

ADOPTED MINUTES
EL DORADO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 13, 2007

A. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1. Call to order

This meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Tim Cary in the Superintendent's Office.

After letting those in attendance know the specific items to be discussed during Closed Session, and asking if anyone in attendance had any comments or questions regarding the Closed Session agenda, the Board entered Closed Session for discussion of the following items:

- a. Consider 10 expulsion recommendations from an Administrative Hearing Panel.
- b. Any questions concerning routine certificated and classified personnel items?
- c. Discussion/Approval of Release/Non-Reelection of Probationary Certificated Employees.
- d. Update on Faculty Association negotiations.
- e. Update on Classified negotiations.

The Board entered Open Session at 6:17 p.m. in the Boardroom.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tess Sprague.

3. Attendance

Board Members Present

Timothy M. Cary

Kirby L. Ehler

Mary T. Muse*

Madeline T. Restaino

Lori M. Veerkamp

D.O. Staff Present

Sherry J. Smith, Executive Secretary

Dennis Carocci, Assistant Superintendent

Steve Volmer, Assistant Superintendent

Stephen Luhrs, Assistant Superintendent

Patty McClellan, Facilities Director

Stevie Clark, Director, Student Services

Sylvia Torres, Assistant to the Superintendent

Student Board Member

Jessica Moore

Association Representatives

Dave Hamblen, Faculty Association President

Patricia Manthey, Classified Association President

*Mrs. Muse left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Others

Staff: 1

Community Members: 4

4. Requests to change the agenda and approval of agenda.

Mrs. Muse moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Ehler. (Jessica Moore, aye.) Motion unanimously carried (5-0).

5. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Veerkamp pulled Item 5.a. - Approval of Minutes of February 27, 2007, Board Meeting.

Mrs. Muse moved to approve the following consent agenda items. Seconded by Mrs. Restaino. (Jessica Moore, aye.) Motion unanimously carried. (5-0).

- b. Approval of Commercial Warrants Report (copy available at District Office).
- c. Approval of Routine Certificated Personnel Action.
- d. Approval of Routine Classified Personnel Action.
- e. Donations Received.
- f. Adoption of Updated Board Policies and Acceptance of Administrative Regulations:
BP/AR 0420, AR 0420.1, AR 0420.4, AR 6112, BP 6161.1, BP/AR 6162.52,
AR 6171.
- g. Approval of School Block Grant Proposal for the 2006–07 School Year for Oak Ridge High School.
- h. Approval of School Block Grant Proposal for the 2006–07 School Year for Shenandoah High School.
- i. Approval for Oak Ridge High School Robotics Club Students to Participate in a Field Trip to the First Lego League (FLL) World Festival (Robotics Competition), Atlanta, April 10–13, 2007.
- j. Approval for the Oak Ridge High School Boys' Volleyball Team to Attend the 2-Day Las Vegas Easter Volleyball Tournament in Henderson, NV, April 1–4, 2007.
- k. Approval for Ponderosa High School Academic Decathlon Team to Participate in a Field Trip to the Academic Decathlon State Competition, LAX Marriott, Los Angeles, March 15–18, 2007.
- l. Approve Change Order No. 3 for the Union Mine High School Phase 3A Expansion Project.
- m. Approve Proposal of Gary Doupnik Manufacturing, Inc., for Expansion of Health Academy Classroom (P-20) at El Dorado High School.
- n. Approve the El Dorado High School Lighting Grid Project Funded by the El Dorado Community Foundation.
- o. Approval of Three-Year Service Agreement Between NTI and the El Dorado Union High School District.
- p. Approval of MOU Between the El Dorado County Office of Education, El Dorado/Amador Counties Indian Education Project-Title VII, and El Dorado Union High School District.

Mrs. Muse moved to approve consent agenda 5.a. Seconded by Mrs. Restaino. (Jessica Moore, aye.) Motion carried (4-0) Mrs. Veerkamp abstained from voting on Item 5.a – Approval of

Minutes of February 27, 2007 Board Meeting due to not being present at the February 27, 2007 Board Meeting.

B. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Reports from Student Representatives:

Tess Sprague reported on activities at Oak Ridge High School.

Julie McGinity reported on activities at Ponderosa High School.

Chelsea Russ reported on activities at Shenandoah High School.

2. Special Recognition:

Shenandoah High School Teacher Ann Curtis has been selected as 1 of 40 applicants out of more than 500 to participate in the 2007 *Toyota International Teacher Program to Japan*.

Ann will have the opportunity to examine the history, education system, environment, and industry of Japan.

C. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE

No request for correspondence was received.

