

UNADOPTED MINUTES
El Dorado Union High School District
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Board Meeting
SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

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 Tim Cary in the El Dorado Union High School District 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 order(s) 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. Discuss and take action about certificated and classified personnel listed in the consent agenda related to personnel action. *(GC 54954.5, 54957)*
- c. Conference with labor negotiators (agency negotiators for the Board are Asst. Superintendent Stevie Clark and Assoc. Superintendent Baldev Johal) to discuss with the Board represented employees: Proposals from the **Faculty Association** regarding compensation package and other contract issues. *(GC 54957.6)*
- d. Conference with labor negotiators (agency negotiators for the Board are Asst. Superintendent Stevie Clark and Assoc. Superintendent Baldev Johal) to discuss with the Board represented employees: Proposals from the **CSEA** regarding compensation package and other contract issues. *(GC 54957.6)*
- e. Discuss Superintendent's evaluation, goals, and objectives.

The Board reconvened Open Session at 6:09 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Superintendent Hoffman.

3. Attendance

Board Members Present

Timothy M. Cary
Lori M. Veerkamp
Kevin W. Brown

D.O. Staff Present

Chris Hoffman, Secretary to the Board
Baldev Johal, Associate Superintendent
Stevie Clark, Assistant Superintendent

Mary T. Muse*

Todd R. White

Student Board Member

Aubree Thayer

*Absent

Steve Volmer, Assistant Superintendent

Chris Moore, Assistant Superintendent

Patty McClellan, Director

Sylvia Torres, Assistant to Superintendent

Association Representatives

Jason King, Classified Association President*

Evie Taylor, Faculty Association President

Others

Staff: 1

Community Members: 2

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

Mrs. Veerkamp moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Brown seconded. (Aubree Thayer, aye.) Motion carried (4-0).

5. Consent Agenda

Mr. White noted a correction to item a. (Minutes of September 13, 2011, Board Meeting) and moved to approve the consent agenda items with the noted correction. Mr. Brown seconded. (Aubree Thayer, aye.) Motion carried (4-0).

- a. Approval of Minutes of September 13, 2011, Board Meeting.
- 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. Request to Submit a Variable Term Waiver Request for 30-Day Substitute Basic Skills Requirement for S. Varvel.
- f. Acceptance of Updated Administrative Regulation AR 6158 – Independent Study.
- g. Ratification of Actions Taken by the Superintendent.
- h. Permission to Dispose of Obsolete/Unusable Furniture, Equipment, and Textbooks.
- i. Monthly Report of Developer Fees Collected {July, August}.

B. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

There were no recognitions this evening.

C. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to be acknowledged.

D. INVITATION TO BARGAINING UNIT PRESIDENTS/DESIGNEES AND/OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD (GC54954.3)

Mrs. Evie Taylor, Faculty Association President, shared that members of the FA Executive Board and a member of the negotiating team would be attending the Region 2 CTA Conference this weekend.

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

With the first quarter ending next week, Mr. Hoffman reported sites have been doing a great job and are busy developing Academic Recovery plans. He shared he has been attending athletic events throughout the district, and also attended El Dorado High School's first rally in the newly renovated gym, calling it one of the best he had ever seen from the standpoint of student pride and engagement. He added there was much thankfulness for improvements to the school's facilities. Mr. Hoffman also attended Union Mine High School's Community Service Fair which introduced students to a great variety of service organizations with which to become involved.

President Obama has come out with a new NCLB waiver package that calls for states that seek relief from NCLB's provisions to adapt certain administration-mandated reforms that were also a part of the "Race to the Top" initiative for which California did not qualify. The President is throwing a line out to see how much interest is received. Without enough interest, it may be necessary to go back to the drawing board.

Mr. Hoffman thanked the Board of Trustees for choosing to forego attendance at the annual California School Boards' Association conference to be held in San Diego. In support of the district's continuing cost saving efforts Board members have elected to hold off attendance until the conference returns to northern California.

F. FACILITIES SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**1. Report on Summer 2011 Facilities and Maintenance Projects.**

Mrs. Patty McClellan, Acting Facilities Director, and Mr. Dan Augino, Director of Maintenance & Operations, provided an extensive PowerPoint presentation and report on Summer 2011 Facilities and Maintenance Projects completed throughout the district. The varied projects enhance and maintain district schools and contribute to providing all students a safe and supportive learning environment, as envisioned by our District's Mission Statement. Mrs. McClellan also made mention of the many technological projects completed over the summer, including Smart Board installations, computer replacements, and software upgrades.

The Board of Trustees appreciated the visual presentation by Mrs. McClellan and Mr. Augino. They expressed thanks to District personnel, contractors and construction crews for the hard work contributing to completion of the many varied projects. The Technology Department was also thanked for their work.

2. Conceptual Approval of the Oak Ridge High School 2012 Portable Modernization.

At Mr. Cary's request, Mrs. McClellan presented Items F.2 and F.3 simultaneously. Both items relate to modernization and replacement of portable buildings on the Oak Ridge High School Campus. Mrs. McClellan explained that Board approval for these two items would allow the District to prepare plans and be ready to start these projects as soon as they become eligible for State modernization funding in 2012. Mrs. McClellan acknowledged that in order to complete the projects within the allowed timelines, it is necessary for the District to front the costs of these projects using Measure Q bond monies. If we were to wait until the modernization money arrives

from the state, our plans could expire. Mrs. McClellan assured the state has sufficient bond authorization to last beyond when we would ask for our money. Mitch McAllister of California Design West Architects, Inc. (CDW) was present to review the proposals for modernization/replacement of the designated ORHS portables and respond to any questions from the Board of Trustees.

