

ADOPTED MINUTES
EL DORADO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 22, 2008

A. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1. Call to Order

This meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Board President Mary Muse 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. Discuss hearing panel recommendations regarding possible orders to expel three students. Any action will be taken in public session during the Student Services section of the public portion of the board meeting. All appropriate actions will be taken to preserve the confidentiality and legal rights to privacy of the students. *(EC 35146, 48918[c])*
- b. Consider one student's petition for reinstatement into El Dorado Union High School District.
- c. Consider four requests for California High School Exit Exam waiver.
- d. Discuss and take action about certificated and classified personnel listed in the consent agenda related to personnel action. *(GC 54954.5, 54957)*
- e. Discuss with the Board's negotiators (William Wright and Patty McClellan) and give direction regarding price, terms of payment, and conditions of use of Truscott Lane, south of Union Mine High School (Negotiation parties: Robynn McCann). *(Government Code Section 54956.8)*
- f. Discuss with the Board's negotiators (William Wright and Patty McClellan) and give direction regarding price, terms of payment, and conditions of use of Assessor Parcel No. 331-241-02-100 (Negotiation party: Elvira Gaeta). *(Government Code Section 54956.8)*

The Board entered Open Session at 6:08 p.m. in the Boardroom.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Don Buchheit.

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, Associate Superintendent
Steve Volmer, Assistant Superintendent
Stephen Luhrs, Associate Superintendent
Stevie Clark, Assistant Superintendent
Patty McClellan, Facilities Director*
Sylvia Torres, Assistant to the Superintendent

Student Board Member

Courtney Winzeler

Association Representatives

Dave Hamblen, Faculty Association President

Patricia Manthey, Classified Association Past President

*Absent

Others

Staff: 6

Community Members: 37

4. Requests to change the agenda and approval of agenda.
Mrs. Restaino moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mrs. Veerkamp. (Courtney Winzeler, aye.) The motion carried (4-0).
5. Consent Agenda
Mrs. Veerkamp moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mrs. Restaino. (Courtney Winzeler, aye.) Motion carried (4-0).
 - a. Approval of Minutes of April 8, 2008, Board Meeting.
 - b. Approval of Commercial Warrants Report (copy for viewing available at District Office).
 - c. Approval of Routine Certificated Personnel Action.
 - d. Approval of Routine Classified Personnel Action.
 - e. Donations Received.
 - f. Approval/Acceptance of Update to Board Policies, Administrative Regulations, and/or Board Bylaws: BP 4143.1/4243.1.
 - g. Approval for Oak Ridge High School Students to Participate in an Instructional Trip: Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills Competition, Blackhawk Automotive Museum, Danville, May 8–9, 2008.
 - h. Approval for Ponderosa High School Football Team to Participate in an Instructional Trip: The 2008 15th Annual Gold Beach Football Team Camp, Gold Beach High School, Gold Beach, OR, July 12–17, 2008.
 - i. Approval of School Block Grant Proposal for the 2007–08 School Year for Ponderosa High School.
 - j. Approval of School Block Grant Proposal for the 2007–08 School Year for El Dorado High School.
 - k. 2008–09 Designation of CIF Representatives to League.
 - l. Approve Contracts with Youngdahl Consulting Group, Inc., for Testing Services for the Oak Ridge High School Modernization Phase 1C and Phase 4 Expansion Projects.
 - m. Approve Purchase of Two Portables at Ponderosa High School and Four Portables at Union Mine High School Pursuant to Office of Public School Construction State Relocatable Classroom Program Phase-Out.
 - n. Award Bid for Electrical Portion of the Independence High School Modernization Phase 3 Portable Replacement Project and Approve Resolution No. 2007/08-36 Authorizing the Assignment of the Contract to the Construction Manager, Roebbelen Construction Management Services, Inc.

B. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Independence High School Model Continuation School Recognition
Mr. John Burns, Administrator of Educational Options Office, of the California Department of Education, was present to award Independence High School with the most important award offered in the Educational Options arena, the Model Continuation School Award. Mr. Burns

commented on how exceptional this award is, sharing that only 75 of the 519 continuation high schools in California have ever qualified for this award. Independence's award is unique in that most of the other continuation schools that have received this award are bigger schools with enrollments ranging from 300-500 students. Independence only has about 100 students. Mr. Burns provided an overview of the rigorous Model School application process and criteria consisting of more than 100 components. He shared noteworthy findings from the site visit conducted on October 24 and 25, including visionary administrative leadership, and exceptional collaboration with staff and the district at a level beyond the norm. Mr. Burns stated that person for person, he doubts there is another continuation school in the state that has a better group of educators and staff. Teachers excel at providing an alternative education strategy. He summarized using a statement of an Independence student, "Indo has given me courage to try again, caring support to succeed, and the personal commitment to make my life meaningful."

Mr. Burns presented Mr. Buchheit with the Model Continuation School award for Independence High School. Mr. Buchheit called upon Independence High School teachers and students to join him in accepting the award. Mrs. Muse thanked Mr. Burns for his impressive presentation, and acknowledged that the Board share's Mr. Burns' sentiments that Independence High School is a phenomenal school, with phenomenal staff.

C. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Muse acknowledged receipt of the positive certification of the 2nd interim budget from the El Dorado County Office of Education, and a letter from a SHS parent regarding staffing.

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

1. Felix Puente, CSEA President, congratulated Independence High School on their award. He commented on his personal observations, over the last twenty years as part of the alternative program, of the changes and major improvements that have occurred. He credited Don Buchheit for standing behind his classified and certificated staff, and his leadership in accomplishing school goals together. Mr. Puente acknowledged the upcoming transition in the District Office, thanking Steve Volmer for the time and professionalism given to classified staff. Over the years, Mr. Volmer's style has always been to treat everyone courteously and with sensitivity. Mr. Puente welcomed Stevie Clark to the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources position, adding that he looks forward to working with her.
2. Faculty Association President Dave Hamblen also thanked Steve Volmer for his work with the Faculty Association. Mr. Hamblen commented that Mr. Volmer has been visionary and understands the economy of relationships. Though Steve will be hard to follow, he does have another great person in Stevie Clark following him in the position. Mr. Hamblen thanked the Board, and especially Mrs. Smith, for the commitment to alternative education. In 30 years, he has never seen a group more committed to alternative education or dignifying all students by committing services for all. Mr. Hamblen encouraged attendance at the El Dorado Bar Association fundraiser on May 2, to raise scholarship funds for all high school students. The entertainment will be Mr. Hamblen's own band, Late for Dinner.

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

The Board of Supervisors has passed a resolution approving the land swap between the District and the City of Placerville on which the Culinary Arts facility is to be built. The state grant for this facility has been approved, and the District is looking for matching funds. Mrs. Smith and Cabinet members attended the Folsom Lake College Exchange on Friday. Mrs. Smith addressed the Agriculture Council, talking about the PHS Agricultural program and the Natural Resources program. The first facilities site review is due to be held at El Dorado High School on Monday. Today being Bus Drivers' Day, Mrs. Smith acknowledged bus drivers with a cake on behalf of the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Smith congratulated Independence High School for being named a Model Continuation School. She recognized Don Buchheit for his great leadership. Reports on Jim Hall's surgery today indicate all went well; he sends his regards.

F. FACILITIES SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Award Bids for the Oak Ridge High School 2007 Modernization and Additions and Approve Resolution No. 2007/08-35 Authorizing the Assignment of the Contracts to the Construction Manager, Carter-Kelly Construction Management Services, Inc.

Mrs. Smith introduced this item on behalf of Patty McClellan, Director of Facilities, who was unable to attend the Board meeting. Jim Carter, of Carter-Kelly Construction Management Services, Inc., and Bill Wright, District Counsel, were present to respond to questions from the Board.

