

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, August 22, 2023

Adopted

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

Others Present: Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent (via Zoom); 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, Executive Director; Lori Gerber, Communications Manager

OPEN SESSION: Ms. Chaires Espinoza called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and 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** – James Sutter, President of EGEA, led the pledge of allegiance.
- II. **Overview of Day** – Superintendent Hoffman provided an overview of the day and thanked staff for their hard work.

III. Facilities Update

Public Comment:

Heidi Moore spoke on behalf of Shawna Mandell and Megan Smith from Area 7 in Rancho Cordova. They are happy that there are plans to build schools in their area for the 2026 school year. She shared their concerns about the report and asked that their area be a priority when building new schools specifically the middle and high school. They asked that in the meantime children's health and wellbeing be considered when transfers to schools that are closer to their homes are requested.

Sue Bell and staff provided the Board with an update of the District's Facilities Master Plan, Measure M, and relevant local and statewide facilities issues and needs.

Board members provided feedback and thanked the Facilities team for the update.

IV. Review of Board Protocols and Handbook

Public Comment:

Amelina Mendoza, Heidi Moore, Charlotte, Vero shared concerns about board member behaviors during board meetings and the District's lack of transparency.

Emily expressed her gratitude for the board always allowing public comment and for following the law.

Student Board Reports: The Board held a discussion and agreed to implement the pilot; each region will provide student presentations at upcoming board meetings.

Future Agenda Items – The Board held a discussion and gave direction to staff that individual board members will contact the Board President and Superintendent to get an item on the agenda and the agenda format will not be changed.

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Board members suggested additional changes to the Board Governance Handbook, and Mr. Forcina will draft changes to be sent to the Board for review and feedback.

Changes to Public Comment Protocols: Board members held a discussion and gave direction to the following changes to the Board Governance Handbook:

- Request to make public comment will be accepted for an item up until the Board President introduces the item.
- Generally, members of the public will be given 3 minutes to address the board.
- If there are 15 or more comments on a specific item, the board will reduce individual comment time to 2 minutes each.
- If there are 30 or more comments on a specific item, the board will reduce individual comments to 1 minute each.

V. Reducing Exclusionary Discipline – *Item Pulled*

VI. Consent Agenda – Action –

Public Comment:

Joel Boyd brought to the attention of the Board that the link isn't working on Item No. 2 and asked how the board will demonstrate that public input is included from the different groups.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Perez pulled item No. 2 for discussion/approval.

Motion No. 14, 2023-24, Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Mr. Yang and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that items 1 and 3 be approved.

Motion No. 15, 2023-24, Motion by Ms. Albiani, seconded by Mr. Yang and carried by a 6 to 1 vote of all board members present that item 3 be approved. *Ayes – 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.

2. Revised ESSER III Plan – Adopted the revised ESSER III Plan.

3. Out of State Field Trip – Approved the following out of state field trip:

High School	Field Trip Destination	Field Trip Purpose	Dates of Trip
Franklin HS	Reno, NV	Swift Superdome Volleyball Tournament	September 1-2, 2023

Closed Session – *Items Pulled*

~~I. **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, Amari Watkins
Unrepresented Employees: Unrepresented Management Employees~~

~~II. **Government Code Section 54957:** Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Title: Superintendent~~

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Adjournment – 2:59 p.m.

Submitted by Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

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