D. INVITATION TO BARGAINING UNIT PRESIDENTS/DESIGNEES AND/OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

1. CSEA President Pat Manthey commented on the EDHS WASC visitations. The visiting WASC team was very impressed with the school.
2. Faculty Association President Dave Hamblen shared that he had attended the CTA Special Education Conference. Mr. Hamblen commented on an important message from the conference about new legislation that may significantly change special education within two years. The change will require schools to demonstrate that all methods of intervention, based on a researched hierarchy, have been tried and documented prior to special education services. The new requirement will eliminate the discrepancy model for identification ability and lead to less students being identified as special education. Mr. Hamblen spoke about Professional Development, indicating that the Faculty Association is looking to fund a regional inservice with three other districts. He encouraged the Board also consider looking at different professional development. Lastly, Mr. Hamblen complimented the Board for their willingness to support the development of the Land Management and Natural Resources program, presented at the last meeting.

E. FACILITIES SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

No items were presented for information or approval under this section of the agenda.

F. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Quarterly Report on the Progress of Shenandoah High School.

Mrs. Valerie Lott, Principal of Shenandoah High School, reported that the staff, students, and parents of Shenandoah High School have developed a focused and integrated approach to systematically improve student achievement at the school. Aligning the goals of the school's

Single Plan for Student Achievement with the WASC self-study process, resources have been uniformly targeted at improving achievement in mathematics, science, and writing skills.

In an effort to continue the progress seen on last spring's California Standards Tests results in mathematics, the SHS staff has been providing year-long direct instruction in Algebra 1, Geometry, and California High School Exit Exam preparation. In science, students have been actively mastering California content standards in Biology through the use of the APEX on-line curriculum that has been purchased by the school. This program is supplemental to the science project work that students are producing through their internship and classroom activities. Staff has received training in the instruction of writing to improve student literacy skills at all grade levels. Impressive progress has been achieved in the internship behavior of 9th grade students as a result of the new Business Environment training that has been implemented for the first time this year.

The new Success Criteria Matrix is tracking student achievement measures beyond those assessed by the state accountability system. Mrs. Lott noted that the Board will receive a progress report on these indicators in the fall of 2007. While assessment data will not be available until the fall, early results from the CAHSEE indicate that all of the SHS members of the Class of 2007 have been successful on the exit exam.

While enrollment figures have fallen slightly below the school's 2006-07 target enrollment, SHS has seen significant improvement in student retention rates as compared to previous years. The excellent attendance rate at the school has minimized the fiscal impact of the enrollment declines, as the school is enjoying nearly a 100% attendance rate. Mrs. Lott stated she is conducting exit interviews with each departing student to identify and track potential trends in student satisfaction with the program. Currently, there is no pattern that can be addressed by the school personnel.

Recruitment efforts for the 2007-08 school year are going very well, and early enrollment indicates a strong cohort of incoming freshmen, with several inquiries coming from outside the District. The staff at SHS has actively recruited students in contiguous counties as permitted by Charter Schools. Mrs. Lott indicated that the deadline for priority consideration of new students is March 15. After that, enrollment will be on a first-come-first-serve basis. Mrs. Lott noted that the newly instituted shadow program that allows students and parents to experience the Shenandoah program before enrolling may lengthen the enrollment process. A better idea of how many returning students Shenandoah will see next year will be known after exhibition projects are presented later in the year.

A parent organization has been formed to assist the school in recruitment, publicity, and the production of a school newsletter. The sum of these efforts has made the first three quarters at Shenandoah High School a very positive experience.

The Board thanked Mrs. Lott for her report and commended the increased involvement and ownership of the program by students and parents. The Board also recognized the academic progress being made at the school.

Mrs. Muse dismissed herself at 6:45 p.m. to attend a community meeting in representation of the District.

G. BUSINESS SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Approval of Second District Certification of Interim Report for Fiscal Year 2006–07 (SACS Form).

Mr. Luhrs, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented this item to the Board in accordance with the requirements of provision AB28961, Chapter 1150, Statutes of 1986, to certify the District's financial condition to the County Office of Education and State Department of Education. Mr. Luhrs listed the three possible certifications:

- (a) positive: We will meet our fiscal obligation this year and the next 2 fiscal years.
- (b) qualified: We may not meet our fiscal obligation. ...or
- (c) negative: We will not meet our fiscal obligation.

The District is recommending a positive certification.

The purpose of this Interim Report is for District administration to review and to make revisions to the District's budget based upon updated income and appropriation information. El Dorado Union High School District submits interim reports to the Board of Trustees three times per year: (1) December, using October data; (2) March, using December data; and (3) May, using March data. The Second Interim Financial Report projects that the District will have a positive cash balance and a positive fund balance, which exceeds State standards for a District our size, at year end (6/30/07) and at the end of the next two years. A thorough analysis of the District's budget has been completed in support of the preparation of this report.

