

# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

*Adopted*

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

**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; Absent: Amari Watkins, Chief Financial Officer

**OPEN SESSION:** Ms. Chaires Espinoza called the meeting to order at 1 p.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** – Superintendent Christopher R. Hoffman led the pledge of allegiance.
- II. One-Time and New Funds Update** – Superintendent Hoffman and Dr. Kristen Coates provided an overview and recommendations for the use of the sunseting Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds, the Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant, and the Arts, Music & Instructional Materials Block Grant, as well as information on targeted one-time funds for arts and music education and closing the achievement gap. They provided input and feedback on the use of other one-time funding to carry forward the costs of personnel and other actions/services currently funded with ESSER funds that will expire in September 2024.

*Public Comment:* Teresa Nguyen spoke in support of the arts and asked that funding continue.

The Board provided feedback and thanked staff for the report.

- III. Student Board Member Initial Report** – The Board of Education received a report from Student Board Member Isabella Sigal regarding her goals, activities, and collaborations for the 2023-24 school year. The Board has placed a high priority on increasingly engaging students and leveraging student voice in input, feedback and decision-making opportunities. The seating of Student Board Member Isabella Sigal during the 2023-24 school year is in direct alignment with this priority.
- IV. Consent Agenda – Action** – Motion No. 54, 2023-24, Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Mr. Perez and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that items 1 and 2 on the consent agenda be approved.
  - 1. Personnel Actions** – Approved personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements, and returns from reemployment lists as submitted.
  - 2. Revised Job Descriptions - Research & Evaluation** – Approved the revised Research & Evaluation job descriptions.
  - 3. Proposed Job Description - Senior Research Strategist, Research & Evaluation** – Approved the proposed job description for Senior Research Strategist, Research & Evaluation.

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**V. Adjournment – 2:45 p.m.**

Submitted by Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by:   
Nancy Chaires Espinoza, Board President