

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, SEPTEMBER 5, 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; 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 4 on the closed session portion of the agenda.

- I. Government Code Section 54957:** Public Employee Appointment/Employment - Management Position, Director of Planning
- II. Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1):** Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Name of Case: Ornelas v. EGUSD, Case Number 34-2022-00317276
- 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, Amari Watkins
Unrepresented Employees: Unrepresented Management 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 – Ms. Sandy Borman led the pledge of allegiance and was recognized by the Board of Education for her contributions to the students and staff at T.R. Smedberg Middle School.

II. Presentations/Recognitions

- 1. Recommendation of the Name for Library at Marion Mix Elementary School** – Motion No. 16, 2023-24, Motion by Ms. Albiani, seconded by Mr. Perez and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the request from Marion Mix Elementary School staff and community to name the Library at Marion Mix Elementary the Shelly Clark-Dixon Library be approved.

Public Comment: Friends and family shared fond memories of Ms. Clark-Dixon along with their gratitude that her legacy will live on with the naming of the school library at Marion Mix Elementary School.

III. Resolutions

- 1. High School Voter Education Weeks Resolution** – Motion No. 17, 2023-24, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Mr. Vargas and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 11, which proclaims the period from September 18 - 29, 2023, as High School Voter Education Weeks, be approved.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

2. **Hispanic Heritage Month** – Motion No. 18, 2023-24, Motion by Ms. Jamerson, seconded by Mr. Vargas and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 14, designating September 15 through October 15, 2023, as Hispanic Heritage Month be adopted.
3. **Filipino American History Month** – Motion No. 19, 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.13, designating October 2023 as Filipino American History Month be adopted.

IV. Student Expulsion/Involuntary Transfer Recommendations

1. **Request for Expulsion Extension** – Motion No. 20, 2023-24, Motion by Ms. Albiani, seconded by Mr. Vargas and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the request for expulsion extensions be approved.
2. **Request for Readmissions** – Motion No. 21, 2023-24, Motion by Ms. Albiani, seconded by Mr. Vargas and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the student readmissions from expulsion be approved.

V. Public Comment

Artak Tovmasyan expressed concerns about his son being harassed by a classmate and asked that something be done.

Steven Ruiz shared information about a program Go Beyond Grades. He expressed concerns about not receiving assistance from the school to help his daughter to catch up with her schoolwork.

Amanda Heminez shared her concerns about community members referring to district officials as groomers. Ms. Heminez suggested that if the board decides to ban books to have a committee to make sure it's done with equity and inclusion.

Gandy shared her support of all students and shared concerns about a group on social media called Leave our Children Alone and the negative messages this group posts.

Emily shared her concerns about public comments being made at board meetings and asked that an equity council be formed of people that have a demonstrated commitment to equity as defined on the District's website.

Amelina expressed her dissatisfaction about an email she received from a board member and shared her concerns about not receiving information about a committee she is interested in.

Rhett asked if the names of the library committee members will be disclosed and requested information about how books will be selected.

Charlotte shared concerns about the District's lack of transparency and the access students have to inappropriate materials in school libraries. Charlotte requested that the explicit books to be monitored.

Heidi shared that the restrooms at her daughter's school site are not clean and many are closed. Heidi asked that all bathrooms be made available to students.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

Lorreen Pryor asked that staff be held accountable for their actions towards black students and asked what kinds of programs are in place for black students who need support and what programs are in place to train staff.

Lisa Stanley shared her concerns about the number of complaints her organization has received this school year and stated that she will continue giving black youth a voice.

Joel Boyd expressed concerns about the removal of parent's voices by disbanding committees and asked that more parents have a place to express concerns. Mr. Boyd shared that he's observed that it's obvious that not all board members are prepared for board meetings, and that takes away from the work that needs to be done.

Jess Carlson expressed concern about the group that shows up in yellow shirts to board meetings and the banning of books that LGBTQ+ students relate to.

VI. Consent Agenda – Action

Prior to the vote Mr. Perez pulled items 13, 18, 19 and 34 for discussion.

Motion No. 22, 2023-24, Motion by Mr. Perez, seconded by Ms. Jamerson and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that items 1 – 40, except for 13, 18, 19 and 34, on the consent agenda be approved.

Motion No. 23, 2023-24, Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Mr. Vargas and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that item 13 on the consent agenda be approved.

Motion No. 24, 2023-24, Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Mr. Vargas and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that item 18, on the consent agenda be approved.

Motion No. 25, 2023-24, Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Mr. Vargas and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that item 19, on the consent agenda be approved.

Motion No. 26, 2023-24, Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Albiani and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that item 34, on the consent agenda be approved.

