

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, December 13, 2022

*Adopted*

**Members Present:** Sean Yang, Clerk; Beth Albiani, Nancy Chaires Espinoza, Carmine Forcina, Anthony Perez, Michael Vargas and Oliver Trach, Student Board Member; Absent: Gina Jamerson

**Others Present:** Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent; Kristen Coates and Mark Cerutti, Deputy Superintendents; David Reilly, Associate Superintendent; Bindy Grewal, Assistant Superintendent; Chad Sweitzer, Assistant Superintendent; Amreek Singh, Chief Human Resources Officer; Shannon Hayes, Chief Financial Officer; Steve Mate, Chief Technology Officer; Jenifer Avey and Lisa Levasseur, Executive Directors

**CLOSED SESSION:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. to address items 1 through 3 on the closed session portion of the agenda.

**I. Government Code Section 54957:** Public Employee Appointment/Employment - Management Position

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

**III. Government Code Section 54957.6:** Conference with Labor Negotiators

Agency designated representatives: Christopher R. Hoffman, Karen Rezendes

David Reilly, Amreek Singh, Mark Cerutti, William McGuire, Kristen Coates, Shannon Hayes

Employee Organizations: All Elk Grove Unified School District

Bargaining Units and Unrepresented Employees

**OPEN SESSION:** Mr. Yang called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and announced that the Board met in closed session and no action was taken.

Mr. Yang provided a welcome and informed the public that unless otherwise ordered by the Sacramento County Public Health Department, the State, or by other legal mandate including AB 361 Board Resolution, the Board of Education has resumed full in-person Board meetings. 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** – Victoria Andrade led the pledge of allegiance and was recognized by the Board of Education for her contributions and continued support of students, staff, and community at Samuel Jackman Middle School.

**II. Annual Organizational Meeting**

**1. Oaths of Office**

Superintendent Hoffman presented the Certificates of Election and administered the Oath of Office to returning board member Beth Albiani and newly elected board member, Michael Vargas.

**2. Election of Officers**

**Board President** – Mr. Forcina nominated Ms. Chaires Espinoza for Board President and Ms. Chaires Espinoza accepted the nomination. Motion No. 62, 2022-23 – Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Albiani and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Ms. Chaires Espinoza be elected President of the Board of Education. *Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Ayes – Trach (Student Board Member), Albiani, Chaires-Espinoza, Forcina, Perez, Vargas and Yang; Nays – None; Absent – Jamerson*

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**Clerk of the Board of Education** – Ms. Chaires Espinoza nominated Ms. Jamerson for Board Clerk and Ms. Jamerson accepted the nomination. Motion No. 63, 2022-23 – Motion by Ms. Chaires Espinoza, seconded by Ms. Albiani and carried by a 5 – 1 vote from board members present that Gina Jamerson be elected as the clerk of the board of education.

*Roll call vote: Ayes – Trach (Student Board Member), Albiani, Chaires-Espinoza, Perez, Vargas and Yang; Nays – Forcina; Absent – Jamerson*

**Board Representative to the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE)** – Ms. Albiani nominated Mr. Yang for Board Representative to the Sacramento County Office of Education. Motion No. 64, 2022-23 – Motion by Ms. Albiani, seconded by Mr. Perez and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present to appoint Sean Yang as the Board representative to the Sacramento County Office of Education.

*Roll call vote: Ayes – Trach (Student Board Member), Albiani, Chaires-Espinoza, Forcina, Perez, Vargas and Yang; Nays – None; Absent – Jamerson*

3. **Establishment of Date, Time, and Place of Meetings** – Motion No. 65, 2022-23 - Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Albiani and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that the date, time and place of meetings for the coming year; first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 pm, and closed sessions at 5:00 p.m. when necessary, with the place of the meetings being determined by the Secretary to the Board of Education be established. *Roll call vote: Ayes – Trach (Student Board Member), Albiani, Chaires-Espinoza, Forcina, Perez, Vargas and Yang; Nays – None; Absent – Jamerson*
- **Presentation of the Gavel to Incoming President** – Superintendent Hoffman presented the gavel to the incoming board president, Nancy Chaires Espinoza, who chaired the remainder of the board meeting.

