

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, May 11, 2021

Adopted

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

Others Present: 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: The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. to address items 1 and 2 on the closed session portion of the agenda.

- I. Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
- II. 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: Ms. Albiani called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. and announced that the Board met in closed session 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** – Ms. Shannon Hayes, Chief Financial Officer, led the pledge of allegiance.

II. **Public Comment – None**

III. **Review of Proposed 2021-22 Funding Priorities** – Shannon Hayes reviewed and discussed the recommended Tier II Funding Priorities with the Board. On March 10, 2021 the Board approved \$1.5 million in ongoing and \$200,000 in one-time 2021-22 fiscal year funding priorities that were associated with positions.

Using the budget development criterion below, the remaining priorities (representing approximately \$2.4 million) were placed on hold as the district evaluated the Governor's 2021-22 January budget proposal along with the funding received in response to COVID-19:

- Maintain Fiscal Solvency
- Maintain/Evaluate What We Have Built Over Past Few Years

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- Remain Competitive
- Build Upon What We Have Already Started
- Contemplate New Programs/Initiatives

Ms. Hayes shared a historical review of how the priorities have been approached year to year and how the priorities have been addressed by the Board. Ms. Hayes also reviewed the current remaining priorities, their status and options for the Board to consider for 2021-22. The Board will be asked to take action on the remaining priorities at the May 18, 2021, regularly scheduled board meeting

Board members provided feedback and thanked Ms. Hayes for the report. The Board requested to receive data on the transportation pilot program to Florin High School and to review the transportation policy throughout the District.

IV. AB 86 Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant & COVID-19 Funding - Mark Cerutti reviewed and discussed with the Board actions/services related to the District's Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant (AB 86 – ELO) specific to supplemental instruction and support to students. Consideration was given to how this work integrates with the District's full amount of COVID-19 relief monies. The Board reviewed and discussed the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant template and the District's prioritized ELO list of actions/services.

Mr. Cerutti shared that extensive stakeholder engagement efforts have been and continue to be conducted to elicit input and feedback from staff, parents/guardians and students. This information has been synthesized into priority themes. The emergent themes are being used to guide academic and social emotional program and related educational service decision making. Specific program and service ideas have been captured and a prioritization process is underway to identify actions to be taken that will be funded using the AB 86 ELO funds. The Board of Education analyzed this information and further refined the AB 86 – ELO programming and service priorities in preparation for the AB 86 – ELO Plan adoption at the June 1, 2021, Board Workshop/Special Board Meeting.

V. Adjournment – 6:56 p.m.

Submitted by: Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by: 
Beth Albiani, Board President