MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, November 2, 2021

Adopted

Members Present: Beth Albiani, President; Crystal Martinez-Alire, Clerk; Nancy Chaires Espinoza, Carmine Forcina, Gina Jamerson, and Sean Yang; Student Board Member – Jaimee Nguyen; Absent – Anthony Perez

Others Present: Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent; Robert Pierce and Mark Cerutti, Deputy Superintendents; David Reilly, Associate Superintendent; Bindy Grewal and Craig Murray, Assistant Superintendents; Amreek Singh, Chief Human Resources Officer; Shannon Hayes, Chief Financial Officer; Steve Mate, Chief Technology Officer, Xanthi Soriano, Director of Communications

CLOSED SESSION: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. to address items 1 through 2 on the closed session portion of the agenda.

  I. **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
 II. **Government Code Section 54957:** Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Title: Superintendent

Ms. Jamerson left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

OPEN SESSION: Ms. Albiani called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. and announced that that no action was taken in Closed Session and that no Zoom audio public comment requests were received.

Ms. Albiani provided a welcome and informed the public that effective on August 10, 2021, the Board of Education has resumed full in-person board meetings, unless otherwise ordered by the Sacramento County Public County Public Health Department, the State, or by other legal mandate. Live streaming of the board meeting is made available via the Zoom platform and meetings are recorded (video and audio) and will be made available on the Elk Grove Unified School District's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/elkgroveunified

  I. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Shannon Hayes, Chief Financial Officer, led the pledge of allegiance.

 II. **Board Presentation Regarding AB 361** – Karen Rezendes provided the Board with an overview of AB 361 and the options available. AB 361 authorizes local agencies to conduct public meeting remotely during a state of emergency under modified Brown Act requirements. AB 361 requires local agencies to make specified findings every 30 days in order to continue to meet under abbreviated remote meeting procedures. The resolution for AB 361 will be brought back to the Board for approval at a later date.

       Board members provided feedback and thanked Ms. Rezendes for the presentation and indicated Option 2 and/or 3 would be an option only in case of COVID/quarantine type emergencies.

III. Illuminate Student Assessment Update – Mark Cerutti, Jenifer Avey and Aron Bishop provided the Board with an update on the Illuminate Student Assessment System including Assessment Literacy, assessments within the system, and how the system is being supported.

The Illuminate system is an important tool that can enhance the cycle of teaching and learning. Training and implementation of the student assessment system began in the spring of 2020 and continued through the 2020-2021 school year. The system has been introduced to students, classroom teachers, site administrators, instructional coaches, and district-level administrators. The Board of Education and the community will be provided information on the four components of Assessment Literacy, a review of our current interim assessments, an update on how the assessment system is being supported and will experience formative assessment with *On the Fly.*

Board members provided feedback and thanked everyone for the report.

Ms. Jamerson returned to the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Ms. Albiani called for a lunch break at 12:21 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 1:00 p.m.

IV. Graduation Requirements – Craig Murray provided the Board with an update regarding the proposed changes to the Elk Grove Unified School District graduation requirements.

BP/AR 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements - The Elk Grove Unified School District Board Policy (BP) and Administrative Regulation (AR) regarding high school graduation requirements have not been revised since 2007. The current BP and AR include information for items such as the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) which is no longer administered, and courses such as Algebra and Geometry which have been combined with other related curriculum being taught within EGUSD. Updates to the policy allow for a wide range of skills and abilities to recognize the rigorous coursework required to graduate from our district. The updates will also align the BP and AR to the state College and Career Indicators (CCI).

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

V. Regional Feeder Pattern Meeting Preparation – Mark Cerutti provided information about how the Board of Education has previously conducted Regional Feeder Pattern Meetings (RFPMs) to engage in information sharing and discussion with school and district administration, and to increase Board members' understanding of high interest school data and related educational services and programs.
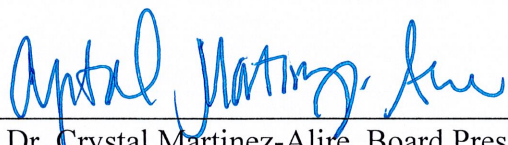
The Board was provided with the three options listed below and engaged in discussion and provided the Superintendent and staff with direction on the Regional Feeder Pattern Meeting (RFPM) procedure by selecting option no. 3 below to be used this school year.
1. Status quo/Current Mode
2. Modification to status quo with a focus on increasing discussion time/Modified Model
3. Receiving school information via Board Communications and using the RFPM time for other Board priorities/Alternative Option

VI. Adjournment – 2:19 p.m.

Submitted by Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by: _____

Dr. Crystal Martinez-Alire, Board President