

# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, JANUARY 23, 2024

*Adopted*

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

**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

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Anne Rigali, led the pledge of allegiance.
- II. **Overview of the Day** – Superintendent Hoffman provided an overview of the day and thanked staff for their hard work.
- III. **Reducing Exclusionary Discipline** – District staff provided the Board of Education a multi-year (2019/20-2023/24) comparative analysis of first semester student suspensions. The presentation that was provided by district staff and representative departments addressed data analysis and actions being taken at the district and school levels. 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.

Board members provided feedback and thanked staff for the report.

*Ms. Jamerson called for a break at 10:45 a.m. and called the meeting back to order at 11:00 a.m.*

- IV. **Facilities Update** – Dr. Kristen Coates, staff and PBK Architects provided an update to the Board regarding the progress of the District Facilities Master Plan (FMP), Measure M, and relevant local and statewide facilities issues and need. The update also included information on facility condition assessments, site capacity, and enrollment trends, and current trends in community input.

Board members provided feedback and thanked staff for the update.

Public Comment: Heidi shared her concerns about the presentation and shared her thought about the need of a middle and high school in her area.

*Ms. Jamerson called for a break at 12:35 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 12:57 pm. Mr. Perez returned to the meeting at 1:33 pm.*

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- V. Social Emotional Learning Update** – Staff provided the Board with an update on Social Emotional Learning that included information about SEL need and how it supports student academic, behavioral and social-emotional growth, development, and success.

Board members provided feedback and thanked staff for the update.

Public Comment:

Charlotte shared her experiences with the SEL program at her child’s school site.

Heidi expressed concerns about the presentation, the SEL program, and requested answers to her questions.

## **VI. Public Hearing/Action**

- 1. MOU Between Elk Grove Unified School District and Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 256, Regarding Comparability Study** – After the presentation, Ms. Jamerson opened the public hearing and there were no public comments. Ms. Jamerson then closed the public hearing.

Motion No. 85, 2023-24, Motion by Ms. Chaires Espinoza, seconded by Mr. Vargas and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the MOU between the Elk Grove Unified School District and the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 256, regarding the comparability study, be approved.

## **VII. Consent Agenda – Action**

Motion No. 86, 2023-24, Motion by Ms. Albiani, seconded by Mr. Vargas and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that items 1 – 3 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** – Approved the revised job descriptions for Scheduling Technician and Accounting Analyst.
- 3. Resolutions for Authorized Signatures** – Approved Resolutions 42-44, 2023-24, for Authorized Signatures.

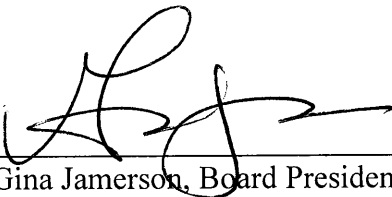
## **VIII. CLOSED SESSION** – At 2:03 p.m., Ms. Jamerson announced that the Board would meet in closed session to address items 1 and 2 on the closed session portion of the agenda and called for public comment on these items; there were no public comments on the following:

- 1. Government Code Section 54957:** Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Title: Superintendent
- 2. 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

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**IX. Report Out/Adjournment:** Ms. Jamerson called the meeting back to order at 4:00 p.m. and announced that the Board met in closed session and no action was taken. Ms. Jamerson adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by:   
Gina Jamerson, Board President