

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, September 15, 2020**

*Adopted*

**Members Present via 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 ZOOM:** The meeting was called to order by Ms. Albiani at 5:00 p.m. to address items 1 through 4 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

**OPEN SESSION VIA ZOOM:** Ms. Albiani called the regular meeting to order, via Zoom, at 6:04 p.m. and announced that the Board met in closed session via zoom and no action was taken.

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

Ms. Albiani 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. 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.

**I. Pledge of Allegiance** – David Reilly, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, led the pledge of allegiance.

**II. Presentations/Recognitions - None**

**III. Resolutions**

**1. Character Education Month** - Ms. Albiani called on Xanthi Pinkerton to read public comments submitted through the District's Google Public Comment Form related to this item; there were none.

Motion No. 26, 2020-21 - Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Ms. Chaires Espinoza and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 13 that designates the month of October 2020 as Character Education Month in our schools be adopted. Roll Call Vote: *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Singh-Allen; Nays – None; Absent – None*

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- 2. 2020-21 United Way Campaign** - Ms. Albiani called on Xanthi Pinkerton to read public comments submitted through the District's Google Public Comment Form related to this item; there were none.

Motion No. 27, 2020-21 - Motion by, Mr. Perez seconded by Ms. Singh-Allen and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that Resolution No.16, 2020-2021 which proclaims the period from October 2 through October 30, 2020, as the United Way Campaign, be adopted. Roll Call Vote: *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Singh-Allen; Nays – None; Absent – None*

### IV. Student Expulsion/Involuntary Transfer Recommendations – None

- V. Public Comment** - Ms. Albiani called on Xanthi Pinkerton to read public comments that were submitted through the District's Google Public Comment Form. Public comments that were received for non-agenda items are captured below. Public comments related to an agenda item have been recorded in corresponding sections.

Mark Graham, Mackenzie Weiser, and Lynn Wheat shared concerns about the City of Elk Grove's placement of cell towers near schools and asked the District to ask the City of Elk Grove to persuade the companies to withdraw the cell antennas near schools, pass a resolution taking a position opposed to new cell antennas near schools and to not approve new cell antennas near schools.

Rachel Baird shared her concerns regarding reported issues of racist attacks from zoom-bombers and racially-charged comments being made in class. Ms. Baird requested to know the district's specific policy for how these situations are being addressed and if there is a district policy to respond to incidences of racism and if admin has been debriefed on how to respond to these types of situations.

Richard Stanley expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to work alongside the Board and the District. Mr. Stanly recognized the hard work that dedicated teachers, support staff, administrators and others in the district continue to engage in to provide the best educational experience possible under these challenging circumstances.

Christina Jordan commended the Board, the Superintendent and all administrators, teachers and district staff for the crafting and implementation of distant learning. She expressed her gratitude for a school district who listens to science, public health experts and has the best interest of students in mind.

Lisa Kendrick, Essam Mashal and Anonymous (7) asked that the District submit a waiver to reopen and begin the process to allow K-6 classes to return in a hybrid in-person teaching method as planned or give parents and staff the option to either remote learn to go back in-person to the classroom.

Anonymous shared concerns about her preschool class.

Michelle Labi shared her concerns about being asked to shut down her site's yearbook Instagram account being that it's a supplementary part of their yearbook strategy this year. Requested to have the account.

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

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Motion No. 28, 2020-21 - Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Chaires Espinoza and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that items 2 through 11 and 13 through 17 be approved with the exception of items 1, 14, 16 and 18 which were pulled by Mr. Perez for clarification. Roll Call Vote: *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Singh-Allen; Nays – None; Absent – None*

- 1. Board Bylaw 9270 - Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Interest Code and List of Designated Positions** – Adopted Resolution No. 10, 2020-21 and reviewed its Board Bylaw 9270 - Conflict of Interest, which includes the review of the Conflict of Interest Code and the List of Designated Positions.
- 2. Approval of Minutes** – Approved the minutes from the regular board meeting that was held on September 1, 2020
- 3. Personnel Actions** - Approved personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements, and returns from reemployment lists as submitted.
- 4. Warrant Register No. 2** – Approved Warrant Register No. 2 – Warrant Numbers 073951-074714, 409530-410083. All Funds: August 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020.
- 5. Acceptance of Gifts** - Approved donations to the District’s schools/programs as submitted.
- 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.
- 8. Approval of Purchase Order Encumbrance Modification History** – Approved purchase order encumbrance modifications from August 12 – August 26, 2020.
- 9. Building Envelope Remediation at Various Sites, Lease-Leaseback (LLB) Agreement** – Authorized administration to negotiate with S+B James Construction to perform the Building Envelope Remediation at Various Sites project to determine a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP).
- 10. Robert L. Trigg Education Center, Tenant Improvements – Award of Contract** – Approved the award of contract to Amstar Construction Services, Inc., for the total base bid of \$57,900.00 and authorized administration to sign all documents and contracts pertaining to this work, and 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. James Rutter Middle School, New Science Center - Change Order No. 3** – Approved Change Order No. 3 with F&H Construction, Inc., and authorized a district representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 3 changes the contract amount of \$8,023,234.00 by (\$59,946.00) to \$7,963,288.00.
- 12. James Rutter Middle School, New Science Center - Acceptance and Notice of Completion - Item Pulled**
- 13. 2020-21 Ratification of CIF Representative** – Approved an additional representative from Florin High School to serve as the school’s league/conference representative for the 2020-21 school year; Dave Nickerson, Vice Principal.

