

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, DECEMBER 12, 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; David Reilly, Associate Superintendent; 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 and Lisa Levasseur, Executive Directors

**CLOSED SESSION:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. to address items 1 and 2 on the closed session portion of the agenda.

**I. Government Code Section 54957:** Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint

**II. 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 6:05 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](http://www.youtube.com/user/elkgroveunified)

**I. Pledge of Allegiance** – Ms. Charlotte Rieger was recognized by the Board of Education for her contributions to the students and staff at John Ehrhardt Elementary School.

## **II. Annual Organizational Meeting**

### **1. Election of Officers**

#### **Board President**

Mr. Forcina moved to nominate Mr. Yang for Board President; Mr. Yang accepted the nomination. Motion 65, 2023-24 – Moved by Mr. Forcina, that Mr. Yang be elected President of the Board of Education. The motion failed by a 3 to 4 vote of all board members present.

*Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Forcina, Perez, Yang; Nays – Sigal (student board member), Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Jamerson, Vargas; Absent - None*

Ms. Albiani moved to nominate Ms. Jamerson for Board President; Ms. Jamerson accepted the nomination. Motion 66, 2023-24 – Moved by Ms. Albiani, and carried by a 4 to 3 vote of all board members present that Ms. Jamerson be elected president of the Board of Education.

*Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Sigal (student board member), Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Jamerson, Vargas; Nays – Forcina, Perez, Yang; Absent - None*

#### **Clerk of the Board of Education**

Mr. Forcina moved to nominate Mr. Perez for Clerk of the Board of Education. Mr. Perez declined the nomination. Mr. Forcina moved to nominate Mr. Yang for Clerk of the Board of Education. Mr. Yang declined the nomination.

Ms. Jamerson moved to nominate Mr. Vargas for Clerk of the Board of Education. Mr. Vargas accepted the nomination. Motion No. 67, 2023-24, Moved by Mr. Jamerson and carried by a 6 to 1 vote of all board members present that Mr. Vargas be elected as Clerk of the Board of Education.

*Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Sigal (student board member), Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Jamerson, Perez, Vargas, Yang; Nays – Forcina; Absent - None*

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## **Board Representative to the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE)**

Ms. Jamerson moved to nominate Ms. Albiani as the Board Representative to the Sacramento County Office of Education. Ms. Albiani accepted the nomination. Motion No. 68, 2023-24, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Ms. Albiani be elected as Board Representative to the Sacramento Office of Education.

*Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Sigal (student board member), Albiani, Chaires Espinoza, Forcina, Jamerson, Perez, Vargas, Yang; Nays – None; Absent - None*

**2. Establishment of Date, Time, and Place of Meetings** – Motion No. 69, 2023-24, Motion by Ms. Albiani, seconded by Mr. Vargas and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that we continue to hold meetings the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m., and between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. for closed session, when necessary, with the place of the meetings being determined by the Secretary to the Board of Education.

- **Presentation of the Gavel to Incoming President** – Ms. Chaires Espinoza present the gavel to the incoming Board President, Gina Jamerson, who chaired the remainder of the board meeting.
- **Presentation of the Gavel to the Outgoing President** – Incoming board president Gina Jamerson, presented the gavel to outgoing president Nancy Chaires Espinoza.

## **III. Presentations/Recognitions**

- 1. Student Regional Report - Franklin Region and Elk Grove Charter School:** Students from the Franklin Region and Elk Grove Charter school reported on academics and activities at their schools.
- 2. Day of Remembrance** – Motion No. 70, 2023-24, Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Chaires Espinoza and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 32, reaffirming the Day of Remembrance Resolution be approved.

## **IV. Resolutions**

- 1. Observation of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday** – Motion No. 71, 2023-24, Motion by Ms. Albiani, seconded by Ms. Chaires Espinoza and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 34 designating January 15, 2024, as a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday be adopted.

## **V. Student Expulsion/Involuntary Transfer Recommendations**

- 1. Request for Student Expulsions** – Motion No. 72, 2023-24, Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Ms. Albiani and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the recommendations for student expulsion be approved.
- 2. Request for Return from Student Expulsion** – Motion No. 73, 2023-24, Motion by Mr. Vargas, seconded by Ms. Chaires Espinoza and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the recommendation for readmission from expulsion be approved.

## **VI. Public Comment**

Dustin Noble spoke in support of para-educators and shared his positive experiences with paras at his son's school.

Kirk shared his thoughts about bullying at school sites.

Gary expressed his disappointment that parent concerns about pornographic content have been ignored and requested that they be addressed.