At 6:18 p.m. a brief recess was called to rearrange seats.

### III. Presentations/Recognitions

1. **High School Student Representative Reports - Cosumnes Oaks and Sheldon High Schools** – Students from Cosumnes Oaks and Sheldon High School reported on academics and activities at their schools.

2. **Day of Remembrance**

Motion No. 66, 2022-23 - Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Ms. Albiani and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 40, reaffirming the Day of Remembrance Resolution be adopted. *Roll call vote: Ayes – Trach (Student Board Member), Albiani, Chaires-Espinoza, Forcina, Perez, Vargas and Yang; Nays – None; Absent – Jamerson*

### IV. Resolutions

1. **Observation of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday**

Motion No. 67, 2022-23 - Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Mr. Perez and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that Resolution No. 42 designating January 16, 2023, as a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday be adopted. *Roll call vote: Ayes – Trach (Student Board Member), Albiani, Chaires-Espinoza, Forcina, Perez, Vargas and Yang; Nays – None; Absent – Jamerson*

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## V. Student Expulsion/Involuntary Transfer Recommendations - None

## VI. Public Comment

Nicole Strange, Laurie Bachi & Lindsey Townsend addressed issues at their school sites and requested higher pay for clerical staff and subs.

Lorreen Pryor and Lisa Stanley shared concerns about the treatment of black students and their families, the amount of complaints received from Elk Grove families, and asked that something be done and that families be respected.

Marissa Bitcon, Adrian Balasderos, Dustin Noble, Wesley Bramer, Brandon Morgan, Candace Mills and Peter Mendoza shared concerns about the changes in the Inclusion Program that included the need of paraeducators, concerns about a recent survey, the impact the changes in the program have had on students and their families, the loss of experienced teachers, and the lack of funding for new teachers.

## VII. Consent Agenda – Action – Prior to the vote, Mr. Perez pulled consent items 1, 10, 24 and 25 for discussion/approval.

Motion No. 68, 2022-23 - Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Albiani and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that 2 – 29, except for items 1, 10, 24 and 25 on the consent agenda be approved. *Roll call vote: Ayes – Trach (Student Board Member), Albiani, Chaires-Espinoza, Forcina, Perez, Vargas and Yang; Nays – None; Absent – Jamerson*

Motion No. 69, 2022-23 - Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Albiani and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that item no. 1 on the consent agenda be approved. *Roll call vote: Ayes – Trach (Student Board Member), Albiani, Chaires-Espinoza, Forcina, Perez, Vargas and Yang; Nays – None; Absent – Jamerson*

Motion No. 70, 2022-23 - Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Albiani and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that item no. 10 on the consent agenda be approved. *Roll call vote: Ayes – Trach (Student Board Member), Albiani, Chaires-Espinoza, Forcina, Perez, Vargas and Yang; Nays – None; Absent – Jamerson*

Motion No. 71, 2022-23 - Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Albiani and carried by a 5-1 vote that consent item 24 be approved. *Roll call vote: Ayes – Trach (Student Board Member), Albiani, Chaires-Espinoza, Forcina, Vargas and Yang; Nays – Perez; Absent – Jamerson*

Motion No. 72, 2022-23 - Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Albiani and carried by a 5-1 vote that consent item 25 be approved. *Roll call vote: Ayes – Trach (Student Board Member), Albiani, Chaires-Espinoza, Forcina, Vargas and Yang; Nays – Perez; Absent – Jamerson*

**1. Approval of Board Policy** – Approved updates made to Board Policy 5030 Student Wellness.

**2. Approval of Minutes** – Approved the minutes from the special board meetings that were held on November 1, 2022 and December 6, 2022.