On November 14, 2006, the Board conceptually approved the Oak Ridge High School 2007 Modernization. Phases 1A and 1B of the Modernization have been completed, and on January 29, 2008, the Board authorized solicitation of bids for Phase 1C of the Modernization and the Expansion projects. The projected combined duration of these projects is from May 27, 2008, to August 8, 2009. Mr. Wright explained that due to RAW and the attention focused on Oak Ridge High School, these projects must be worked on while students and staff are not on campus.

Bids for 16 separate trade packages were opened on April 2, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., utilizing the Construction Manager at Risk format. Board acceptance of the apparent low bid for each of the 16 bid divisions, would allow construction activities to begin May 27, 2008. The Board was advised that they could accept or reject each bid individually or collectively.

These projects will be funded from the State School Facilities Program and the 2006 COP. In order to complete the projects on schedule, it was necessary to bid the projects prior to State funding approval, which is projected for May 28, 2008. Awarding the base bids at this time allows the projects to be advance funded using the 2006 COP in the event that State funding is delayed.

The modernization portion of this project takes place over the course of two summers, and the summer 2009 portion of the project was bid as Additive Alternate 1, totaling \$2,374,420. Additive Alternate 2, totaling \$12,500, consists of optional concrete work. If State funding is approved, the District retains the option of awarding the additional work specified in the additive alternates. Bids are to be held for 90 days, and the additive alternates will be brought to the Board for consideration during that time period.

Both the Construction Management Services Agreement and the individual contracts with the trade contractors state that the District intends to delegate responsibility for the administration of the contracts to the Construction Manager. Resolution No. 2007/08-35 formally assigns the contracts for the 16 bid divisions to Carter-Kelly Construction Management Services, Inc., to administer as the Board appointed Construction Manager for the Oak Ridge High School 2007 Modernization and Additions [Phase 4 Expansion Project].

Mrs. Restaino moved to approve award bids to the apparent low bidders for the 16 trade packages, as noted in the Summary of Bids, and to approve Resolution No. 2007/08-35 for the approval and assignment of contracts to Carter-Kelly Construction Management Services, Inc., for the Oak Ridge High School 2007 Modernization and Additions [Phase 4 Expansion Project]. Mrs. Veerkamp seconded. (Courtney Winzeler, aye). The motion carried (4-0).

Mrs. Smith invited Mr. Carter to address the Board and provide any additional information or comments pertaining to the Oak Ridge High School 2007 Modernization and Additions. Mr. Carter began by saying that he is appreciative of the long-standing relationship with the district. Mr. Carter detailed the time constraints surrounding Phase 1C of the Modernization and the Expansion projects that likely contributed to a low number of bids being submitted. He explained how potential penalties for unforeseeable delays might have deterred additional bidders. Mr. Carter highlighted the various projects that are planned for completion during the specified timeline. During construction, no one will be allowed on any part of the Oak Ridge campus, other than the Administration Office and Maintenance personnel, and with the exception of June 7th, when construction work will be suspended due to the administration of the ACT.

Mrs. Smith reminded the Board of the other construction projects taking place in the district: the traffic plan for Ponderosa High School received DSA approval and is scheduled to begin on May 27th, and the new fire access road work at Independence High School will be starting right away.

G. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Approval of the District's Advanced Placement Courses that Have Been Authorized Through the College Board Audit Process. (10)

Dennis Carocci, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, reported that this year, for the first time, high school teachers were required to have their AP course syllabus authorized by AP Central to be permitted to use the AP designation on a student's transcript. Advanced Placement teachers in the El Dorado Union High School District did an excellent job of meeting the requirements of this audit, and their courses were authorized and approved for the AP designation by the College Board. A list of the authorized Advanced Placement Courses in the EDUHSD was provided for the Board's approval.

Mr. Carocci explained that each authorization is specific to the current teacher who is responsible for the course, and that a new syllabus must be submitted for authorization and approval if a different teacher is assigned to teach the course. Teachers who will teach the same course at the same school in subsequent years are not required to take any further action. He added that beginning this spring, new AP teachers and teachers with authorized courses, who will be teaching an additional AP course, will be required to participate in the AP Audit process for 2008–09. A list of approved AP courses for 2008-09 will be provided in the fall.