Mr. Luhrs reviewed the Interim Report with the Board noting that \$35,000 in support of EDHS' Land Management and Natural Resources program had been appropriated, per the Board's request at the February 27, 2007 Board Meeting. A reduction in classified personnel costs were realized due to the creation of two new custodian positions which have eliminated overtime and substitute costs. Additionally, classified vacancies have not been filled due to substitute shortages through the year. Mr. Luhrs pointed out that the one-time one-million dollars received for mandated costs have been set aside until the audit deadline in light of the unfavorable state audits we are seeing in other districts. The Board was informed that the multi-year projection is safe.

Valerie Lott and her SHS staff were commended for fully embracing the concept of an independent study model and achieving 100% student attendance rates. The estimated deficit this year for SHS may be only \$14,000; much less than the 2005-06 deficit.

Mrs. Restaino moved to accept the Second District Certification of Interim Report for Fiscal year 2006-07 presented by Mr. Luhrs, thereby approving the positive Certification of the District's Interim Report; and revisions to the District's budget to reflect projections included in the Interim Report. Seconded by Mrs. Veerkamp. (Jessica Moore, aye) The motion carried (4-0).

H. STUDENT SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Consideration of Administrative Hearing Panel Recommendation from Expulsion Hearings.
(GC 54954.5[h]; EC 35146, 48918[c])

- a. Mrs. Veerkamp reported that the Board of Trustees adopts the Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Recommended Order of the Administrative Panel as the Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order of the Board of Trustees regarding the expulsion of **Student #06-43**. The Board finds that **Student #06-43** violated California Education Code Section 48900, parts (c) and (k), as well as District Administrative Regulation 5144.1, parts C.3 and C.11

Mrs. Veerkamp moved to: (1) order the expulsion of **Student #06-43**, and (2) designate the term of expulsion as the second semester of the 2006–07 school year and the first semester of the 2007–08 school year. Seconded by Mrs. Restaino. The motion unanimously carried (5-0).

- b. Mrs. Veerkamp reported that the Board of Trustees adopts the Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Recommended Order of the Administrative Panel as the Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order of the Board of Trustees regarding the expulsion of **Student #06-44**. The Board finds that **Student #06-44** violated California Education Code Section 48900, parts (c), (j) and (k), as well as District Administrative Regulation 5144.1, parts C.3, C.10 and C.11

Mrs. Veerkamp moved to: (1) order the expulsion of **Student #06-44**, and (2) designate the term of expulsion as the second semester of the 2006–07 school year and the first semester of the 2007–08 school year. Seconded by Mrs. Restaino. The motion unanimously carried (5-0).

- c. Mrs. Veerkamp reported that the Board of Trustees adopts the Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Recommended Order of the Administrative Panel as the Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order of the Board of Trustees regarding the expulsion of **Student #06-45**. The Board finds that **Student #06-45** violated California Education Code Section 48900, parts (c) and (k), as well as District Administrative Regulation 5144.1, parts C.3 and C.11

Mrs. Veerkamp moved to: (1) order the expulsion of **Student #06-45**, and (2) designate the term of expulsion as the second semester of the 2006–07 school year and the first semester of the 2007–08 school year. Seconded by Mrs. Restaino. The motion unanimously carried (5-0).

- d. Mr. Ehler reported that the Board of Trustees adopts the Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Recommended Order of the Administrative Panel as the Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order of the Board of Trustees regarding the expulsion of **Student #06-46**. The Board finds that **Student #06-46** violated California Education Code Sections 48915, part (c)(3), 48900, parts (c), (j) and (k), as well as District Administrative Regulation 5144.1, parts F.3.c., C.3, C.10 and C.11.

Mr. Ehler moved to: (1) order the expulsion of **Student #06-46**, and (2) designate the term of expulsion as one calendar year ending March 13, 2008, but suspend the expulsion and grant **Student #06-46** probationary student status from January 7, 2008 through March 13, 2008, at El Dorado High School. Seconded by Mrs. Veerkamp. The motion unanimously carried (5-0).

- e. Mr. Ehler reported that the Board of Trustees adopts the Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Recommended Order of the Administrative Panel as the Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order of the Board of Trustees regarding the expulsion of **Student #06-47**. The Board finds that **Student #06-47** violated California Education Code Sections 48915, parts (c)(3) and (a)(3), 48900, parts (c) and (k), as well as District Administrative Regulation 5144.1, parts F.3.c., F.2.c., C.3 and C.11

Mr. Ehler moved to: (1) order the expulsion of **Student #06-47**, and (2) designate the term of expulsion as one calendar year ending March 13, 2008, but suspend the expulsion and grant **Student #06-47** probationary student status from June 11, 2007 through March 13, 2008, at El Dorado High School. Seconded by Mrs. Veerkamp. The motion unanimously carried (5-0).