- 1. Approval of Minutes** – Approved the minutes from the regular board meetings that were held on July 18, 2023, and on August 8, 2023.
- 2. Personnel Actions** – Approved personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements, and returns from reemployment lists as submitted.
- 3. Revised Job Descriptions** – Approved the revised job descriptions for the following positions: Supervisor - Transportation and Teaching Associate - Bilingual Translator/Interpreter.
- 4. Ratification of Contracts, Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and Agreements for Services** – Approved contracts signed by authorized staff in accordance with Board Policy 3312 as submitted.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

- 5. Ratification of Grant Contracts/Agreements for Funding** – Approved grant contracts/agreements signed by authorized staff as submitted.
- 6. Acceptance of Gifts** – Approved donations to the district’s schools/programs as submitted.
- 7. Approval of Purchase Order Encumbrance Modification History** – Approved donations to the district’s schools/programs as submitted.
- 8. Approval of Purchase Order History** – Approved contracts signed by authorized staff in accordance with Board Policy 3312 as submitted.
- 9. Disposal of Various Obsolete/Surplus Property** – Authorized the disposal of various obsolete/surplus property including vehicles and equipment as submitted. Any income that is received will go into the General Fund.
- 10. 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.
- 11. Approval to Purchase Cardlock Fuel** – Authorized the purchase of Cardlock Fuel as needed cooperatively through Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Contract #1920029.
- 12. Approval to Purchase Performing Arts Apparel, Instruments, Furnishings, Storage** – Authorized the purchase of performing arts apparel, instruments, furnishings, storage supplies cooperatively through an RFP secured by Omnia Partners Region 4 ESC.
- 13. Approval to Purchase, Chromebooks, Lenovo Computer, Accessories, and Related Equipment** – Authorized the purchase of Chromebooks, Lenovo computers, accessories, and related equipment as needed cooperatively through Sourcewell Contract #081419-CDW.
- 14. Approval to Purchase Technology Solutions, Products and Services** – Authorized the purchase of audio visual equipment and accessories cooperatively through an RFP secured by NCPA Region 14 ESC.
- 15. Approval to Purchase Performing Arts Apparel, Instruments, Furnishings, and Storage** – Authorized the purchase of performing arts apparel, instruments, furnishings, and storage cooperatively through an RFP secured by Omnia Partners.
- 16. Approval to Purchase a Fleet Vehicle Box Truck with Lift Gate for the Purchasing Warehouse** – Authorized the purchase of a used box truck with lift gate for its Purchasing Warehouse.
- 17. Approval to Award BID #764-23/24 – World Cup Rotary Filler** – Authorized the award of BID #764-23/24 – World Cup Rotary Filler to World Cup Packaging, Inc.
- 18. Approval to Award RFP #763-23/24 – Health Care Per Diem Staffing Services** – Authorized the award of RFP #763-23/24 – Health Care Per Diem Staffing Services to the following agencies; The Stepping Stone, RX Staffing, RO Health, Maxim, Ed Theory, Delta Group, Avid Healthcare, and 24/7 Medstaff.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

- 19. Approval to Award Additional Contract Under RFP #760-22/23 – Expanded Learning Opportunities Program and/or After School Education & Safety (ASES) Multiple School Sites** – Authorized the award of an additional contract to Catalyst Family Inc. under RFP #760-22/23 – Expanded Learning Opportunities Program and/or After School Education & Safety (ASES) Multiple School Sites for its Half Day TK/K Programs.
- 20. Gym Floor Refinishing at Various Sites Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with Boberg Hardwood Floors, Inc. and authorized a district representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 consists of one item and changes the contract amount of \$183,000.00 by (\$7,000.00) to \$176,000.00.
- 21. Asbestos Abatement at Florin Elementary School Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with JM Environmental, Inc. and authorized a district representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 consists of one item and changes the contract amount of \$138,000.00 by \$9,641.93 to \$147,641.93.
- 22. Flooring Replacement at John Reith 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 changes the contract amount of \$315,484.42 by \$29,005.00 to \$344,489.42.
- 23. Charles E. Mack Elementary School, Hardcourt Playground Upgrade Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with Sierra Asphalt, Inc. and authorized a district representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 changes the contract amount of \$599,590.00 by \$61,162.00 to \$660,752.00.
- 24. Flooring Replacement at Florin Elementary School Change Order No. 2** – Approved Change Order No. 2 with Harold W. Thompson, Inc. and authorized a district representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 2 changes the contract amount of \$379,798.00 by \$866.00 to \$380,664.00.
- 25. Flooring Replacement at Mary Tsukamoto Elementary School Change Order No. 2** – Approved Change Order No. 2 with Harold W. Thompson, Inc. and authorized a district representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 2 changes the contract amount of \$452,331.00 by (\$4,584.00) to \$447,747.00.
- 26. Asbestos Abatement at Florin Elementary School Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of the asbestos abatement project at Florin Elementary School and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 27. Flooring Replacement at Florin Elementary School Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of the flooring project at Florin Elementary School and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 28. Flooring Replacement at John Reith Elementary School Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of the flooring project at John Reith Elementary School and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 29. Gym Floor Refinishing at Various Sites Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of the gym flooring project at various sites and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

