

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, May 16, 2023

Adopted

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

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

CLOSED SESSION: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. to address items 1 through 4 on the closed session portion of the agenda.

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

II. Government Code Section 54956.9 Subdivision (d) Paragraph (2 or 3): Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to Litigation; 1 case

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

IV. 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

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

OPEN SESSION: Ms. Chaires Espinoza called the meeting to order at 6:08 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 – Ms. Shannon Tosh led the pledge of allegiance and was recognized by the Board of Education for her contributions at Laguna Creek High School.

II. Presentations/Recognitions

1. High School Student Representative Reports – Calvine, Cosumnes Oaks and Sheldon High Schools

– Students from Calvine, Cosumnes Oaks and Sheldon High Schools reported on academics and activities at their school sites.

2. Recognition of the 2022-2023 Student Board Representatives – The Board of Education recognized the 2022-23 Student Board representatives.

3. Academic Recognition of Spring Student Athletes and Coaches – The Board of Education recognized the coaches and teams who have achieved the highest combined grade point average of any varsity athletic team during the spring sports season.

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4. **2022-23 Future Farmers of America Student Recognition** – The Board of Education recognized the Elk Grove Unified School District students who competed and won first place awards in Future Farmers of America (FFA) state competitions in the 2022–23 school year.
5. **Student Board Member Recommendation** – Motion No. 133, 2022-23, Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Jamerson and carried by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the recommended student Board member, Isabella Sigal, who would officially be seated on July 1, 2023, be approved.

III. Resolutions

1. LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Public Commens:

Angel Ordonez, Debbie Cauble, Brian Rickel, Adam Beckner, Trisha Velasquez, Emily Autenrieth, Esmerelda Cabrera, Shawnie Jones, Lara Feliciano, Britt, Laura Delight, Caylen Anderson, Joan Guzman, Terese Winsel, Kenneth Carlson, Courtney Arozern, Brandon Morgan, Tiffany Woods, Mark, Sara Street, Carly Brannon, Rowen Reynehardte, Amaranta Serra, Eve Banas, Sara Winguard, Laura Clay, Norman Sandoval, Gandy Reinsch, Sara Louis, Graham Stewart, Lisa Bunker, Shawna, Jack, Erin Lotto, George Reyes, David Simmons and Suri P. spoke in support of the resolution and thanked the Board for their support and for making students feel safe.

Ron Owens, Rick Atkinson, Heidi Moore, Amelina Mendoza spoke against the resolution, and requested that the Board not approve it.

Motion No. 134, 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. 86, recognizing June 2023 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month be approved.

IV. Student Expulsion/Involuntary Transfer Recommendations

1. **Request for Student Expulsions** - Motion No. 135, 2022-23, Motion by Ms. Jamerson, seconded by Ms. Albiani and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the recommendations for student expulsions be approved.

V. Public Comment

Tedde Simon requested that the District allow students to wear regalia items of cultural and religious significance at graduation.

Elda Garcia, Heidi Moore, Charlotte Reiger, Ret Pennell, Kurt Thompson, Melissa Gentry, Amelina Mendoza, Rachel Lucery, Stephanie Burt, Carrie Smith, Tricia Phillips, Elise George, Brenda Ross, Rick Atkinson, and Heather Delps shared their thoughts and spoke in opposition of the explicit materials available to students at school and requested they be removed.

David Houser suggested that the Board form a committee of educators, parents and librarians to find unity.

Sara Wingard requested that the Board find funds to provide full-time librarians at all schools and shared how students could benefit.

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Courtney Arozena shared information about SELPA State Legislative Day that she attended with Anne Rigalli and how beneficial the day was.

Dustin Noble requested that Anne Rigalli be added to Cabinet because there is a need of a Special Education person on Cabinet. Mr. Noble also expressed his support of the LGBTQ+ community.

