

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, May 19, 2020

Adopted

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

Others Present via Zoom Webinar: 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

CLOSED SESSION VIA TELE-CONFERENCE: The meeting was called to order by Ms. Albiani at 5:00 p.m. to address items 1 through 6 on the closed session portion of the agenda.

- 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
- V. Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Appointment/Employment;** Director, Special Education/Special Education Local Plan Area; Principal, Laguna Creek High School, Principal, Robert J. Fite Elementary; Principal, Charles Mack Elementary
- VI. Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Title:** Superintendent

OPEN SESSION VIA ZOOM – Ms. Albiani called the regular meeting to order, via Zoom, at 6:00 p.m. and announced that the Board met in closed session via teleconference and the following action was taken.

Item V – Public Employee Appointment/Employment – The Board took action and unanimously approved the appointment of the following administrators:

- Diane Standring, Principal, Robert J. Fite Elementary
- Mark Hogge, Principal, Charles Mack Elementary
- Mark Benson, Principal, Laguna Creek High School
- Anne Rigali, Director, Special Education/SELPA

Ms. Albiani provided a welcome to Elk Grove Unified School District’s virtual board meeting through the Zoom Webinar platform.

She informed everyone that Legislative Bodies including School Districts are now permitted to hold board meetings telephonically or by other electronic means because on March 17, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-29-20, suspending certain provisions of the California Ralph M. Brown Act.

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In addition, consistent with the March 19, 2020 Statewide Shelter in Place Order issued by the Governor, Executive Order N-33-20, the Sacramento County Shelter at Home Orders issued on March 19, 2020 and April 7, 2020, and the Center for Disease Control's (CDC's) social distancing guidelines which discourage public gatherings, this Board meeting was conducted via the Zoom Webinar platform.

Ms. Albiani called on Xanthi Pinkerton to read public comments that were submitted through the District's Google Public Comment Form regarding closed session items; there were none.

I. Pledge of Allegiance – Craig Murray, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education led the pledge of allegiance.

II. Presentations/Recognitions

1. Recognition of Food and Nutrition Services as School Lunch Heroes – The Board of Education along with the City of Sacramento recognized Michelle Drake and Food and Nutrition Services staff as School Lunch Heroes for their extraordinary work to ensure children and families have access to healthy food options. As of March 17th, Food and Nutrition Service staff prepare, pack and serve over 570,000 meals to ensure students still have access to nutritional meals while schools are closed.

III. Resolutions - None

IV. Student Expulsion/Involuntary Transfer Recommendations

1. Request for Student Expulsions – This item has been moved to the June 9, 2020 board meeting.

V. Public Comment - Ms. Albiani called on Xanthi Pinkerton to read public comments that were submitted through the District's Google Public Comment Form. The following comments were submitted:

- Maria Valdez - Quisiera que tengan más motivación los niños. / We would like more motivation for students.
- Anonymous - Due to Covid-19, it is our understanding that the 2020-2021 CA State Education Budget has been cut by billions of dollars. Our son attends Foulks Ranch Elementary, where for the past six years he has been taught & nurtured by a staff of exceptional people. We would like to see if there is any way EGUSD can make public to its parents the amount of previously budgeted, BASIC education funds that will now be missing per student. While not mandatory, we would like to see that number, so that we - and perhaps others who are able, may help out by writing a check to our particular school.
- Carola Valdes - My children are educationally declining every day. And they are lucky, with parental attention and strong internet access. There is no substitute for a classroom, and a sustained removal from that classroom will be irrevocably hazardous to their education and the education of their peers, which will create tragedies far beyond the scope of covid-19. Institute whatever measures are necessary, but please reinstate classroom learning. Additionally, the year rounders are already at a school day deficit as compared to their traditional calendar counterparts, and they are left out of every conversation. It is not fair that our children, particularly year rounders, are denied quality education. Google classroom cannot replicate. It's not even a stop gap measure. Additionally, we must mention those who are in insecure, violent homes, or those who do

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not have the access to the drive thru lunch lines. We are throwing them to the wolves right now. Thank you.

