

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, February 4, 2020**

Adopted

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

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

Others Present: Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent; Robert Pierce and Mark Cerutti, Deputy Superintendents; David Reilly, Associate Superintendent; Bindy Grewal and Craig Murray, Assistant Superintendents; Shannon Hayes, Chief Financial Officer; Steve Mate, Chief Technology Officer, Susan Larson, Executive Director; Xanthi Pinkerton, Director of Communications/PIO

CLOSED SESSION: Ms. Albiani announced that the Board would meet 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 Subdivision (d) Paragraph (1): Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation**
- II. Government Code Section 54956.9 Subdivision (d) Paragraph (2): Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to Litigation**
- 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

OPEN SESSION – Ms. Albiani called the regular meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and announced that the Board met in closed session and that no action was taken.

I. Pledge of Allegiance – Ms. Chaires Espinoza led the pledge of allegiance.

II. Presentations/Recognitions

- 1. High School Student Representative Reports - Elk Grove, Sheldon, and Elk Grove Charter**
– Students from Elk Grove, Sheldon, and Elk Grove Charter reported on activities and academics at their schools.
- 2. Kids Can Food Drive Recognition** – Elk Grove Unified School District schools provided a total of 81,136 pounds of food to the Elk Grove Food Bank. The Board recognized the following schools for their winning donations to the 2019 Kids Can Food Drive:
 - Elliott Ranch Elementary School for collecting 4,371 pounds of food
 - Joseph Kerr Middle School for collecting 3,361 pounds of food
 - Pleasant Grove High School for collecting 11,907 pounds of food
- 3. African American History Month** – Ms. Dawniell Black presented an overview of resources utilized to teach about the life and influence of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., core and supplemental teaching resources shared with schools to support school activities during February

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in support of African American History Month. Ms. Black also provided an overview of a special professional learning opportunity: *Building Cultural Awareness: African American Migrations*, which will be offered to certificated teachers, substitutes, paraeducators and administrators on February 13, 2020. This workshop is designed so participants gain a greater understanding of 20th Century African American migrations that resulted in a more diverse and stratified interracial and intra-racial urban population amid a changing social scene.

Public Comment:

Loreen Pryor shared her reasons why she would prefer that African American History Month be referred to as Black History Month or African American/Black History Month.

Mrs. Wendy Bui, Arlene Hein Elementary School’s education partner, was recognized for her contributions to the students and staff of the Arlene Hein Elementary community.

III. Resolutions

1. Recognition of School Counseling Week - Motion No. 71, 2019-20 – Motion by Ms. Chaires Espinoza, seconded by Mr. Madison and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 49, recognizing February 3-7, 2020, as National School Counseling Week, be adopted. *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire and Singh-Allen; Nays – None; Absent – Perez*

IV. Student Expulsion/Involuntary Transfer Recommendations

1. Request for Student Expulsions - Motion No. 72, 2019-20 – Motion by Mr. Madison, seconded by Mr. Forcina and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the Hearing Panel’s recommendations regarding student stipulated expulsions be approved. *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire and Singh-Allen; Nays – None; Absent – Perez*

2. Requests for Return from Student Expulsions - Motion No. 73, 2019-20 – Motion by Dr. Martinez-Alire, seconded by Ms. Singh-Allen and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the Readmission Committee’s recommendations regarding a student’s request for permission to return to the District be approved. *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire and Singh-Allen; Nays – None; Absent – Perez*

V. Public Comment

Kathleen Merz, Principal at California Montessori Project spoke of the events and academics happening at her site.

Tina Grey and Mike Anderson thanked the Board, Superintendent Hoffman and everyone involved for their assistance in naming the Samuel Jackman Middle School Gymnasium after the late Carrie Ladd, who taught Physical Education at the site.

Ofelia Howard, Rashaad Howard, Mrs. Howard, Loreen Pryor, Allegra Taylor, Charles Taylor and Ava Nagal shared their frustration and disappointment about an incident at Monterey Trail High School involving a black student which led to an arrest. They expressed their concerns about how the situation was handled by site administrators and the Safety & Security Specialist. Ms. Taylor and Ms. Pryor shared that staff isn’t using the policy that they wrote with district staff and requested to sit on Safety & Security Specialist hiring panels.

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VI. Consent Agenda – Action – Motion No. 74, 2019-20 – Motion by Dr. Martinez-Alire, seconded by Mr. Madison and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that items 1 through 18 on the consent agenda be approved. *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire and Singh-Allen; Nays – None; Absent – Perez*

