

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, January 24, 2023

Adopted

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

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

OPEN SESSION: Ms. Chaires Espinoza called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. in the boardroom of the Education Center.

Ms. Chaires Espinoza provided a welcome and announced that 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 – Dr. Kristen Coates, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Facilities, led the pledge of allegiance.

II. Public Comment for Items on the Agenda – None

III. Reducing Exclusionary Discipline – Mark Cerutti and district staff provided the Board of Education with a multi-year (2018/19-2022/23) comparative analysis of first semester student suspensions and addressed the actions being taken at the district and school levels.

Student discipline policy, practices and outcomes are a Board of Education and District priority. 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. The presentation provided district-wide data for all students as well as disaggregated data specific to the three student subgroups disproportionately impacted by suspensions:

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

Board members provided feedback and thanked everyone for the update.

Ms. Chaires Espinoza called for a break at 11:34 a.m. and called the meeting back to order at 11:45 a.m.

IV. Action Item: 2023-24 Open Enrollment – Motion No. 83, 2022-23 - Motion by Mr. Vargas, seconded by Ms. Jamerson and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all Board members present that the recommendations for the 2023-24 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, Elizabeth Pinkerton, TR Smedberg middle schools and Cosumnes Oaks high school.
- Approved the Open Enrollment timeline

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

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V. Consent Agenda - Action – Motion No. 84, 2022-23 – Motion by Ms. Albiani, seconded by Mr. Yang and carried by a 6 – 1 vote of Board member present that Item 1 on the consent agenda be approved. *Roll call vote: Ayes – Trach (Student Board Member), Albiani, Chaires-Espinoza, Forcina, Jamerson, Vargas and Yang; Nays – Perez; Absent – None*

1. Personnel Actions – Approved personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements, and returns from reemployment lists as submitted.

Ms. Chaires Espinoza called for a lunch break at 12:15 and called the meeting back to order at 12:45 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION: At 12:45 p.m. Ms. Chaires Espinoza announced that the Board would meet in closed session to address items I and II on the closed session portion of the agenda and called for public comment on these items; there were no public comments on the following:

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

II. Government Code Section 54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiators
Agency designated representatives: Christopher R. Hoffman, Karen Rezendes, David Reilly, Amreek Singh, Mark Cerutti, Kristen Coates, Shannon Hayes

Employee Organizations: All Elk Grove Unified School District Bargaining Units and Unrepresented Employees

OPEN SESSION: Ms. Chaires Espinoza called the meeting back to order at 12:24 p.m. and announced that the Board met in closed session and no action was taken.

VI. Adjournment – 2:24 p.m.

Submitted by Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by: *Nancy Chaires Espinoza*
Nancy Chaires Espinoza, Board President