- f. Mr. Ehler reported that the Board of Trustees adopts the Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Recommended Order of the Administrative Panel as the Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order of the Board of Trustees regarding the expulsion of **Student #06-48**. The Board finds that **Student #06-48** violated California Education Code Section 48900, parts (c) and (k), as well as District Administrative Regulation 5144.1, parts C.3 and C.11

Mr. Ehler moved to: (1) order the expulsion of **Student #06-48**, and (2) designate the term of expulsion as the second semester of the 2006–07 school year and the first semester of the 2007–08 school year. Seconded by Mrs. Veerkamp. The motion unanimously carried (5-0).

- g. Mrs. Restaino reported that the Board of Trustees adopts the Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Recommended Order of the Administrative Panel as the Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order of the Board of Trustees regarding the expulsion of **Student #06-49**. The Board finds that **Student #06-49** violated California Education Code Section 48900, parts (c) and (k), as well as District Administrative Regulation 5144.1, parts C.3 and C.11

Mrs. Restaino moved to: (1) order the expulsion of **Student #06-49**, and (2) designate the term of expulsion as the second semester of the 2006–07 school year and the first semester of the 2007–08 school year. Seconded by Mrs. Veerkamp. The motion unanimously carried (5-0).

- h. Mrs. Restaino reported that the Board of Trustees adopts the Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Recommended Order of the Administrative Panel as the Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order of the Board of Trustees regarding the expulsion of **Student #06-50**. The Board

finds that **Student #06-50** violated California Education Code Section 48900, parts (c) and (k), as well as District Administrative Regulation 5144.1, parts C.3 and C.11.

Mrs. Restaino moved to: (1) order the expulsion of **Student #06-50**, and (2) designate the term of expulsion as the second semester of the 2006–07 school year and the first semester of the 2007–08 school year. Seconded by Mrs. Veerkamp. The motion unanimously carried (5-0).

- i. Mrs. Restaino reported that the Board of Trustees adopts the Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Recommended Order of the Administrative Panel as the Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order of the Board of Trustees regarding the expulsion of **Student #06-51**. The Board finds that **Student #06-51** violated California Education Code Sections 48915, part (a)(2), 48900, parts (b), (h) and (k), as well as District Administrative Regulation 5144.1, parts F.2.b., C.2, C.8 and C.11.

Mrs. Restaino moved to: (1) order the expulsion of **Student #06-51**, and (2) designate the term of expulsion as the second semester of the 2006–07 school year and the first semester of the 2007–08 school year. Seconded by Mrs. Veerkamp. The motion unanimously carried (5-0).

- j. Mrs. Restaino reported that no action was required with regard to Student #06-52.

I. PERSONNEL SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Mr. Ehler moved to approve Resolution No. 2006/2007-14 - Release/Non-Reelection of Temporary Certificated Employees. Seconded by Mrs. Restaino. Motion carried (4-0).

J. OTHER – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Comments.

Mrs. Smith reported that the District Administrative team attended meetings with each site's WASC Team in demonstration of the District's commitment to each of our school sites. EDHS, ORHS, and PHS also had Distinguished School visitations coming up.

Mrs. Smith met with computer tech teachers at UMHS. The District is beginning to review the Computer Tech curriculum and will be looking at what middle schools are doing and expecting of their students.

The Parent Power Night at Oak Ridge High School went well. Clay Roberts was well received. Approximately 110 parents attended.

K. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY BOARD AND CABINET, IF NEEDED, AND REVIEW OF TIME LINE FOR FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS.

Mr. Carocci commented that five District schools were going through WASC reviews. He noted that PHS' review was the most positive ever seen, topped only by EDHS' review earlier today. He advised the Board that they should be very proud of the work they are doing. The WASC teams have been very impressed with our District schools.

Mr. Volmer commended teachers and classified staff for the care they give students. The WASC team recognized that all staff members at EDHS show great support for students.

Mrs. Restaino asked about scheduling a Board retreat. Mrs. Restaino also commented on the positive changes exhibited by students and their parents at SHS.

Mr. Cary recognized staff for all their hard work in making our schools great, as confirmed by the visiting WASC Teams.

L. CLOSED SESSION

This session was not needed.

M. OPEN SESSION

This session was not needed.

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Sherry J. Smith
Executive Secretary