

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AUGUST 8, 2023

Adopted

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

Others Present: Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent; Mark Cerutti and Kristen Coates, Deputy Superintendents; Bindy Grewal and Chad Sweitzer, Assistant Superintendents; Amreek Singh, Chief Human Resources Officer; Amari Watkins, Chief Financial Officer; Steve Mate, Chief Information Officer; Jenifer Avey, 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 Positions including Director and Principal Positions
- II. Government Code Section 54957:** Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint
- III. Government Code Section 54957:** Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Title: Superintendent

OPEN SESSION: Ms. Chaires Espinoza called the meeting to order at 6:15 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. Elizabeth Ramirez Trejo led the pledge of allegiance and was recognized by the Board of Education for her contributions at Miwok Village Elementary School.

II. Presentations/Recognitions

- 1. Recommendation of the Name for Library at Carroll Elementary School** – Consistent with Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 7511, community and staff members from Carroll Elementary School have requested to name the Library at Carroll Elementary School to the Seth Thomas Smith Library. EGUSD Administration supports the recommendation consistent with Board Policy.

Motion No. 7, 2023-24, Motion by Ms. Albiani, seconded by Mr. Yang and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the request from Carroll Elementary School staff and community to name the library at Carroll Elementary School the Seth Thomas Smith Library be approved.

III. Resolutions

- 1. Suicide Prevention Awareness Month**

Public Comment:

Joyce Brown shared information about Miracle University's proposal and asked that the Board consider it.

Amanda spoke in support of the resolution and the assistance the program provides to students.

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Motion No. 8, 2023-24, Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Mr. Perez and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 3, recognizing the month of September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month be adopted.

2. **Constitution Day** – Motion No. 9, 2023-24, Motion by Mr. Vargas, seconded by Mr. Perez and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 5, designating September 17, 2023, as Constitution Day be adopted.
3. **Citizenship and Civic Learning** – Motion No. 10, 2023-24, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Mr. Perez and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 4, Citizenship and Civic Learning be adopted.

IV. Student Expulsion/Involuntary Transfer Recommendations – None

V. Public Comment

Elda Garcia spoke in opposition of the pornographic books available to students in school libraries and requested that they be removed.

Wayne Sheppard, Saun Conley, Aaron Cardoza, Tio Sessions, Daniel Chestang, Carmen Ayon, Joseph Thomas spoke in support and shared information about Miracle University dropout prevention program and asked that the district consider and accept their proposal.

Dustin Noble spoke in support of educators and all the different ways they support students. He expressed concerns about the way librarians have been treated by a specific group. Mr. Noble requested that the district condemn these acts.

Stacy, spoke in support of librarians and LGBTQ+ books and what they bring to students. She expressed concerns about limiting students access to books. Stacy requested that books not be removed from schools.

Amelina Mendoza requested information about who is working on policies and if parents are assisting. She shared her concerns about the process and requested she be included before final decisions are made and about how the camera records public comments.

Heidi Moore expressed concerns about communications from the district and shared her concerns about inappropriate materials available to minors and read a sexually explicit excerpt from the book Push.

Ron Owens and Charlotte Rieger shared concerns about the sexually explicit books available to students in school libraries and requested that they be removed.

Ret Pennell asked if kids will be safe in school from bullying and what is being done to prevent it. She also asked what kind of consequences bullies receive. Ms. Pennell requested information about Title I schools; what kind of financial support they receive and shared concerns about her students having to pay for school items.

VI. Consent Agenda – Action – Motion No. 11, 2023-24, Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Albiani and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that items 1 – 25 on the consent agenda be approved.

1. **Approval To Delete Board Policy** – Approved the rescinding of Board Policy 3550.1 Video Surveillance Equipment On School Campuses. The policy was replaced by Board

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Policy 3515.25 School Campus and District Facility Security and Security Camera Systems.

2. **Revised Job Description - Paraeducator - Early Childhood Education (ECE)** – Approved the proposed revision of the Paraeducator - 3-K job description to Paraeducator - Early Childhood Education (ECE).
3. **Provisional Internship Permit** – Approved a Provisional Internship Permit for Zohra Candelaria to continue in the hard to fill assignment of 7-8 Teacher, Integrated Science.
4. **Variable Term Credential Waivers** – Approved Variable Term Credential Waivers for the following five teachers who completed programs to obtain the appropriate credentials/permits for their teaching assignments.
 - Claire Burkhart – Engineering Teacher, Pleasant Grove High School, CCofSD Waiver for English Learners
 - Paul Morley – Building Trades Teacher, Calvine High School, CCofSD Waiver for English Learners
 - Edgar Munoz-Tamayo – Bio Med Teacher, Pleasant Grove High School, CCofSD Waiver for English Learners
 - Monica Romero - Bio Med Teacher, Cosumnes Oaks High School, CCofSD Waiver for English Learners
 - Zachary Smith – Automotive Teacher, Elk Grove High School, CCofSD Waiver for English Learners
5. **Personnel Actions** – Approved personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements, and returns from reemployment lists as submitted.
6. **Acceptance of Gifts** – Approved donations to the district’s schools/programs as submitted.
7. **Warrant Register No. 1** – Approved Warrant Register No. 1 – Warrant Numbers 122053 – 123337, 442598 – 443702. All Funds: July 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023.
8. **Ratification of Grant Contracts/Agreements for Funding** – Approved grant contracts/agreements signed by authorized staff as submitted.
9. **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.
10. **Approval of Purchase Order Encumbrance Modification History** – Approved donations to the district’s schools/programs as submitted.
11. **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.
12. **Valley High School Fence Repair at Tennis Courts Award of Contract** – Approved the award of contract to Pisor Fence Division, Inc. for the total base bid of \$149,094.00. Authorized administration to sign all documents and contracts pertaining to this work and

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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.

