

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, October 14, 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; Sue Larson, Executive Director; Steve Mate, Chief Technology Officer; Xanthi Pinkerton, Director of Communications

CLOSED SESSION VIA ZOOM: The meeting was called to order by Ms. Albiani at 8:30 a.m. to address items 1 and 2 on the closed session portion of the agenda.

I. Government Code Section 54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiators

Agency designated representatives:

David Reilly, Robert Pierce, Karen Rezendes

Employee Organizations: All Elk Grove Unified School District

Bargaining Units and Unrepresented Employees

II. Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9; Number of Cases: 1

OPEN SESSION VIA ZOOM: Ms. Albiani called the special meeting to order at 11:17 a.m. and announced that the Board met in closed session via zoom and no action was taken.

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** – Robert Pierce, Deputy Superintendent of Business Services and Schools, led the pledge of allegiance.
- II. Opening & Review of the Day** – Superintendent Hoffman provided an overview of the day.
- III. Consent Agenda – Action** - 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. 49, 2020-21 - Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Dr. Martinez-Alire and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that items 1 and 2 be approved. Roll Call Vote: *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Singh-Allen; Nays – None; Absent – None*

- 1. Personnel Actions** – Approved personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements, and returns from reemployment lists as submitted.

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- 2. Approval of Job Descriptions** – Approved the following job descriptions; Deputy Superintendent, Educational Services and Schools (revised), Associate Superintendent (revised) and Chief Human Resources Officer (new).

- IV. Safety & Security Update** - 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.

Joe Airosso provided the Board with information about the Division of Safety and Security's Annual Impact Report 2019 - 2020. This report included an overview of Division Structure and Functions, Proactive Training Initiatives for Community Oriented Safety and Security Services and Community Outreach and Youth Services.

Board members shared their thoughts and provided feedback for future reports. All Board members agreed to have this item brought back to a future board meeting.

Ms. Albiani called for a lunch break at 12:34 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

- V. Distance Learning Update** - Ms. Albiani called on Xanthi Pinkerton to read the following public comments that were submitted through the District’s Google Public Comment Form related to this item:

- Julia Butz, Anonymous (2) expressed concerns about distance learning and requested that the District develop a plan to allow students to return to school as soon as possible.
- Leslie Pierce expressed her concerns about her child returning to school and requested that if schools open, masks be mandatory, be worn correctly and if students are unable to wear a masked then those students be required to participate in distance learning.

Mark Cerutti provided an update about the District’s distance learning efforts that included information about; balancing synchronous and asynchronous learning, high quality instruction, social emotional supports, academic assessments and progress monitoring, supporting students with disabilities, supporting English Learning students, supporting Foster Youth students, supporting students experiencing homelessness, establishing and maintaining strong family connections, ongoing training and support for staff, meeting instructional technology and connectivity needs, continued collection and use of stakeholder feedback, comprehensive program evaluation and adhering to principles of continuous improvement.

Board members provided feedback and thanked staff for the update.

Ms. Chaires Espinoza left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

- VI. EGUSD’s Small Cohort In-Person Services Update** - 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.

Mark Cerutti provided the Board with an update on the draft plans for the provision of targeted, specialized support and services for students with disabilities, English Learners, Foster Youth, and students experiencing homelessness.

Board members provided feedback and thanked staff for the presentation.

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VII. Adjournment – 3:13 p.m.

Submitted by: Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by: 
Beth Albiani, Board President