1. **Approval of Minutes** – Approved the minutes from the regular board meetings that were held on December 17, 2019, and January 14, 2020.
2. **Personnel Actions** – Approved personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements, and returns from reemployment lists as submitted.
3. **New Job Description for Program Specialist-Technology Integration** – Approved a new job description for Program Specialist-Technology Integration.
4. **Certification of Administrator’s Competence to Evaluate** - Granted Certification of Administrator’s Competence to Evaluate for the following newly-hired district administrators who successfully completed the District’s training process; Catherine Brink, Florence Markofer Elementary School and Alejandra Estrada, Maeola R. Beitzel Elementary School.
5. **Warrant Register No. 6** – Approved Warrant Register No. 6 – Warrant Numbers 063569-064944, 402437-403244. All Funds: December 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019.
6. **Acceptance of Gifts** - Approved donations to the District’s schools/programs as submitted.
7. **Ratification of Contracts for Services** - Approved contracts signed by authorized staff in accordance with Board Policy 3312 as submitted.
8. **Ratification of Grant Contracts/Agreements for Funding** - Approved grant contracts and agreements signed by authorized staff as submitted.
9. **Approval of Purchase Order Encumbrance Modification History** – Approved purchase order encumbrance modifications from December 11, 2019 – January 16, 2020.
10. **Cosumnes Oaks High School, Gymnasium Roof Repair - Award of Contract** – Approved the award of contract to California Single Ply for the total bid of \$38,925.00. Authorized administration to sign all documents and contracts pertaining to this work, and authorized administration to proceed with the next lowest responsible bidder should a fully endorsed contract with the low bidder, accompanied by certification of the necessary bonds, not be obtained.
11. **Union House Elementary School, Modernization Phase 3 and 4 - Change Order No. 4** – Approved Change Order No. 4 with Diede Construction, Inc., and authorized a district representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 4 changes the contract amount of \$6,923,845.00 by \$114,194.00 to \$7,038,039.00.
12. **Cosumnes Oaks High School, Scoreboards - Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Cosumnes Oaks High School, Scoreboards project, and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion with the County Recorder within the statutory ten-day period.

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- 13. Elk Grove High School, Interior Lighting Replacement - Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Elk Grove High School, Interior Lighting Replacement project, and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion with the County Recorder within the statutory ten-day period.
- 14. Shade Structures at Various Sites - Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Shade Structures at Various Sites project, and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion with the County Recorder within the statutory ten-day period.
- 15. Environmental and Testing Consultants for Various Projects** – Authorized administration to enter into agreements for environmental and testing services for various projects.
- 16. Joseph Kerr Middle School, HVAC & Roof Replacement - Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Joseph Kerr Middle School, HVAC & Roof Replacement project, and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion with the County Recorder within the statutory ten-day period.
- 17. Prodigies Location Agreement** – Consented to the Prodigies Location Agreement for film production at Sheldon High School and authorized Xanthi Pinkerton, Director of Communications, to execute the agreement.
- 18. Out-of-State Field Trips** – Approved the following the out-of-state field trips:

High School	Field Trip Destination	Field Trip Purpose	Dates of Trip
Florin HS	Reno, NV	Key Club Convention	March 13-15, 2020
Laguna Creek HS	Reno, NV	Key Club Convention	March 13-15, 2020
Franklin HS & Pleasant Grove HS	Ashland, OR	Oregon Shakespeare Festival	April 6-9, 2020
Monterey Trail HS	Ashland, OR	Oregon Shakespeare Festival	April 8-10, 2020

VII. LCAP Update - None

VIII. Race and Educational Equity

- 1. Progress Report on Race and Educational Equity in EGUSD** – The focal foundation for this update was “School, Family, and Community Relationships” which promotes the development of positive relationships with all stakeholders to foster school, family, and community connectedness and engagement. Mr. Mat Espinosa’s focus for this presentation was stakeholder engagement model practices, services to culturally and linguistically diverse families, and metrics for welcoming schools.

Public Comment:

Loreen Pryor commended the program that is specifically focused on refugee students and requested the same type of program be available for black students. Ms. Pryor also requested a presentation that looks at the issues that black staff and students are having that includes information about how these issues will be resolved.

Allegra Taylor stated that black students should have the same type of assistance that refugee students receive. She expressed her concerns about the special considerations for other students in the District. Ms. Taylor requested the District find grant money for programs that will assist black students.

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IX. Budget Update - None

X. Facilities Update - None

XI. Bargaining Units – None

XII. Reports - None

XIII. Public Hearing/Action Items - None

XIV. Discussion Items - None

XV. Action Items

- 1. Adoption of California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Procedures and Informal Bidding Ordinance** - The Act was enacted in 1983 and is set forth in Public Contract Code (PCC) sections 22000, et seq. It provides an alternative method for public agencies to obtain bids for and perform public work construction projects.

The Act created the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission (CUCCAC) and requires public agencies interested in using the procedures available under the Act to adopt the uniform construction cost accounting procedures promulgated and administered by CUCCAC. Agencies that elect to do so may perform a greater range of projects themselves by force account or without bidding (effective January 1, 2019, projects valued at \$60,000 or less) and may receive bids and award projects valued at \$200,000 or less by certain informal bidding procedures (discussed below) that can speed up the process of awarding contracts for those projects.

Moreover, contracting by the District will be governed by the uniform cost accounting statutes in PCC sections 22000, et seq., until such time as the District chooses to “opt out” of the Act, which is accomplished by a resolution filed with the State Controller’s Office.

Motion No. 75, 2019-20 – Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Singh-Allen and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 50, 2019-20 adopting California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Procedures and Informal Bidding Ordinance be approved. *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire and Singh-Allen; Nays – None; Absent – Perez*

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

XVII. Information Items

- 1. Other Items from the Floor** - None

XVIII. Adjournment – 8:06 p.m.

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Submitted by: Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by: 
Dr. Crystal Martinez-Alire, Board Clerk