Mr. Carocci recommended that the Board approve the list of AP courses authorized by the College Board.

Mrs. Restaino moved to approve the District's Advanced Placement courses authorized by the College Board. Mr. Ehler seconded. (Courtney Winzeler, aye.) The motion carried (4-0).

H. BUSINESS SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no items for action or discussion under this section.

I. STUDENT SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Consideration of Administrative Recommendations Involving Student

Expulsion/Readmission/Admission Matters (GC 54954.5[h]; EC 35146, 48918[c])

- a.. 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 #07-46**. The Board finds that **Student #07-46** violated California Education Code Sections 48915, part (a)(3), and 48900, part (c), as well as District Administrative Regulation 5144.1, parts F.2.c., and C.3.

Mrs. Ehler moved to: (1) order the expulsion of **Student #07-46**, and (2) designate the term of expulsion through the last day of the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year. Seconded by Mrs. Restaino. The motion carried (4-0).

- b. 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 #07-47**. The Board finds that **Student #07-47** 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 #07-47**, and (2) designate the term of expulsion through the last day of the first semester of the 2008-09 school year. Seconded by Mrs. Restaino. The motion unanimously carried (4-0).

- c. 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 #07-48**. The Board finds that **Student #07-48** violated California Education Code Section 48900, parts (c), (h) and (k), as well as District Administrative Regulation 5144.1, parts C.3, C.8 and C.11.

Mrs. Restaino moved to: (1) order the expulsion of **Student #07-48**, and (2) designate the term of expulsion through the last day of the first semester of the 2008-09 school year. Seconded by Mrs. Muse. The motion unanimously carried (4-0).

- d. Mrs. Restaino reported that the Board of Trustees adopts the Findings and Recommendations of full readmission for **Student #07-Q** to Ponderosa High School.

Mrs. Restaino moved to readmit **Student #07-Q**. Seconded by Mrs. Veerkamp. The motion unanimously carried (4-0).

2. Consideration of Recommendations to Grant CAHSEE Waivers.

- a. Mrs. Veerkamp moved to approve the California High School Exit Exam Waiver Requests for Student Numbers CEEW0708-9, CEEW0708-10, CEEW0708-11, and CEEW0708-12 Seconded by Mrs. Restaino. The motion unanimously carried (4-0).

J. PERSONNEL SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Annual “Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators” to be Filed with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

Mr. Volmer, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presented this item. A Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators is required by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) before any emergency permits will be issued for service in a district. This declaration certifies that reasonable efforts to recruit a fully credentialed teacher will be made and serves as a statement of anticipated needs for the 2008–09 school year. The declaration, he explained, does not lock the District in to anything, and the form may be amended during the 2008–09 school year as the need develops.

Mrs. Restaino moved to adopt the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators to be filed with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Mr. Ehler seconded. (Courtney Winzeler, aye.) The motion unanimously carried (4-0).

K. OTHER – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no items for action or discussion under this section.

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

Courtney Winzeler shared that he had played her last home soccer game.

Mrs. Veerkamp thanked Dave Hamblen for the invitation to the Faculty picnic. She, regrettably will not be able to attend. Mrs. Veerkamp congratulated Independence High School on their recognition as a Model Continuation School.

Mr. Luhrs shared that the District had just been re-rated to a Double A by S&P. Considering that only about 5 districts in the state have Triple A ratings, this is a great statement on the District’s fiscal status. Mr. Luhrs acknowledged the tough decisions that have contributed to the District’s positive financial standing, such as the decision to use existing school capacity rather than building a school that was not warranted. Mr. Luhrs also noted that the District will be trying to sell the refinancing of bonds tomorrow.

Mr. Volmer thanked Felix Puente, CSEA President, and Dave Hamblen, Faculty Association President, for their comments, and added that the feelings are mutual. He commented that the employee units will appreciate Stevie Clark and assured that she will do a great job.

CSEA was thanked for their endorsement of Measure Q.

M. CLOSED SESSION

This session was not needed.

N. OPEN SESSION

There were no Closed Session items to be reported out.

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Sherry J. Smith
Executive Secretary