Heidi shared her concerns about the lack of schools in her area and requested that secondary schools be built in area 7 soon.

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**VII. Consent Agenda – Action**

Prior to the vote Mr. Perez pulled item 7 for clarification/approval.

Motion No. 74, 2023-24, Motion by Ms. Albiani, seconded by Ms. Chaires Espinoza and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that items 1 – 27, except for item 7 on the consent agenda be approved.

Motion No. 75, 2023-24, Motion by Mr. Vargas, seconded by Ms. Chaires Espinoza and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that item 7 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. **Certification of Administrator’s Competence to Evaluate** – Granted Certification of Administrator’s Competence to Evaluate for Anahi Perez, a newly-hired district administrator who successfully completed the district’s training process.
3. **Approval of Purchase Order Encumbrance Modification History** – Approved purchase order encumbrance modifications from November 1, 2023 – November 27, 2023.
4. **Acceptance of Gifts** – Approved donations to the district’s schools/programs as submitted.
5. **Warrant Register No. 4** – Approved Warrant Register No. 4 – Warrant Numbers 126524 – 128207, 445657 – 446686. All Funds: October 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023.
6. **Warrant Register No. 5** – Approved Warrant Register No. 5 – Warrant Numbers 128208 – 129443, 446687 – 447879. All Funds: November 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023.
7. **Ratification of Grant Contracts/Agreements for Funding** – Approved grant contracts/ agreements signed by authorized staff as submitted.
8. **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.
9. **Quarterly Investment Report** – Received a quarterly report of investments. As of September 30, 2023, the District has \$410,115,280 from all funds, in addition Mello-Roos Investment proceeds of \$57,739,927 and General Obligation Bond Investment proceeds of \$208,525,385 for a total of \$676,380,591 in the County Treasurer’s pool. This is 10.70% of the total county pooled assets of \$6,324,207,841.
10. **Irene B. West Elementary School, Pre-School Play Yard Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with A. M. Stephens Construction, Co., Inc., and authorize a district representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 changes the contract amount of \$234,189.00 by \$39,903.00 to \$274,092.00.
11. **Irene B. West Elementary School, Pre-School Play Yard Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Pre-School Play Yard project at Irene B. West Elementary School and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
12. **James Rutter Middle School, Site Paving Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with Abide Builders, Inc., and authorized a district representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 changes the contract amount of \$1,230,000.00 by \$29,313.00 to \$1,259,313.00.

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13. **James Rutter Middle School, Site Paving Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of the site paving project at James Rutter Middle School and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
14. **Laguna Creek High School, Modernization Lease-Leaseback (LLB) Agreement** – Approved an LLB Agreement with C.T. Brayton & Sons, Inc., for the Laguna Creek High School Modernization Project (“Project”); and approved a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) of \$27,998,662.00.
15. **Sheldon High School Modernization Lease-Leaseback (LLB) Agreement** – Approved an LLB Agreement with S+B James Construction for the Sheldon High School Modernization Project (“Project”); and approved a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$25,026,825.00.
16. **Central Kitchen Modernization, Increment #3 Lease-Leaseback Agreement Amendment** – Approved an Lease-Leaseback Amendment with C. T. Brayton and Sons, Inc. for the Central Kitchen Modernization Project; and approved a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$11,220,756.00 for the construction of Inc#3 of the Central Kitchen Modernization Project.
17. **Approval of Authorization to Utilize CMAS Contract with sofSURFACES, Inc. to replace fall materials at James McKee and Maeola Beitzel Elementary Schools playgrounds** – Approved the authorization to utilize CMAS 4-22-06-1031/Base Sourcewell Contract #010521-SFS, for Non-Information Technology Commodities, with sofSURFACES, Inc., and authorized a district representative to sign and approve these services.
18. **California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency Program (CalSHAPE) Grant** – Authorized participation in the CalSHAPE program; authorized a district representative to sign, implement, and undertake all actions required to participate in the program and to complete the projects; and adopt Resolution No. 33.
19. **Approval of Purchase Order History** – Approved purchase orders for the weeks of November 1, 2023, through November 30, 2023.
20. **Disposal of Obsolete/Surplus Property** – Authorized the disposal of 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.

21. **Out-of-State Field Trips** – Approved the Out-of-State Field Trips listed below:

School	Field Trip Destination	Field Trip Purpose	Dates of Trip
Franklin High School	Reno, NV	Softball Tournament at McQueen and Carson High School	March 14, 2024 - March 15, 2024
Laguna Creek High School	New York City, NY	New York Sounds of Summer Festival	May 31, 2024 - June 5, 2024

22. **Instructional Materials Adoption** – Adopted the following instructional materials:

**Supplemental**

***Clap When You Land***, © 2020 by Harper Collins; (ELA, Grades 10-11) [This supplemental instructional material will be paid for using site funds.]