9:56 pm – Motion 136, 2022-23, Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Albiani and carried unanimously by and affirmative vote of all board members present that the board meeting be extended to 11:00 pm.

Jess Carlson spoke in opposition of the banning of LGBTQ books at schools and shared concerns about racism being on the rise.

Kristen Gigenbottom and Alicia Ramirez expressed concerns about the suggestion to ban books and spoke in support of all librarians. They shared information about the group who is behind these bans and how alarmed they are that this group is drawing more attention to these books.

VI. Consent Agenda – Action

Public Comment

Heidi Moore requested that Consent Item No. 30 be pulled from the consent agenda.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Forcina pulled Consent Item No. 30 for discussion/approval.

Motion No. 137, 2022-23, Motion by Ms. Albiani, seconded by Ms. Jamerson and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that items 1 – 31, except for item 30 on the consent agenda be approved.

Motion No. 138, 2022-23, Motion by Ms. Albiani, seconded by Mr. Vargas and carried by a 5-1 vote of all board members present that item 30 be approved. *Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Jamerson, Vargas, and Yang; Nays – Forcina; Absent – Perez*

1. Approval of Board Policies – Approved the updates made to the policies listed below:

BP 4112.6 Personnel Files

BP 4216 Probationary/Permanent Status

BP 5148.2 Before/After School Programs

BP 5131.8 Mobile Communication Devices

BP 6158 Independent Study

Rescinded/deleted the outdated BP 6158.7 ^Independent Study to Implement Assembly Bill 130 (2021) and BP 6176.1 ^Independent Study Program.

2. Approval of Minutes – Approved the minutes from the regular board meetings that were held on April 18, 2023, and May 2, 2023.

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

4. New and Revised Job Descriptions: Curriculum and Professional Services, Special Education – Approved the proposed new job descriptions; Coordinator, Curriculum and

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Professional Learning and Braille Transcriber, and the revised job description; Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant.

5. **Certificated Substitute Compensation Rates** - Approved the Certificated Substitute Compensation Rates for the 2023-2024 school year.
6. **Resolutions for Authorized Signatures** – Approved Resolutions No. 82 – 85 for authorized signatures.
7. **Warrant Register No. 10** – Approved the renewal of the agreement between the fiscal agent Sacramento County Office of Education, the Capital Adult Education Regional Consortium (CAERC) and Elk Grove Adult and Community Education.
8. **Approval of Budget Transfers** – Approved budget transfers are for the period of February 1, 2023, through April 27, 2023.
9. **Pleasant Grove High School – PGHS AVID Scholarship** – Approved the PGHS AVID scholarship.
10. **Franklin High School – FRHS AVID Scholarship** – Approved the FRHS AVID scholarship.
11. **Acceptance of Gifts** – Approved donations to the district’s schools/programs as submitted.
12. **Quarterly Investment Report** – The Board received a quarterly report of investments. As of March 31, 2023, the District has \$465,304,007 from all funds, in addition Mello-Roos Investment proceeds of \$14,980,363 and General Obligation Bond Investment proceeds of \$83,824,655 for a total of \$564,109,024 in the County Treasurer’s pool. This is 8.46% of the total county pooled assets of \$6,665,787,524.
13. **Ratification of Grant Contracts/Agreements for Funding** – Approved grant contracts/agreements signed by authorized staff as submitted.
14. **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.
15. **Approval of Purchase Order Encumbrance Modification History** – Approved donations to the district’s schools/programs as submitted.
16. **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.
17. **Approval of Purchase Order History** – Approved contracts signed by authorized staff in accordance with Board Policy 3312 as submitted.
18. **Asbestos Abatement at Florin Elementary School Award of Contract** – Approved the award of a contract to JM Environmental, Inc. for the total base bid of \$138,000.00. Authorized administration to sign all documents and contracts pertaining to this work, and 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.
19. **Isabelle Jackson Elementary School, Asphalt Upgrades Award of Contract** – Approved the award of a contract to Abide Builders for the total base bid of \$2,485,000.00. Authorized

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administration to sign all documents and contracts pertaining to this work, and 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.

