the district is making toward meeting its goals.

BUDGET APPROVAL

- Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE)
 - September 15, 2017
- SCOE Comments:

Based on the multi-year projections and assumptions provided by the district, it appears the district will meet its 2% unrestricted reserve requirement for the current fiscal year and two subsequent fiscal years.

The district is projecting a decrease of approximately \$10.9 million in the unrestricted General Fund balance for 2017-2018, and a decrease of approximately \$3.6 million for 2019-2020.

It is noted that salary negotiations have not been settled for 2017-2018.

XII. Public Hearing/Action Items – None

XIII. Discussion Items – None

XIV. Discussion/Action Items – None

XV. Action Items – None

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XVI. Board Member and Superintendent Reports – Board members and the Superintendent reported on organization and committee meetings and information relative to the District and its operation.

XVII. Information Items

1. Other Items from the Floor

Ms. Singh-Allen stated that she and Dr. Martinez-Alire have been researching and having conversations with other school districts about customer service/race relation services and what we can do differently to support the community. Several districts have an ombudsperson position. Ms. Singh-Allen shared the job description from Fresno Unified School District and informed fellow board members that this is something to think about and possibly have a discussion down the road, but doesn't require action.

Dr. Martinez-Alire also shared that in researching the ombudsperson position, she noticed that this position helps bridge the gaps if there are misunderstandings that occur in the district. Dr. Martinez-Alire shared that the Native American Day event at the State Capitol had a huge turnout and it was their 50th celebration.

Ms. Singh-Allen added that in Natomas Unified School District, the department is called Constituent & Customer Services, and they won the Golden Bell at CSBA for this. Data is shared with the Superintendent and the Board as they navigate through the issues.

XVIII. Adjournment – 7:27 p.m.

Submitted by: Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by:



Nancy Chaires Espinoza, Clerk

November 7, 2017