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- 3. Personnel Actions** – Approved personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements, and returns from reemployment lists as submitted.
- 4. Revision of 2022-2023 School Calendar** – Approved the revised 2022-2023 School Calendar. The revised 2022-2023 calendar includes the addition of June 19 as a holiday, and adds Monday, June 26 as an instructional day for year round elementary school tracks A, B, and C.
- 5. 2022-23 Amended Salary Schedules** – Approved various amended salary schedules.
- 6. Certification of Administrator’s Competence to Evaluate** – Granted Certification of Administrator’s Competence to Evaluate for the following newly-hired district administrators who have successfully completed the District’s training process; Heather Jackson, Valley High School and Taranjeet Wacker, Toby Johnson Middle school.
- 7. Warrant Register No. 5** – Approved Warrant Register No. 5 – Warrant Numbers 108585 – 110077, 434479 – 435441. All Funds: November 1, 2022 through November 30, 2022.
- 8. Acceptance of Gifts** – Approved donations to the district’s schools/programs as submitted.
- 9. Ratification of Grant Contracts/Agreements for Funding** – Approved grant contracts/agreements signed by authorized staff as submitted.
- 10. Ratification of Contracts, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU’s) and Agreements for Services** – Approved contracts signed by authorized staff in accordance with Board Policy 3312 as submitted.
- 11. Developer Fee Annual Expenditure Report** – Approved the Annual Expenditure Report of 2021-22 Developer Fees.
- 12. Approval of Purchase Order Encumbrance Modification History** – Approved purchase order encumbrance modifications from November 1, 2022 – November 30, 2022.
- 13. Approval of Purchase Order History** – Approved purchase orders for the weeks of November 1, 2022, through November 30, 2022.
- 14. Disposal of Obsolete/Surplus Property** – Authorized the disposal of various obsolete/surplus property as submitted. No income is anticipated to be received by the district for these items. However, any income that is received will go into the General Fund.
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- 16. Conveyance of Property to Southgate Recreation and Park District for Extension of the Tillotson Parkway** – Approved Resolution No. 41, 2022-2023 authorizing the superintendent to execute a Conveyance Agreement, Grant Deed, and related documents with the Southgate Recreation and Park District for the Tillotson Parkway.

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17. **Pleasant Grove Elementary School Modernization Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with F&H Construction, Inc., and authorized a district representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 consists of eleven (11) items and changes the contract amount of \$17,407,942.00 by \$807,493.31 to \$18,215,435.31.
18. **Pleasant Grove Elementary School Modernization Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of the Pleasant Grove Elementary School Modernization project and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
19. **Shade Structures at Various Sites Phase 6 Award of Contract** – Approved the award of contract to Abide Builders, Inc., for the total base bid of \$1,820,000.00. Authorized administration to sign all documents and contracts pertaining to this work, and authorized administration to proceed with the next lowest responsible bidder should a fully endorsed contract with the low bidder, accompanied by certification of the necessary bonds, not be obtained. This project consists of furnishing and installation of shade structures at twelve (12) school sites, and includes accessibility improvements, construction of concrete pads, and miscellaneous site work.
20. **Irene B. West Elementary School, Shade Structure Award of Contract** – Approved the award of contract to Zara Construction, Inc., for the total base bid of \$89,500.00. Authorized administration to sign all documents and contracts pertaining to this work, and authorized administration to proceed with the next lowest responsible bidder should a fully endorsed contract with the low bidder, accompanied by certification of the necessary bonds, not be obtained.
21. **Adult Education Roofing, Roofing 2023 Award of Contract** – Approved the award of contract to California Single Ply, Inc., for the total base bid of \$259,200.00. Authorized administration to sign all documents and contracts pertaining to this work, and authorized administration to proceed with the next lowest responsible bidder should a fully endorsed contract with the low bidder, accompanied by certification of the necessary bonds, not be obtained.
22. **Valley High School, Roofing 2023 Award of Contract** – Approved the award of contract to PAC Shield Roof Services, Inc., for the total base bid of \$554,527.00. Authorized administration to sign all documents and contracts pertaining to this work, and authorized administration to proceed with the next lowest responsible bidder should a fully endorsed contract with the low bidder, accompanied by certification of the necessary bonds, not be obtained.
23. **Approval of Authorization to Utilize CMAS Contract 4-21-06-1106/Base Sourcewell Contract #080819-IFA, for Non-Information Technology Commodities, with Harold W. Thompson, Inc. to install new resilient flooring at hallways and second floor offices at the Robert Trigg Education Center** – Approved CMAS 4-21-06-1106/Base Sourcewell Contract #080819-IFA, for Non-Information Technology Commodities, with Harold W. Thompson, Inc., and authorized a district representative to sign and approve these services.
24. **Head Start Basic Year 1 (2020-2021) Budget Modification** – Approved the Head Start Basic Year 1 (2020-2021) budget modification.
25. **Head Start Year 2 Budget Modification** – Approved the Head Start Year 2 Budget Modification changing the budget carryover from Program Year 2 to Program Year 3.

