MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, February 2, 2021

Adopted

Members Present via Zoom Webinar: Beth Albiani, President; Crystal Martinez-Alire, Clerk; Nancy Chaires Espinoza, Carmine Forcina, Gina Jamerson, Anthony Perez and Sean Yang

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, Xanthi Soriano, 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 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 54956.8: Conference with Real Property Negotiators
   Property: APN 132-029-052 to provide approximately 10 acres located at Poppy Ridge/Lousada Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95757
   District negotiators: Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent and Robert Pierce, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Facilities, Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD)
   Negotiating parties: EGUSD and Big Horn RBVP
   Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

IV. Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint

V. 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 6:05 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 shared the 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 Facilities, led the pledge of allegiance.
II. Presentations/Recognitions

1. High School Student Representative Reports - Laguna Creek and Valley High Schools – Students reported on activities and academics at their schools via a prerecorded video.

III. Resolutions

1. National Nutrition Month – Ms. Albiani called on Xanthi Soriano to read public comments submitted through the District’s Google Public Comment Form related to this item; there were none.

   Motion No. 86, 2020-21 - Motion by Ms. Chaires Espinoza, seconded by Mr. Forcina and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 39, designating the month of March as National Nutrition Month, be adopted.
   Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Jamerson, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Yang; Nays – None; Absent – None

2. Recognition of School Counseling Week - Ms. Albiani called on Xanthi Soriano to read public comments submitted through the District’s Google Public Comment Form related to this item; there were none.

   Motion No. 87, 2020-21 - Motion by Dr. Martinez-Alire, seconded by Mr. Perez and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 35, recognizing February 1-5, 2021 as National School Counseling Week, be adopted.
   Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Jamerson, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Yang; Nays – None; Absent – None

3. World Rare Disease Day - Ms. Albiani called on Xanthi Soriano to read public comments submitted through the District’s Google Public Comment Form related to this item; there were none.

   Motion No. 88, 2020-21 - Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Mr. Perez and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 36, recognizing February 28, 2021 as World Rare Disease Day, be adopted.
   Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Jamerson, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Yang; Nays – None; Absent – None

IV. Student Expulsion/Involuntary Transfer Recommendations - None

V. Public Comment

Anonymous Elementary Teacher requested information be made available about the plan for the reopening of schools, PPE and the concurrent model.

Anonymous (7), Sarah Hartman, Matt Armstrong, Tony D, Jamie, EGUSD Parent Coalition, D. Riddle, Alena Villalba, Melanie, Anonymous Teacher, Jaime Morrow, Daniel, shared their concerns and reasons for requesting that schools reopen as soon as possible and asked that parents be included in the planning and a new survey be sent to parents.

Anonymous and Barry Severe shared their concerns about the opening of schools and requested that schools remain closed.

Susan Swenson shared her concerns regarding the media coverage and information provided regarding public comments.
VI. Consent Agenda – Action - Ms. Albian called on Xanthi Soriano to read public comments submitted through the District’s Google Public Comment Form related to this item; there were none.

Motion No. 89, 2020-21 - Motion by Ms. Chaires Espinoza, seconded by Dr. Martinez-Alire and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that items 1 through 18, except for item 3 on the consent agenda be approved. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Jamerson, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Yang; 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.


3. Approval of New Job Description for Communications Manager and Updated EGTEAMS Salary Schedules – ITEM PULLED FROM THE AGENDA

4. Acceptance of Gifts - Approved donations to the District’s schools/programs as submitted.

5. Ratification of Contracts for Services - Approved contracts signed by authorized staff in accordance with Board Policy 3312 as submitted.

6. Ratification of Grant Contracts/Agreements for Funding - Approved grant contracts/agreements signed by authorized staff as submitted.

7. Warrant Register No. 6 - Approved Warrant Register No. 6 – Warrant Numbers 077046 - 077896, 411935 - 412151. All Funds: December 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.


10. Approval to Purchase Furniture – Authorized staff to purchase furniture cooperatively through a bid secured by the Monterey County Office of Education (MCOE).

11. Disposal of Various Obsolete/Surplus Property – Authorized the disposal of Various Obsolete/Surplus Property including vehicles and equipment. Any proceeds will go into the General Fund.

Transportation Department - being used as trade-ins for three free replacement buses provided through a grant.

ID #: 113B
Year/Make: 1990 Thomas
VIN: 1T7M4V885L1892051
License: E 330134
Mileage: 442,819

ID #: 114B
Year/Make: 1990 Thomas
VIN: 1T7M4V885L1893052
License: E 330119
Mileage: 468,415

ID #: 124B
Year/Make: 1990 Thomas
VIN: 1T7M4V883L1902298
License: E 337343
Mileage: 579,834

Maintenance Department - totaled in an accident on 12/3/2020

ID #: 489SM
Year/Make: 2016 Chevrolet Impala
VIN: 2G1WA5E36G1155098
License: 1498719
Mileage: 39,455

ID #: 170VM
Year/Make: 2000 Chevrolet
VIN: 1GCHG35R7Y1133027
Mileage: 579,834
12. Approval to Award Bid #691-20/21 Playground Wood Fiber – Authorized the award of Bid #691-20/21 for Playground Wood Fiber to Applied Landscape Materials, Inc.

