

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, March 7, 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; Bindy Grewal, Assistant 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

CLOSED SESSION: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. to address items 1 and 2 on the closed session portion of the agenda.

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

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 to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced that the Board met in closed session and no action was taken.

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 – Blair and Cassandra Douglas led the pledge of allegiance and were recognized by the Board of Education for being longtime supporters of the Sunrise Elementary Community.

II. Presentations/Recognitions

1. Student Regional Report – Monterey Trail Region – Students from Monterey Trail High School, Edward Harris Jr. Middle School, Raymond Case Elementary, Barbara Comstock Morse Elementary, Roy Herburger Elementary and Irene B. West Elementary reported on academics and activities at their schools.

III. Resolutions

1. National School Library Week – Motion No. 97, 2022-23, Motion by Mr. Vargas, seconded by Ms. Jamerson and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 64, proclaiming April 23-29, 2023, as National School Library Week be approved.

Public Comment:

Laurie Gardner and Heidi Moore shared their concerns about the language and content in some books that are located in classrooms and libraries. They asked that they be reviewed, and an approval policy be put in place for books being placed in libraries.

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- 2. Public Schools Month** – Motion No. 98, 2022-23, Motion by Ms. Jamerson, seconded by Mr. Forcina and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 65, proclaiming April 2023, as Public Schools Month in the Elk Grove Unified School District be adopted.

IV. Student Expulsion/Involuntary Transfer Recommendations - None

V. Public Comment – For Items Not on the Agenda

Brandon Morgan, Dustin Noble, and Courtney Arozen, shared concerns about the changes to the inclusive education program and the negative affects this change has had on students and requested that the program be reinstated.

Christina Navarrete, Frewaini Weldegebriel, Sawait Seyoum, Asmerom Gebremedhin, Rachel Lattan, Amy Kartchner, Heidi Moore, Elda Ortiz, Lorie Gardner, Moises Garcia, Alexander Garcia, and Patty Marty expressed concerns about the multi-cultural assembly at Pleasant Grove High School; lack of notification to parents and requested an opt-out option.

Geizi Bermudez, District Director for Assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen introduced himself and shared information about the support and services their office provides to assist families and the community.

Jencie Ferraro thanked Mr. Vargas and Ms. Jamerson for making time to speak to her and thanked the advocates of BYLP and the FACE department for their work and assistance. Ms. Ferraro shared her concerns and challenges her black children have had.

Elizabeth Rodriguez expressed concerns about recently being released from probationary employment and placed on a no-hire list.

Amelina Mendoza and Estela Uribe spoke in opposition of the sexual education curriculum and expressed concerns about the content.

Brian Edadiz, Lindsey Townsend, Laurie Bocci, Lynn Owano, and Nicole Strange expressed concerns about staff morale, lack of staffing and lack of attracting qualified workers because of the low wages.

Lisa Stanley expressed concerns about an issue between a school employee and a female student. Ms. Stanley asked that staff do better when it relates to black students.

Loreen Pryor shared that she is accessible to staff to answer questions and expressed concerns about staff calling around requesting information about her and shared her worries about incidents that have occurred at school sites involving black students.

Mark Graham shared concerns about Wi-Fi in the classrooms and the negative effects it will have on students.

Board President Chaires Espinoza called for a break at 8:09 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 8:22 p.m.

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VI. Consent Agenda – Action

Public Comment:

Heidi Moore expressed concerns about consent item 19 and requested that the item be placed on the next agenda to give her the opportunity to attend the scheduled community viewing of the content of the curriculum which is after today's board meeting.

Prior to the vote, both Mr. Forcina and Mr. Perez pulled item 19 for discussion/approval. Mr. Perez also pulled items 1, 10, and 18.

Motion No. 99, 2022-23, Motion by Ms. Jamerson, seconded by Ms. Albiani and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that items 2 – 17, except for items 1, 10, 18 and 19 on the consent agenda be approved.

Motion No. 100, 2022-23, Motion by Mr. Vargas, seconded by Ms. Jamerson and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that items 1, 10, and 18 on the consent agenda be approved.