- 20. Sheldon High School, Fire Damage Restoration at Building L Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with REM Construction, Inc., and authorized a district representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 changes the contract amount of \$2,784,057.00 by \$80,204.00 to \$2,864,261.00.
- 21. Joseph Sims Elementary School, Roofing 2023 Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with American Foam Experts and authorized a District Representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 changes the contract amount of \$403,890.00 by (\$20,000.00) to \$383,890.00.
- 22. Welcome Centers at Laguna Creek and Monterey Trail High Schools Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 4 with Schreder & Brandt Manufacturing, Inc., and (2) authorize a District Representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 changes the contract amount of \$1,235,000.00 by (\$28,993.00) to \$1,206,007.00.
- 23. Florin High School, Security Camera Additions Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of the Welcome Centers at Laguna Creek and Monterey Trail High Schools project and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 24. Joseph Sims Elementary School, Roofing 2023 Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of the roofing project at Joseph Sims Elementary School and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 25. Welcome Centers at Laguna Creek and Monterey Trail High Schools Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of the Welcome Centers at Laguna Creek and Monterey Trail High Schools project and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 26. Approval of Zoom Licensing Agreement** – Authorized staff to enter in an agreement with Zoom for a one-year licensing agreement.
- 27. 2023-24 Head Start Delegate Agency Agreement #24C2251S0** – Approved Resolution No. 80, 2022-23 authorizing the execution of the 2023-24 school year delegate agency agreement #24C2251S0 by and between Elk Grove Unified School District and Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA) for the operation of a Head Start Program under the Head Start Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 9801.80.
- 28. 2023-24 Head Start Cost of Living Adjustment and Quality Improvement Funding** – Approved the Head Start Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) (\$226,007) and Quality Improvement (QI) (\$147,360) funding for the 2023-2024 program year.
- 29. Revisions to High School Courses** – Approved the revisions to the high school courses as submitted.
- 30. Instructional Materials Adoption** – Adopted the instructional materials as submitted in accordance with BP 6161.1, the following instructional materials have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate subject-area steering committee(s) and the EGUSD Curriculum Council.

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- 31. Sacramento Employment and Training Agency CA Workforce Development Board (CWBD) Prison to Employment Grant Award** – Approved Elk Grove Adult and Community Education's (EGACE) acceptance of the SETA California Workforce Development Board Prison to Employment grant.

VII. LCAP Update – None

VIII. Race and Educational Equity – None

IX. Budget Update - None

X. Facilities Update – None

XI. Bargaining Units – None

XII. Reports

- 1. 2023-24 Budget Update (May Revise)** – *Item Pulled from Agenda*
- 2. A-G Completion Improvement Grant Plans** – *Item Pulled from Agenda*

XIII. Public Hearing/Action Items – None

XIV. Discussion Items – None

XV. Action Items

- 1. Series 2023 Bonds: Consideration of a Resolution providing for the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2016, Series 2023 of the Elk Grove Unified School District in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$132,400,000** - Motion No. 139, 2022-23, Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Mr. Yang and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 81, providing for the issuance of the Bonds and delivery of related bond and disclosure documents be adopted.
- 2. Consideration and Approval of Chief Financial Officer's Employment Agreement** - Motion No. 140, 2022-23, Motion by Ms. Jamerson, seconded by Ms. Albiani and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the Chief Financial Officer's Employment Agreement be approved.

XVI. Board Member and Superintendent Reports – Board Members reported on organization and committee meetings and information relative to the district and its operation.

XVII. Consideration of Future Agenda Items

Mr. Forcina called for a motion to have a report that reviews existing Ed Code and Existing Federal judge decisions that specify parental rights in the education of their children; the motion did not receive a second and the motion failed.

XVIII. Adjournment – 11:02 p.m.

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Submitted by Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

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