***The Language of Flowers***, © 2011 by Ballantine Books; (ELA, Grade 10) [This supplemental instructional material will be paid for using site funds.]

***Like Water for Chocolate***, © 1989 by Anchor Books; (ELA, Grade 12) [This supplemental instructional material will be paid for using site funds.]

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*Triangulo A Preciado*, © 2020 by Wayside Publishing; (World Languages, Grades 11-12) [This supplemental instructional material will be paid for using site funds.]

*Intensified Mathematics I*, © 2002-2003 by Charles A. Dana Center at the University of Texas at Austin, Learning Sciences Research Institute at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and Agile Mind; (Mathematics, Grades 9-12) [This supplemental instructional material will be paid for using site funds.]

**Intensified Mathematics I** (Mathematics, Grades 9-12) [This digital supplemental instructional material will be paid for using site funds.]

**Conjuguemos** (World Languages, Grades 9-12) [This digital supplemental instructional material will be paid for using site funds.]

**Cisco Certification Kits** (CTE, Grades 10-12) [This digital supplemental instructional material will be paid for using CTE/CTEIG/Perkins funds.]

**Autodesk AutoCAD 2024: Fundamentals** (CTE, Grades 9-12) [This digital supplemental instructional material will be paid for using CTE/CTEIG/Perkins and/or site funds.]

23. **New High School Courses and Revisions to High School Courses** – Adopted new high school courses as submitted.
24. **Revision to Existing Curriculum** – Approved revisions to *STEMscopes Middle School Earth and Space Science*, by Accelerated Learning; (Science, Grade 6)
25. **Head Start Budget Modification, 2022-2023** – Approved the Head Start Budget Modification for 2022-2023. The Head Start Budget Modification for 2022-2023 is requesting to move \$71,802 from Personnel-Admin and Personnel-Program, \$63,299 from Fringe-Admin and Fringe-Program, and \$141,397 from Program-Other for a combined total of \$276,498 to Program-Supplies and Program-Other. These categories were underspent due to a Program Specialist vacancy and unfinished shade structure and playground/outdoor environment projects.
26. **Head Start Budget Carryover, Program Year 2022-23 to Program Year 2023-24** – Approved the Head Start Budget Carryover from Program Year 2022-2023 to Program Year 2023-2024. The program is requesting to carryover the amount of \$805,166 to the 2023-2024 program year.
27. **Approval of Resolution #36 Regarding Year-round Multitrack Instructional Day Schedule Certification and Approval of 2024-2025 School Calendars for Traditional and Year-Round Schools** – Approved Resolution #36 regarding Year-Round Multitrack Instructional Day Schedule Certification and approve the 2024-2025 School Calendars for Traditional and Year-Round schools.

**VIII. Bargaining Units – None**

**IX. Reports & Discussion Items – None**

**X. Public Hearing/Action Items**

1. **MOU Between Elk Grove Unified School District and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 258, Regarding Comparability Study** – After David Reilly presented the item, Ms. Jamerson opened the public hearing and there were no public comments related to this item. Ms. Jamerson closed the public hearing.

Motion No. 76, 2023-24, Motion by Mr. Vargas, seconded by Ms. Albiani and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the MOU Between Elk Grove Unified School District and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 258, Regarding Comparability Study be approved.

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**XI. Action Items**

- 1. 2024-2025 Open Enrollment** – Motion No. 77, 2023-24, Motion by Mr. Vargas, seconded by Mr. Yang and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that staff recommendations for the 2024-2025 open enrollment process and timeline be approved.
- 2. Approval of the 2023-24 First Interim Financial Report** – Motion No. 78, 2023-24, Motion by Mr. Forcina, seconded by Mr. Perez and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the 2023-24 First Interim Financial Report be approved.

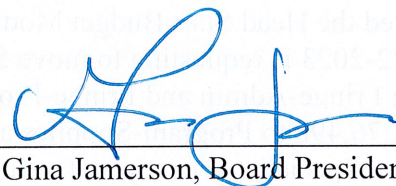
**XII. Board Member and Superintendent Reports** – Board Members and the Superintendent reported on organization and committee meetings and information relative to the district and its operation.

**XIII. Consideration of Future Agenda Items – None**

**XIV. Adjournment** – 8:29 p.m.

Submitted by Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_



Gina Jamerson, Board President