Motion No. 101, 2022-23, Motion by Ms. Albiani, seconded by Mr. Forcina and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that item 19 be moved to the next board meeting on March 21st for approval. *Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Trach (Student Board Member), Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Jamerson, Perez, Vargas and Yang; Nays – None; Absent – None*

- 1. Approval of Board Policies** – Approved the updates to Board Policy 3562 – Routes and Walking Distances and Board Policy 6146.2 – Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency.
- 2. Personnel Actions** – Approved personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements, and returns from reemployment lists as submitted.
- 3. Certification of Administrator's Competence to Evaluate** – Granted Certification of Administrator's Competence to Evaluate for the following newly-hired district administrators who successfully completed the District's training process; Amy Baldini, Sheldon High School and Tyrone Perry Jr., Florin High School.
- 4. Ratification of Grant Contracts/Agreements for Funding** – Approved grant contracts/agreements signed by authorized staff as submitted.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Pleasant Grove High School – Pleasant Grove High School AVID Scholarship** – Approved the Pleasant Grove High School AVID Scholarship.
- 7. 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.
- 8. Approval to Award BID #754-22/23 – Alcohol-Free Foaming Hand Sanitizer** – Authorized the award of BID #754-22/23 – Alcohol-Free Foaming Hand Sanitizer.

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- 9. Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) Lease-Leaseback (LLB) Engagement** – Authorized administration to negotiate with C.T. Brayton & Sons, Inc. to perform the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) project to determine a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP).
- 10. California Montessori Charter School Annual Facilities Agreement** – Approved the Charter School Facilities Agreement between the Elk Grove Unified School District and the California Montessori Project for the 2023/2024 school year.
- 11. Ratification of California Multiple Award Schedules (CMAS) Contract for Additional Teaching and Learning Enhancement Project** – Ratified CMAS contract with ICU Technologies, Inc. for additional Teaching and Learning Enhancement Project to purchase instructional technology and connectivity devices at Ellen Feickert, Florence Markofer, and James McKee Elementary Schools.
- 12. Miwok Village Elementary School aka Laguna Ridge East Elementary School – Increment 1 and Increment 2 Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with Clark/Sullivan Construction, Inc. and authorized a district representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 consists of one (1) item and changes the contract amount of \$49,216,097.00 by (\$1,354,028.00) to \$47,862,069.00.
- 13. Miwok Village Elementary School aka Laguna Ridge East Elementary School – Increment 1 and Increment 2 Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of the Miwok Village Elementary School aka Laguna Ridge East Elementary School – Increment 1 and Increment 2 project and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 14. Adult Education, Roofing 2023 Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with California Single Ply, Inc., and authorized a district representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 consists of three (3) items and changes the contract amount of \$259,200.00 by (\$7,591.00) to \$251,609.00.
- 15. Adult Education, Roofing 2023 Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of the Adult Education, Roofing 2023 project, and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 16. Ratification of California Multiple Award Schedules (CMAS) Contract for Teaching and Learning Enhancement Project at 30 Schools** – Ratified CMAS contract with ICU Technologies, Inc. for Teaching and Learning Enhancement Project to purchase instructional technology and connectivity devices at 30 schools.
- 17. Approval to Purchase Chromebooks and Services** – Authorized staff to purchase 16,000 Chromebooks, and configuration services utilizing the Sourcewell contract #081419 awarded to CDW-G.
- 18. Approval to Award RFP #735-22/23 - Restorative Practices Training & Consultation** – Authorized the award of RFP #735-22/23 – Restorative Practices Training & Consultation.
- 19. Approval of 5th and 7th Grade Comprehensive Sexual Health Curriculum Adoption** – ***ITEM MOVED TO THE NEXT BOARD MEETING FOR APPROVAL.***

VII. LCAP Update - None

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VIII. Race and Educational Equity – None

IX. Budget Update

- 1. Approval of the 2022-23 2nd Interim Financial Report** – Motion No. 102, 2022-23, Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Mr. Vargas and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the 2022-23, 2nd Interim Financial Report be approved.

X. Facilities Update - None

XI. Bargaining Units – None

XII. Reports – None

XIII. Public Hearing/Action Items – None

XIV. Discussion Items – None

XV. Action Items

- 1. EGUSD Transportation Plan** – Motion No. 103, 2022-23, Motion by Ms. Albiani, seconded by Mr. Yang and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the EGUSD Transportation Plan be approved.

XVI. Board Member and Superintendent Reports – None

XVII. Consideration of Future Agenda Items - None

XVIII. Adjournment – 10:08 p.m.

Submitted by Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by: 
Nancy Chaires Espinoza, Board President