

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, January 26, 2022**

*Adopted*

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

**Others Present via Zoom:** 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:** Dr. Martinez-Alire called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. to address items 1 and 2 on the closed session portion of the agenda.

**I. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Anticipated Litigation** - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: [One Case]

**II. 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:** Dr. Martinez-Alire called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m. and announced that the Board met in closed session via Zoom and no action was taken.

Dr. Martinez-Alire provided a welcome and informed the public that effective on January 6, 2022, under the authority of California Health and Safety Code Sections 101040, 101085, 120175, and 120220, the Health Officer of the County of Sacramento Hereby Ordered the following:

All public boards, councils, commissions, and other similar bodies shall suspend in-person public meetings and conduct all meetings virtually. Affected bodies shall ensure opportunities for virtual public participation and compliance with the Brown Act and all other relevant statutes.

Accordingly, consistent with the January 6, 2022, Sacramento County Public Health Order, the Governing Board shall use teleconferencing (videoconferencing through Zoom), and the following adjustments have been regarding the Zoom public comments process and timing. 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](http://www.youtube.com/user/elkgroveunified)

- I. Pledge of Allegiance** – Robert Pierce, Deputy Superintendent, led the pledge of allegiance.
- II. Overview of the Day** – Superintendent Hoffman provided an overview of the day.
- III. Public Comments for Items on the Agenda** – Dr. Martinez-Alire announced that there was one public comment, and that it would be heard during Item No. VI. – Public Hearing/Action.

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**IV. Student Discipline Report** – Mark Cerutti and staff provided the Board of Education with a multi-year (2018/19 – 2021/22) comparative analysis of first semester student suspensions. They addressed student discipline policy, practices and outcomes. In 2018, specific action was taken by the Board to develop and update policies related to student discipline, including specifying the distinctive roles site administrators and law enforcement have in the student discipline process and taking specific action to move away from zero-tolerance policies and practices to a more developmental/educational model of student discipline.

The actions the District has taken have significantly reduced the number and rate of suspensions, yet the disproportionate application of suspensions has persisted particularly for the following student subgroups:

- Students who identify as Black/African American
- Students with disabilities
- Students in foster care

Historically, the actions taken to address policies, people and practices related to student discipline have been universal in nature, commonly applied to all students. While this had and is having positive results, it is not adequately addressing matters of disproportionality. The District has adjusted to a targeted universal methodology that combines programs and services addressing all students with programs designed to address the unique needs of the student subgroups noted above.

Board members provided feedback and thanked staff for the report.

*Dr. Martinez-Alire called for a break at 12:00 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 12:16 p.m.*

**V. ACTION ITEM - Graduation Requirements** – Craig Murray provided the Board with information about the Graduation Requirements. The Elk Grove Unified School District Board Policy (BP) and Administrative Regulation (AR) regarding high school graduation have not been revised since 2007. The current BP and AR included 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 no longer exist in the EGUSD system. Updates to the policy allow for a wide range of skills and abilities to recognize the rigorous coursework required to graduate from Elk Grove Unified School District and that align to the State College and Career Indicators.

Motion No. 92, 2021-22 – Motion by Ms. Chaires Espinoza, seconded by Ms. Albiani and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that BP 6146.1 – High School Graduation Requirements be approved and that our current and obsolete BP 6146.1 Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency and BP 6146 High School Graduation Requirements/Standards of Proficiency be deleted. Roll Call Vote: *Ayes – Nguyen (Student Board Member), Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Jamerson, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Yang; Nays – None; Absent – None*

*Dr. Martinez-Alire called for a lunch break at 12:48 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 1:33 p.m.*

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**VI. PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION ITEM - Hearing Regarding Proposed Trustee-Area Maps and Adoption of Resolution Approving Adjustments to the Boundaries of the District’s Trustee Areas Pursuant to Education Code Section 5019.5** - Robert Pierce and Shalice Tilton provided the Board with information about the trustee area map development and the resolution approving the adjustments to the boundaries of the District’s Trustee Areas Pursuant to Education Code Section 5019.5. Mr. Pierce shared that the Board has held multiple hearings through the process and ensured that any proposed maps are posted on the District’s website and noticed in the Sacramento Bee and Elk Grove Citizen Newspapers.

Dr. Martinez-Alire opened the public hearing. Samantha Alvarez addressed the Board via Zoom and urged them to not approve a map today and to hold another workshop for the community.

Dr. Martinez-Alire closed the public hearing.

Motion No. 93, 2021-22 – Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Albiani and carried by a 6-1 vote in favor of adopting Resolution No. 41, which approves the adjustments to the Boundaries of the District’s Trustee Areas Pursuant to Education Code Section 5019.5 and Draft Map 3 was selected. Roll Call Vote: *Ayes – Nguyen (Student Board Member), Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Jamerson, Martinez-Alire and Yang; Nays – Perez; Absent – None*

**VII. ACTION ITEM – 2022-23 Open Enrollment** - Motion No. 94, 2021-22 – Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Jamerson and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that the recommendations for the 2022-23 Open Enrollment be approved as follows:

- Approved the list of schools available to accept Open Enrollment transfers.
- Approved the Open Enrollment cap at 100 students at Edward Harris and Elizabeth Pinkerton middle schools and Cosumnes Oaks high school.
- Approved the Open Enrollment timeline below:

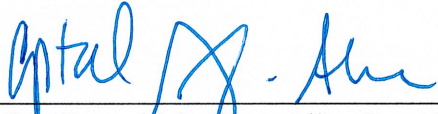
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Task</b>
Wednesday January 26, 2022	➤ Open Enrollment Recommendations and Timeline presented to the Board for information and direction
Thursday January 27, 2022	➤ Information about Open Enrollment timeline and procedures advertised, placed on the EGUSD website, and communicated through ParentVUE. Email, text, and phone calls to families also will be made through Auto-dialer.
<b>Friday January 28, 2022</b>	➤ <b>Open Enrollment Application Period Begins</b>
<b>Tuesday February 8, 2022</b>	➤ <b>Open Enrollment Application Deadline</b>
Tuesday February 15, 2022	➤ Board to take action on Open Enrollment numbers for each school
Tuesday, February 22, 2022	➤ Random Selection Process conducted, <b>if necessary</b>
Wednesday, February 23, 2022	➤ List of incoming students sent to requested schools ➤ List of student transfers sent to home schools
Week of February 28, 2022	➤ Parents notified of acceptance, (or placement on waiting list, if needed) and asked to submit Open Enrollment agreement to requested school in ParentVUE.
Tuesday March 22, 2022	➤ Deadline for parents to accept Open Enrollment to requested school in ParentVUE.
Week of April 4, 2022	➤ Any remaining spaces allocated to students on waiting lists ➤ Lists of incoming/outgoing students sent to schools

Roll Call Vote: *Ayes – Nguyen (Student Board Member), Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Jamerson, Martinez-Alire, Perez and Yang; Nays – None; Absent – None*

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**VIII. Adjournment – 3:06 p.m.**

Submitted by Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by:   
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Dr. Crystal Martinez-Alire, Board President