

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, October 28, 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 9:15 a.m. to address items 1 through 5 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 Appointment/Employment; Principal, Roy Herburger Elementary School and Principal, Mary Tsukamoto Elementary School
- IV. Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint
- V. 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

OPEN SESSION VIA ZOOM: Ms. Albiani called the special board meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. and announced that the Board met in closed session via zoom and the following action was taken:

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

- Tamela Moore, Principal, Roy Herburger Elementary School
- Jana Vermette, Principal, Mary Tsukamoto Elementary

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 – Mark Cerutti, Deputy Superintendent of Education Services and Schools, led the pledge of allegiance.

II. Opening and Review of the Day – Superintendent Hoffman provided an overview of the day’s agenda and thanked everyone for their participation.

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III. Consent Agenda – Action – Ms. Albiani called on Xanthi Pinkerton to read the following public comments submitted through the District’s Google Public Comment Form related to the Consent Agenda; Anonymous, expressed concerns about the cost of Items 1 – 3 and suggested that the money be used to purchase equipment to enable teachers to live stream their lessons to students at home while teaching in person.

Motion No. 50, 2020-21 - Motion by Ms. Singh-Allen, seconded by Mr. Madison and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that items 1 and 6 be approved. Roll Call Vote: *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Madison, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Singh-Allen; Nays – None; Absent – None*

- 1. Approval to Purchase Headsets for Elementary Schools** – Authorized the purchase of 3400 ThinkWrite headsets utilizing the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA 01-48) – Troxell.
- 2. Approval to Purchase Wireless Headsets for Staff** – Authorized the purchase of 4000 Headsets utilizing the Sourcewell (formerly National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA)) contract #081419 awarded to CDW-G.
- 3. Approval to Purchase Earbuds with Microphones for Secondary Students** – Authorized the purchase of 3300 Hamilton Buhl earbuds with microphone utilizing the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA 01-48) – Troxell.
- 4. Approval to Purchase Document Cameras** – Authorized the purchase of 1500 IPEVO document cameras.
- 5. Approval to Purchase Laptops and Docking Stations** – Authorized the purchase of 4000 laptops and 4000 docking stations utilizing the Sourcewell (formerly National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA)) contract #081419 awarded to CDW-G.
- 6. Approval to Purchase Chromebooks and Services** – Authorized the purchase of 2000 Chromebooks, and configuration services utilizing the Sourcewell (formerly National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA)) contract #081419 awarded to CDW-G.

IV. Discussion Items

- 1. Expanding Learning Options for EGUSD Students** - Ms. Albiani announced that because of the large amount of public comments, 30 minutes have been allotted to read public comments but that all comments would be sent to the Board. Ms. Albiani called on Xanthi Pinkerton to read the following public comments:

The following expressed concerns about the in-person model, reopening schools before the holiday, opening schools without a vaccine, school times for special ed students, teachers teaching online and in the classroom, requested the option to remain with distance learning through the end of the semester; Ignacio Moreno, Kay Wong, Nadia Lopez Anonymous (33), Ariel Carbajal, Winnie Hung, Juanita Lopez, D. Williams, Keyshaun Thorntoa, Jenifer Tan, Michelle F, Nguyen Young, Ying Lu, Ping, Ignacio Moreno, S. Moreno Pauline Huang, Angela Kuang, Yuyu Huang, Sheng Yan, Jing Lin, Michelle Zhang, Shangwen Yu, Lixin Yu, Leila Chen, Julie Yan, Jesicca, Yan Lin, Litao Yin, Hongli Qi, Huang, Lihong Zhang, Jie Han, Xin li, Nuoyi Li, Ma Xinling, Ping, Hongling Qian, Nicole Huang, Michelle, Dan Lin, olivia Ding, Grace Jiang, Jianmei Mai, and Pai Chak Lai

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Anonymous (2), Suzanna Nicholson, Abelina Desosa, expressed concerns about their children's grades dropping and requested that students return to school and shared how distance learning is not working for their families.

Anonymous new teacher, expressed disappointed in how the pandemic is being handled at the district level and shared concerns for the health of students, staff and families.

Anonymous teacher asked if the internet will improve on campus.

Anonymous shared concerns about the solution used to sanitize schools.

Mark Cerutti provided the Board with an update about the learning options for EGUSD students.

Board members provided feedback and thanked staff for the report.

Ms. Albiani called for a break at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

V. Public Hearing/Action Items

- 1. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Elk Grove Unified School District and Elk Grove Education Association (EGEA), 2020-2021 In-Person/Concurrent Instructional Model** - Ms. Albiani opened the public hearing and called on Xanthi Pinkerton to read the following public comments; Anonymous shared concerns about the health of students and staff, Anonymous shared appreciation of the proposed plan and the daycare options for employees.

Ms. Albiani closed the public hearing. Board members shared their thoughts and thanked staff for the work.

Motion No. 51, 2020-21 - Motion by Mr. Madison, seconded by Ms. Singh-Allen and carried by the following votes of all Board members present that the MOU between Elk Grove Unified School District and Elk Grove Education Association (EGEA) be approved. *Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Madison, Martinez-Alire, and Singh-Allen; Nays – Mr. Forcina, Mr. Perez; Absent – None*

VI. Adjournment – 1:37 p.m.

Submitted by: Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by: _____



Beth Albiani, Board President