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**14. Refugee Support Services Funding for English Language Learner Workforce Navigator Participants** – Approved the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency’s 2020-21 Refugee Support Services (RSS) funding for English Language Learner (ELL) Workforce Navigator participants (Agreement #022430RS-20).

**15. Instructional Materials Adoption** – Adopted the following instructional materials:

**Basic**

***Expository Reading and Writing Curriculum 3.0***; Copyright 2019, The California State University (Exploring Modern Issues in Text for English Learners, Grades 11-12) [This basic instructional material will be paid for using EGUSD Instructional Materials funds.]

**English A: Language and Literature** (IB English HL, Grades 11-12) [The cost of this basic digital instructional material is included with the purchase of the basic text of the same name.]

**Supplemental**

**Typing.com** (Computer Resource, Grades 1-12) [This supplemental digital instructional material is a free resource; no funding is needed.]

**Code.org** (Computer Science, Grades K-6) [This supplemental digital instructional material will be paid for using site funds.]

**VOLT Athletics** (Physical Education, Grades 9-12) [This supplemental digital instructional material will be paid for using site funds.]

**IXL Learning** (Special Education Mathematics, Grades 7-12) [The cost of this supplemental digital instructional material is included with the purchase of the basic text of the same name.]

**Culturally Responsive Minds SEL Online** (SEL, Grades TK-12) [This supplemental digital instructional material will be paid for using site funds.]

**Autodesk Education Suite** (CTE/Engineering and Architecture, Manufacturing, Gr 7-12) [This supplemental digital instructional material will be paid for using site funds.]

**Personal Finance Lab** (CTE/Agriculture, Grades 11-12) [This supplemental digital instructional material will be paid for using site and/or CTE/Academy/Alternative funds.]

**Pivot Interactives** (Online Lab Simulations) (Science, Grades 9-12) [This supplemental digital instructional material will be paid for using site and/or CTE/Academy/Alternative funds.]

**PhET** (Online Lab Simulations) (Science, Grades K-12) [This supplemental digital instructional material is a free resource; no funding is needed.]

**Labster** (Online Lab Simulations) (Science, Grades 9-12) [This supplemental digital instructional material will be paid for using site and/or CTE/Academy/Alternative funds.]

**ExploreLearning Gizmos** (Online Lab Simulations) (Science, Grades 7-12) [This supplemental digital instructional material will be paid for using site and/or CTE/Academy/Alternative funds.]

**FlinnPREP** (Online Lab Simulations) (Science, Grades 9-12) [This supplemental digital instructional material will be paid for using site funds.]

**Newsela** (EL History/Social Science, Grades 9-12) [This supplemental digital instructional material will be paid for using site funds.]

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**16. New High School Courses** – Adopted the following new high school courses:

**Advanced Manufacturing II** (CTE/Industrial Technology, Grades 11-12) (one-year equivalent, 10 credits) This course is the capstone course in the Advanced Manufacturing Pathway. Students enrolled in this course will extensively use CNC routers and mills to produce a wide variety of parts and assemblies. Students will utilize parametric modelling and become skilled designers and machine operators. Pre-Requisite: Advanced Manufacturing I

**Exploring Modern Issues in Text for English Learners** (English Elective (Designated ELD), Grades 11-12) (one-year equivalent, 10 credits) This Designated ELD course incorporates comprehensive English language support for English Learners (ELs) at higher language proficiency levels in order for them to be ready for college and the workplace by the end of high school. Pre-Requisite(s): 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade English Learner who is at the expanding or bridging level; 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade struggling RFEP student

**17. High School Course Revision** – Approved the revision to the high school course listed below:  
**EL Language Lab** (Course #02860) (English Elective, Grades 9-12)

**18. Approval to Purchase School Computers and Configuration Services** – Authorized staff to purchase 2500 Chromebooks, and configuration services utilizing the Sourcewell (formerly National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA)) contract #081419 awarded to CDW-G.

