

# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, OCTOBER 3, 2023

*Adopted*

**Members Present:** Nancy Chaires Espinoza, President; Carmine Forcina, Gina Jamerson, Michael Vargas, Sean Yang; **Absent:** Beth Albiani, Anthony Perez, 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; Steve Mate, Chief Information Officer; Lisa Levasseur and Jenifer Avey, Executive Directors

**OPEN SESSION:** Ms. Chaires Espinoza called the meeting to order at 9:01 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](http://www.youtube.com/user/elkgroveunified)

**I. Pledge of Allegiance** – Lori Raineri 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. Overview of District's School Facilities Funding** – The Board received information about school facilities funding from the district's public finance consultant, Government Financial Services Joint Powers Authority. The information included a review of the sources of funds available to the district for facilities, a discussion of the district's current debt portfolio for facilities including Measure M and Community Facilities District No. 1 was held and suggestions on how to raise additional funds were discussed.

Ms. Chaires called for a break at 9:57 a.m. and called the meeting back to order at 10:04 a.m.

**IV. New and One-Time Funds Update** – Amari Watkins provided the Board with information regarding new and one-time funding sources and potential uses. Over the last several years, the federal government and the State of California provided many new funding allocations to school districts. EGUSD has spent some of these funds, such as federal ESSER III funding, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting impacts. The State awarded and funded two block grants, but subsequently reduced the awards as a part of the 2023-24 Budget Act. The current year's budget also includes new funding to support arts and music education and address historic disparities in student performance.

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

**V. Review of Handbook and Board Protocols** – Board members reviewed the updates to the Governance Handbook that reflected suggestions made by board members. Board members provided feedback and gave direction to staff. This item will be brought back for approval at the October 17, 2023, board meeting.

**VI. Consent Agenda – Action** – Motion No. 40, Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Mr. Yang and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that items 1 – 8 on the consent agenda be approved.

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- 1. **Personnel Actions** – Approved personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements, and returns from reemployment lists as submitted.
- 2. **Approval for the District to Prepare and Submit a Request for Proposal for Updating Network Cabling, Connections, Pathways, Main Distribution Frame’s (MDF’s), and Intermediate Distribution Frame’s** – Authorized the Elk Grove Unified School District to submit a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Updating Network Cabling, Connections, Pathways, Main Distribution Frame’s (MDF’s), and Intermediate Distribution Frame’s (IDF’s).
- 3. **Approval for the District to Prepare and Submit a Request for Proposal for Network Switches (E-rate eligible)** – Authorized the Elk Grove Unified School District to submit a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Network Switches (E-rate eligible).
- 4. **Approval for the District to Prepare and Submit a Request for Proposal for Uninterrupted Power Supplies and Installation (E-rate eligible)** – Authorized the Elk Grove Unified School District to submit a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Uninterrupted Power Supplies (UPS) and Installation (E-rate eligible).
- 5. **Approval for the District to Prepare and Submit a Request for Proposal for Wireless AP Equipment and Installation (E-rate eligible)** – Authorized the Elk Grove Unified School District to submit a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Wireless Access Point (AP) Equipment and Installation (E-rate eligible).
- 6. **Out-of-State Field Trips** – Approved the out-of-state field trips listed below.

School	Field Trip Destination	Field Trip Purpose	Dates of Trip
Pleasant Grove High School	Indianapolis, IN	FFA National Convention	October 30 – November 4, 2023
Sheldon High School	Indianapolis, IN	FFA National Convention	October 31 – November 5, 2023
- 7. **2023-24 Comprehensive School Safety Plans** – Approved the 2023-24 Comprehensive School Safety Plans.
- 8. **Consolidated Application, Spring Data Collection** – Approved the 2023-24 Consolidated Application to receive funding for Federal Categorical Aid Programs.

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 12:42 p.m., Ms. Chaires Espinoza announced that the Board would meet in closed session to address items I and II on the closed session portion of the agenda and called for public comment on these items; there were no public comments.

- 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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**Report Out & Adjournment:** Ms. Chaires Espinoza called the meeting back to order at 2:23 p.m. and announced that the Board met in closed session and no action was taken. Ms. Chaires Espinoza adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

Submitted by Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by:



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Gina Jamerson, Board President