13. James Rutter Middle School, New Science Center - Change Order No. 4 – Approved Change Order No. 4 with F&H Construction, Inc., and authorized a district representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 4 changes the contract amount of $7,963,288.00 by $57,165.00 to $8,020,453.00.

14. James Rutter Middle School, New Science Center Acceptance and Notice of Completion – Accepted the construction of James Rutter Middle School, New Science Center project, and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.

15. Track and Field Replacement at Various Sites - Change Order No. 2 – Approved Change Order No. 2 with JPB Designs, Inc., and (2) authorize a District Representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 2 changes the contract amount of $592,017.00 by ($5,257.00) to $586,760.00.

16. Track and Field Replacement at Various Sites - Acceptance and Notice of Completion - Accepted the construction of Track and Field Replacement at Various Sites project, and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.

17. Approval to Purchase a Health Science and Medical Technology/Patient Care Modular Classroom Building for the Cosumnes Oaks High School, Career Technical Education Program – Approved Resolution No. 37, 2020-2021, authorizing Elk Grove Unified School District Purchasing Department to purchase a 84’x40’ Health Science and Medical Technology/Patient Care modular classroom building cooperatively through an RFP secured by Las Lomitas Elementary School District.

18. Approval to Purchase School Computers – Authorized staff to purchase 700 laptops, 250 docking stations, and configuration services utilizing the Sourcewell (formerly National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA)) contract #081419 awarded to CDW-G.
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VII. LCAP Update – None

VIII. Race and Educational Equity – None

IX. Budget Update – None

X. Facilities Update – None

XI. Bargaining Units – None

XII. Reports

1. Food & Nutrition Services Annual Report – Ms. Albiani called on Xanthi Soriano to read public comments submitted through the District’s Google Public Comment Form related to this item; there were none.

Michelle Drake provided the Board with an overview of Food & Nutrition Services programs.

Board members provided feedback and thanked Ms. Drake for the update and staff for their hard work.

Mr. Albiani called for a break at 8:13 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 8:19 p.m.

2. Fall 2020 Distance Learning and LCAP Needs Survey Results and Next Steps – Ms. Albiani called on Xanthi Soriano to read the following public comments: Anonymous, Erin Somers, Daniel Lastinger shared their frustrations with the Distance Learning model and the results of a survey.

Mark Cerutti presented on the results of the Fall 2020 Distance Learning and Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Needs Survey and the next steps. The Fall 2020 Distance Learning and LCAP Needs Survey has allowed the district to evaluate the provision of services under distance learning, assess student engagement, and measure stakeholder satisfaction. Feedback provided will be used to continuously improve educational services for our students and families.

The Fall 2020 Distance Learning and LCAP Needs Survey process occurred during November and December with over 24,000 stakeholders participating. Stakeholders included teachers, students, parents/families, site administrators and student service providers like mental health therapists, counselors, psychologists, etc. The presentation to the Board of Education provided the results of the survey.

Board members provided feedback and thanked Mr. Cerutti for the report.

Ms. Albiani called for a motion to extend the board meeting by an hour until 10:48 p.m. Motion No. 90, 2020-21 - Motion by Mr. Perez, seconded by Dr. Martinez-Alire and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that the meeting be extended until 10:48 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Jamerson, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Yang; Nays – None; Absent – None

XIII. Public Hearing/Action Items

1. California Montessori Project Charter Petition to Renew Charter - Ms. Albiani opened the public hearing and called on Xanthi Soriano to read the following public comments: Ayla Abreu, Jace Garcia, Doray Espinosa, and Scott Porter shared their positive experiences at California Montessori Project Charter, CMP’s commitment to students and requested that the charter petition be approved.
Ms. Albiani closed the public hearing and announced that this item will be brought back for action at the February 23, 2021 regular board meeting.

Ms. Albiani called for a motion to extend the board meeting until 11:30 p.m. 
Motion No. 91, 2020-21 - Motion by Mr. Perez, seconded by Mr. Forcina and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that the meeting be extended until 11:30 p.m. 
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Jamerson, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Yang; Nays – None; Absent – None

2. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Elk Grove Unified School District and Psychologists & Social Workers Association (PSWA), 2020-21 In response to COVID-19 Coronavirus - Ms. Albiani opened the public hearing and called on Xanthi Soriano to read public comments submitted through the District’s Google Public Comment Form related to this item; there were none. Ms. Albiani closed the public hearing.

Motion No. 92, 2020-21 - Motion by Mr. Chaires Espinoza, seconded by Mr. Perez and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that the MOU between Elk Grove Unified School District and PSWA, 2020-21 in response to COVID-19 Coronavirus, be approved. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Jamerson, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Yang; Nays – None; Absent – None

XIV. Discussion Items – None

XV. Action Items
   1. Resolution to Eliminate a Classified Position – Ms. Albiani called on Xanthi Soriano to read public comments submitted through the District’s Google Public Comment Form related to this item; there were none.

   Motion No. 93, 2020-21 - Motion by Mr. Perez, seconded by Dr. Martinez-Alire and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 38, authorizing the Governing Board to eliminate a classified position. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Jamerson, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Yang; Nays – None; Absent – None

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
      Mr. Forcina requested that the board look into telephonic public comments and that copies of responses be provided to the Board. He also requested that Item No. 3 on the Consent Agenda be reviewed.

XVIII. Adjournment – 12:15 a.m.

Submitted by: Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by: Beth Albiani, Board President