Motion No. 29, 2020-21 - Motion by Ms. Chaires Espinoza, seconded by Mr. Perez and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that items 1, 14, 16 and 18 be approved. Roll Call Vote: *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Singh-Allen; Nays – None; Absent – None*

**VII. LCAP Update – None**

**VIII. Race and Educational Equity – None**

**IX. Budget Update – None**

**X. Facilities Update - None**

**XI. Bargaining Units – None**

**XII. Reports – None**

**XIII. Public Hearing/Action Items**

- 1. Consideration and Public Notice of NUHW's Initial Proposal to the District regarding Collective Bargaining for the 2020-2021 School Year** – Ms. Albiani opened the public hearing and called on Xanthi Pinkerton to read public comments that were submitted through the District's Google Public Comment Form; there were none.

Ms. Albiani closed the public hearing.

Motion No. 30, 2020-21 - Motion by Ms. Chaires Espinoza, seconded by Mr. Perez and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that NUHW's initial proposal to the District regarding collective bargaining for the 2020-21 school year be approved. Roll Call Vote: *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Singh-Allen; Nays – None; Absent – None*

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- 2. Adjustment to School Facilities Fees** – Ms. Albiani opened the public hearing and called on Xanthi Pinkerton to read public comments that were submitted through the District’s Google Public Comment Form; there were none.

Ms. Albiani closed the public hearing.

Motion No. 31, 2020-21 - Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Mr. Madison and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that the findings contained in Resolution No. 4, approving the July 2020 School Facilities Needs Analysis and the Level 2 and Level 3 Fees for residential development identified therein be adopted. Roll Call Vote: *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Singh-Allen; Nays – None; Absent – None*

- 3. Education Code section 17556, et seq.: Consideration of Resolution to Grant Permanent Electrical Facilities Easement to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District for the Joseph Kerr Middle School Project** – Ms. Albiani opened the public hearing and called on Xanthi Pinkerton to read public comments that were submitted through the District’s Google Public Comment Form; there were none.

Ms. Albiani closed the public hearing.

Motion No. 32, 2020-21 - Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Ms. Chaires Espinoza and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that adopt Resolution No. 8, Granting Electrical Facilities Easement to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District for the Joseph Kerr Middle School Project be adopted. Roll Call Vote: *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Singh-Allen; Nays – None; Absent – None*

- 4. Public Hearing of the Elk Grove Unified School District's Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan** – Ms. Albiani opened the public hearing and called on Xanthi Pinkerton to read public comments that were submitted through the District’s Google Public Comment Form; there were none.

Ms. Albiani closed the public hearing and announced that this item will be presented to the Board for adoption at the Special Board meeting on September 28, 2020.

Board members provided feedback and thanked staff for their work.

- 5. Public Hearing of the Elk Grove Charter School’s Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan** – Ms. Albiani opened the public hearing and called on Xanthi Pinkerton to read public comments that were submitted through the District’s Google Public Comment Form; there were none.

Ms. Albiani closed the public hearing and announced that this item will be presented to the Board for adoption at the Special Board meeting on September 28, 2020.

The board provided feedback and thanked Mr. Lavine.

**XIV. Discussion Items – None**

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**XV. Action Items**

- 1. Williams Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials** – Ms. Albiani called on Xanthi Pinkerton to read public comments submitted through the District’s Google Public Comment Form related to this item; there were none.

Motion No. 33, 2020-21 - Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Ms. Chaires Espinoza and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 14, that certifies that the Elk Grove Unified School District is in compliance with Education Code Section (EC) 60119, ensuring that each pupil has sufficient instructional materials be approved. Roll Call Vote: *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Singh-Allen; Nays – None; Absent – None*

- 2. 2020-21 Budget Update and 2019-20 Unaudited Actual Income & Expenditures** – Ms. Albiani called on Xanthi Pinkerton to read public comments submitted through the District’s Google Public Comment Form related to this item; there were none.

Motion No. 34, 2020-21 - Motion by Mr. Madison, seconded by Mr. Perez and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that the 2019-20 Unaudited Actual Income & Expenditures be approved. Roll Call Vote: *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Singh-Allen; Nays – None; Absent – None*

Board members thanked Ms. Hayes and her team for the thorough report and hard work.

- 3. Resolution for Readopting and Increasing the 2019-20 Gann Limit and Adopting the 2020-21 Gann Limit** – Ms. Albiani called on Xanthi Pinkerton to read public comments submitted through the District’s Google Public Comment Form related to this item; there were none.

Motion No. 35, 2020-21 - Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Mr. Perez and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 17, which recalculates and increases the 2019-20 Gann Limit and establishes the 2020-21 estimated Gann Limit be approved. Roll Call Vote: *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Singh-Allen; Nays – None; Absent – None*

**XVI. Board Member and Superintendent Reports – None**

**XVII. Information Items**

- 1. Other Items from the Floor** – Ms. Chaires Espinoza requested information about the return of student reports to future board meetings and other members concurred.

**XVIII. Adjournment – 7:13 p.m**

Submitted by: Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by:   
Beth Albiani, Board President