- 30. Charles E. Mack Elementary School, Hardcourt Playground Upgrade Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of the hardcourt playground project at Charles E. Mack Elementary School and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 31. Flooring Replacement at Mary Tsukamoto Elementary School Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of the flooring project at Mary Tsukamoto Elementary School and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 32. Irene B. West Elementary School, Shade Structure Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of the shade structure project at Irene B. West Elementary School and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 33. Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA) Refugee Support Services (RSS) Grant Funds** – Approved Resolution No. 9 for Elk Grove Adult and Community Education's (EGACE) acceptance of the SETA Refugee Support Services (RSS) funds to offer housing reimbursement through the Refugee Program Bureau's (RPB) new Housing Assistance for Ukrainians (HAU) program.
- 34. Contract Approval for Sacramento Cal-Student Opportunity and Access Program Consortium (Cal-SOAP) Memorandum of Understanding 2023-2024** – Approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Elk Grove Unified School District and Sacramento Cal-SOAP Consortium in the amount of \$114,086.00.
- 35. Out-of-State Field Trip** – Approved the following out-of-state field trip:

School	Field Trip Destination	Field Trip Purpose	Dates of Trip
Franklin High School	Ashland, OR	Oregon Shakespeare Fest	April 26-28, 2024
- 36. Approval of Annual Google Workspace Licensing** – Authorized staff to enter into a three-year agreement, paid annually, for the District's Google Workspace licensing agreement utilizing the Sourcewell contract #081419 awarded to CDW-G.
- 37. Approval for the District to Purchase a 1-year Renewal of Content Filtering Services** – Approved a 1-year renewal of content filtering services from Lightspeed Systems utilizing the Sourcewell contract #081419 awarded to CDW-G.
- 38. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Sacramento County Office of Education** – Approved the MOU between Elk Grove Unified School District and SCOE for the amount of \$165,070.00.
- 39. Resolution Authorizing Emergency Contract for Health and Safety Related Restoration at C.W. Dillard Elementary School** – Adopted Resolution No. 10, 2023-2024 by unanimous vote authorizing the Superintendent and/or Deputy Superintendent to enter into contracts without advertising for emergency health and safety restoration work required as a result of water damage at C.W. Dillard Elementary school.
- 40. Approval of 2024 Medical Benefit Carrier Rates** – Approved the medical benefit carrier rates as submitted for the 2024 calendar year and authorized staff to execute the necessary agreements.

VII. LCAP Update – None

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

VIII. Race and Educational Equity – None

IX. Budget Update – None

X. Facilities Update – None

XI. Bargaining Units – None

At 7:32 p.m. Ms. Chaires Espinoza called for a break and at 7:42 p.m. the meeting was called back to order.

XII. Reports

1. Reducing Exclusionary Discipline

Public Comment:

Joel Boyd shared concerns about board members not following the protocols in the board handbook and requested that the board follow protocol and requested to make his comment after the presentation. He also expressed his frustration about the item not being presented at the special board meeting.

Loreen Pryor expressed that she too would have liked to make her public comment after the presentation and hoped that the plan includes information about why the numbers are the way they are and what will be done to curve the suspensions of black students.

Staff provided the Board of Education with a multi-year (2019/20-2022/23) comparative analysis of first semester student suspensions.

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, yet the disproportionate application of suspensions has persisted particularly for the following student subgroups: Students who identify as Black/African American, Students with disabilities, and Students in foster care.

Board members provided feedback and thanked staff for the report.

XIII. Public Hearing/Action Items

1. Williams: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials – After the presentation, Ms. Chaires Espinoza opened the public hearing and there were no public comments. Ms. Chaires Espinoza then closed the public hearing.

Motion No. 27, 2023-24, Motion by Mr. Vargas, seconded by Ms. Albiani and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 7, certifying that the Elk Grove Unified School District is in compliance with Education Code Section (EC) 60119, ensuring that each pupil has sufficient instructional materials be adopted.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

2. Education Code Section 17556, et seq.: Consideration of Resolution to Grant Permanent Electrical Facilities Easement to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District for the Elk Grove High School Project – After the presentation, Ms. Chaires Espinoza opened the public hearing and there were no public comments. Ms. Chaires Espinoza then closed the public hearing.

Motion No. 28, 2023-24, Motion by Ms. Albiani, seconded by Mr. Yang and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 6, Granting Electrical Facilities Easement to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District for the Elk Grove High School Project be adopted.

XIV. Discussion Items – None

XV. Action Items – None

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 – 9:50 p.m.

Submitted by Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by: 
Nancy Chaires Espinoza, Board President