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26. **American Rescue Plan (ARP) Budget Modification** – Approved Agreement Number: 21C2251S0ARP-CR authorizing the execution of funds in the amount of \$233,000.00 to be moved from Program: Supplies to Program: Other under building maintenance.
27. **2022-2023 Ratification of CIF Representative Addendum** – Appointed replacement representatives for Valley High School to serve as the school's league/conference representative for the 2022-2023 school year.
28. **New Course and Revisions to High School Courses** – Adopted the following new high school courses and approved revisions to the high school courses below.  
**New Course Request: Marine Biology** (Science, Grades 11-12) (one-year equivalent course, 10 credits)  
**Request for Revision:**  
**IB History HL Year 1** (Course #20011) It is requested that the pre-requisite be removed.  
**IB History HL Year 2** (Course #20012) It is requested that the pre-requisite be revised.
29. **Instructional Materials Adoption** – Adopted the following instructional materials:  
Basic  
*Patron Saints of Nothing*, © 2019 by Penguin Books (ELA, Grade 9) [This basic instructional material will be paid for using EGUSD Instructional Materials funds.]  
  
Supplemental  
*Word Connections: A Multisyllabic Word Reading Program* (ELA, Grades 3-6) [This supplemental instructional material will be paid for using site funds.]

**VIII. LCAP Update - None**

**IX. Race and Educational Equity - None**

**X. Budget Update - None**

**XI. Facilities Update - None**

- XII. Bargaining Units** – Jeremiah Miller of AFSCME thanked Dr. Crystal Martinez-Alire for her time served on the Board of Education and welcomed newly elected board member Michael Vargas. Mr. Miller addressed the lack of staffing in the lowest paid positions and the most vital positions of his bargaining unit and requested that the salaries be reviewed.

**XIII. Reports**

1. **Inclusive Education Services Update** – The Board received an update on Special Education inclusive education services. The update entailed a review of outreach and feedback efforts, an overview of the feedback to date, and the District's planned response and actions.

Board members provided feedback and thanked Mr. Reilly for the update.

**XIV. Public Hearing/Action Items – None**

**XV. Discussion Items – None**

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**XVI. Action Items**

- 1. Appointment of a Representative from the Elk Grove Unified School District to the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly** – Motion No. 73, 2022-23 - Motion by Ms. Albiani, seconded by Mr. Perez and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that Gina Jamerson be appointed to the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly. *Roll call vote: Ayes – Trach (Student Board Member), Albiani, Chaires-Espinoza, Forcina, Perez, Vargas and Yang; Nays – None; Absent – Jamerson*
  
- 2. Approval of the 2022-23 1st Interim Financial Report** – Motion No. 74, 2022-23 - Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Mr. Perez and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that the 2022-23 1<sup>st</sup> Interim Financial Report be approved. *Roll call vote: Ayes – Trach (Student Board Member), Albiani, Chaires-Espinoza, Forcina, Perez, Vargas and Yang; Nays – None; Absent – Jamerson*

**XVII. Board Member and Superintendent Reports – None**

**XVIII. Consideration of Future Agenda Items – None**

**XIX. Adjournment – 10:30 p.m.**

Submitted by Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by:   
Nancy Chaires Espinoza, Board President