13. **Flooring Replacement at Florin Elementary School Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with Harold W. Thompson, Inc. and authorize a district representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 consists of changes to the contract amount of \$364,000.00 by \$15,798.00 to \$379,798.00.
14. **Flooring Replacement at Mary Tsukamoto Elementary School Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with Harold W. Thompson, Inc. and authorized a district representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 consists of changes to the contract amount of \$440,000.00 by \$12,331.00 to \$452,331.00.
15. **Exterior Lighting at Charles E. Mack Elementary and James Rutter Middle Schools Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with Rex Moore Electric and authorized a district representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 consists of changes to the contract amount of \$128,273.00 by (\$10,499.37) to \$117,773.63.
16. **Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP), Roofing 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 consists of changes to the contract amount of \$104,818.00 by (\$20,000.00) to \$84,818.00.
17. **Security System Upgrade – Group 5 Change Order No. 5** – Approved Change Order No. 5 with ICU Technologies, Inc., and authorized a District Representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 5 consists of changes to the contract amount of \$14,566,019.43 by \$44,491.46 to \$14,610,510.89.
18. **Exterior Lighting at Charles E. Mack Elementary and James Rutter Middle Schools Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of the exterior lighting project at Charles E. Mack Elementary and James Rutter Middle Schools and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
19. **T.R. Smedberg Middle School, Roofing 2023 Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with MCM Roofing Company, Inc. and authorized a district representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 consists of changes to the contract amount of \$2,034,000.00 by (\$42,964.44) to \$1,991,035.56.
20. **T.R. Smedberg Middle School, Roofing 2023 Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of the roofing project at T.R. Smedberg Middle School and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
21. **Portable Relocation from Elk Grove High School to Joseph Kerr Middle School Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of the portable relocation at Elk Grove High School to Joseph Kerr Middle School and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
22. **Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP), Roofing Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of the roofing project at Arnold Adreani, Florin, Samuel Kennedy, David Reese, and Union House Elementary Schools, and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.

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23. Memorandum of Understanding with Elk Grove Police Department – Approved an agreement between Elk Grove Unified School District and the Elk Grove Police Department.

24. 2023-24 Imagine Learning Contract – Approved the contract renewal not to exceed \$400,000 with Imagine Learning for online learning curriculum for the EGVA and the Las Flores independent studies program.

25. Out-of-State Field Trips – Approved the following out-of-state field trips:

School	Field Trip Destination	Field Trip Purpose	Dates of Trip
Florin High School	Las Vegas, NV	World Finals Hydrogen Race	September 11-14, 2023
Florin High School	Indianapolis, IN	96 th FFA National Convention	October 31- November 4, 2023

VII. LCAP Update – None

VIII. Race and Educational Equity – None

At 7:27 p.m. Board President Chaires Espinoza called for a break and called the meeting back to order at 7:35 p.m.

IX. Budget Update

1. 2023-24 Budget Update - Amari Watkins provided the Board with a report on the impact of the 2023-24 Enacted State Budget on the District's 2023-24 Adopted Budget. On June 27, 2023, Governor Newsom signed an on-time budget, the same day EGUSD adopted its 2023-24 Budget, as presented to the Board on June 13, 2023. The 2023-24 Enacted State Budget maintained several proposals that were included in the State's May Revision. These same assumptions were used in developing our 2023-24 Adopted Budget. However, there are some changes incorporated into the Enacted State Budget that will impact our 2023-24 Adopted Budget. In accordance with Education Code section 42127(h), our budget is updated to reflect the relevant changes.

Board members provided feedback and thanked Ms. Watkins for the information.

X. Facilities Update – None

XI. Bargaining Units – Rocio Galvan announced that she is the new chapter president of CSEA and shared an update about a conference she attended.

XII. Reports

1. Communications Department Update

Lisa Levasseur and staff presented information on current initiatives, areas of focus and how the department supports other EGUSD departments, schools and families.

Board members provided feedback and thanked Ms. Levasseur for the update.

XIII. Public Hearing/Action Items – None

XIV. Discussion Items – None

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XV. Action Items

- 1. Elk Grove Unified School District Community Facilities District 2023-2024 Tax Report and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1, 2023-2024** – Motion No. 12, 2023-24, Motion by Mr. Vargas, seconded by Mr. Forcina and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the 2023-24 Ordinance No. 1 be adopted.
- 2. Education Code Section 17556, et seq.: Consideration of Resolution of Intent to Convey Electrical Facilities Easement to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District for the Elk Grove High School Project** – Motion No. 13, 2023-24, Motion by Ms. Albiani, seconded by Mr. Perez and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 2, Intention to Convey Electrical Facilities Easement to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District for the Elk Grove High School project be adopted and announced that a public hearing has been set on September 5, 2023, at 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road, in the Board Room at 6:00 p.m.


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

XVII. Consideration of Future Agenda Items - None

XVIII. Adjournment – 8:52 p.m.

Submitted by Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by:



Nancy Chaires Espinoza, Board President