- Teresa - What will you do to make sure our children will go back to school with as minimal change as possible, ensuring our children won't have to wear mask, social distance, etc? I'm on the verge on considering homeschooling my 3 children, not that I want to but for my children's mental sake I feel I might.
- Matt Williams - Schools either need to open for Fall semester or there needs to be no expectation for new learning. Families with working parents, early elementary students, multiple children, children with behavior problems, single parents, and so many more variables are not able to teach their children adequately at home and cannot guarantee that their children will be present at scheduled digital class meetings. Distance learning places an insurmountable burden on these families and does more harm than the absence of formal education. If it isn't safe to resume school, then it is unrealistic and unreasonable to expect children to meet grade level learning standards.
- Anonymous - Will employment information be given about the status of probationary 2 teachers? Will temporary teachers have a chance to be interviewed?

VI. Consent Agenda – Action - Ms. Albiani called on Xanthi Pinkerton to read public comments that were submitted through the District's Google Public Comment Form regarding the Consent Agenda; there were none.

Motion No. 102, 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 items 1 through 12 on the consent agenda be approved. Roll Call Vote: *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Singh-Allen; Nays – None; Absent – None*

1. **Approval of Policies** – Approved the following Board Policies as aligned with the California School Boards Association (CSBA); BP 1312.1 Complaints Concerning District Employees and BP 1312.2 Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials.
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Approved the minutes from the regular virtual board meeting that was held on May 5, 2020.
3. **Personnel Actions** - Approved personnel appointments, leaves of absence, resignations, retirements, promotions and returns from reemployment lists as submitted.
4. **Declaration of Need** – Approved the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for 2020-2021 as required by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC).
5. **Approval of Purchase Order Encumbrance Modification History** – Approved purchase order encumbrance modifications from April 23 – April 29, 2020.
6. **Ratification of Grant Contracts/Agreements for Funding** - Approved grant contracts and agreements signed by authorized staff as submitted.
7. **Ratification of Contracts for Services** - Approved contracts signed by authorized staff in accordance with Board Policy 3312 as submitted.

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8. **Warrant Register No. 10** – Approved Warrant Register No. 10 – Warrant Numbers 069666-070654, 406884-407827. All Funds: April 1, 2020, through April 30, 2020.
9. **Approval of Purchase Order History** – Approved purchase orders for the weeks of April 1, 2020, through April 30, 2020.
10. **Foulks Ranch Elementary School, Prop. 39 Upgrades - Change Order No. 2** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with Kaler Dobler Construction, Inc., and authorized a district representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 2 changes the contract amount of \$580,204.00 by (\$10,000.00) to \$570,204.00.
11. **Foulks Ranch Elementary School, Prop. 39 Upgrades - Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Prop. 39 Upgrades project at Foulks Ranch Elementary School, and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
12. **Joseph Kerr Middle School Modernization - Lease-Leaseback Agreement** – Authorized administration to negotiate with F&H Construction to perform the Joseph Kerr Middle School project to determine a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP).

VII. LCAP Update - None

VIII. Race and Educational Equity - None

IX. Budget Update

1. **2020-21 Budget Update** – Ms. Albiani called on Xanthi Pinkerton to read public comments that were submitted through the District’s Google Public Comment Form regarding the 2020-21 Budget Update; there were none.

Robert Pierce thanked staff, Superintendent Hoffman and Shannon Hayes for their hard work to get the report completed. Rob stated that the information in the report will change by June and hoped that the changes are for the better. Rob and Shannon provided the Board with an overview of the budget based on the Governor’s May Revise which included information about the following; maintain fiscal solvency, maintain/evaluate what we have built over the past few years, remain competitive, build upon what we have already started and contemplate new programs/initiatives. An overview of how the district is preparing for the impact of the Governor’s May Revise, funding the gap, and next steps were provided.

The Board shared their thoughts, asked questions and thanked staff for the report.

X. Facilities Update - None

XI. Bargaining Units - None

XII. Reports - None

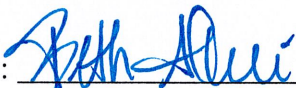
XIII. Discussion Items – None

XIV. Action Items - None

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- XV. Board Member and Superintendent Reports** - Board members reported on organization and committee meetings and information relative to the District and its operation.
- XVI. Information Items**
 - 1. Other Items from the Floor - None**
- XVII. Adjournment – 7:40 p.m.**

Submitted by: Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by: 
Beth Albani, Board President