ORHS has eight portables that will be eligible for State modernization funding in 2012. The 60% State share of the ORHS modernization eligibility is approximately \$1.28 million.

The portables approaching eligibility are located throughout the campus and include P-5, P-6, P-7, P-8, P-14, P-15, P-16, and P-20.

Mr. McAllister of CDW presented the conceptual plan developed for modernization/replacement of the eight portables at ORHS. Mrs. McClellan advised this project will be funded using State modernization and Measure Q Bond funds.

Mr. White moved that the Board of Trustees provide conceptual approval of the Oak Ridge High School 2012 portable modernization and authorize California Design West Architects, Inc., to complete construction plans and specifications. Mr. Brown seconded. (Aubree Thayer, aye.) Motion carried (4-0).

3. Authorize the Purchase of Four Portables for the Oak Ridge High School 2012 Portable Modernization.

On December 7, 2010, the Board approved California Design West Architects, Inc. (CDW), as architect for various Measure Q Bond projects at Oak Ridge High School, including, but not limited to, portable modernization. One of the needs identified in the Master Plan and the Measure Q Bond is the modernization of portables. In 2011, six portables were modernized at ORHS and two were replaced. Eight additional portables, P-5, P-6, P-7, P-8, P-14, P-15, P-16, and P-20, become eligible for modernization in 2012. Four of these portables, P-5, P-6, P-7, and P-8, are in poor condition.

Mr. McAllister of CDW communicated that his company completed a cost analysis comparing the cost of portable replacement to renovation of the eight portables. The analysis showed that replacing P-5, P-6, P-7, and P-8 and modernizing the other four would be more cost effective.

The Board was provided a proposal from American Modular Systems in the amount of \$207,760 dated September 1, 2011. The quote is based on a piggyback bid from the Santa Rita Union School District. Should the Board authorize the purchase of the portables, a Letter of Intent will be issued setting forth the following understanding of the parties: The actual purchase will not take place until 2012; both parties will mutually agree to an inflationary adjustment at the time of purchase synchronized with the State Allocation Board (SAB) Construction Cost Indices or other significant factors; and the purchase will be subject to approval by State agencies, including the California Department of Education, the Division of the State Architect, and the Office of Public School Construction.

Mrs. Veerkamp moved that the Board of Trustees approve the proposal from American Modular Systems, in the amount of \$207,760, and authorize the purchase of four portables for the Oak Ridge High School 2012 Portable Modernization and the issuance of a Letter of Intent setting forth the above terms and conditions, to which the purchase of the portables will be subject. Mr. White seconded. (Aubree Thayer, aye.) Motion carried (4-0).

G. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Williams Act: (1) Conduct a Public Hearing Ensuring the Availability of Standards-Aligned Textbooks and Instructional Materials, 2011-12; (2) Approval of Resolution #4: Ensuring the Availability of Standards-Aligned Textbooks and Instructional Materials, 2011-12; and (3) Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials.

Assistant Superintendent Moore reported that the District had completed textbook inventories and taken all necessary actions in determining that each pupil in each school has a standards-aligned textbook, or instructional materials, or both, within each course specified as the academic core, to use in class or take home.

Based on the inventory results, and in accordance with State Board of Education, Education Code Sections 60119 and 60422(a), the *Williams* Lawsuit, and the AB 831 Clean-up Legislation, Mr. Moore asked that the Board of Trustees hold a public hearing for public comment on this matter and subsequently certify the sufficiency of standards-aligned textbooks and instructional materials in the El Dorado Union High School District.

Mr. Cary opened a public hearing and called for public comments. There being no public comments, the hearing was closed.

Mrs. Veerkamp moved to approve Resolution #2011-12-5 certifying that, as of this date, each pupil in the district, in grades 9-12, has been provided with standards-aligned textbooks or basic instructional materials in English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Foreign Language, and Health and laboratory science equipment for science laboratory classes offered in grades 9-12. Mr. White seconded. (Aubree Thayer, aye.) Motion carried (4-0).

H. BUSINESS SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

This session was not needed

I. STUDENT SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Union Mine High School Open Enrollment.

Assistant Superintendent Volmer brought this item forward as a recommendation that the District initiate an open enrollment process at Union Mine High School based on the most recent projections that UMHS' student enrollment will fall to 947 in the 2012-13 school year; 32 students below its permanent classroom capacity of 979.

Historically, the District has used eight factors to determine school capacity: (1) permanent classrooms, (2) size of library, (3) administrative space, (4) kitchen facilities, (5) multi-use

facilities, (6) gym, (7) restrooms, and (8) overall site size. Until now, all of our schools have been over their capacity in at least one of the eight factors and, therefore, have not been available for open enrollment transfers.

Mr. Volmer advised that according to California Education Code, once a school is no longer at or over capacity, the parents/guardians of any student who resides within the District boundaries may select the school the student shall attend, regardless of the location of the residence within the District. He added that if a school is not at its capacity, the District is to allow students within District boundaries to request to attend the school, and if the requests to attend exceed the school's capacity, a random, unbiased process is to be used to determine who will be able to attend.

The recommendation before the Board was for the District to initiate an open enrollment process to allow 32 student transfers from within the District to Union Mine High School. If the District were to receive more requests than the 32 openings, a random, unbiased process is to be used to determine who would be able to attend Union Mine High School based on the Open Enrollment Process. If approved, Mr. Volmer indicated, extensive notification of parents and students would begin in October to allow families to submit open enrollment requests between December 1, 2011, and January 15, 2012, as per District Administrative Regulations.

The Board expressed several concerns regarding the open enrollment process. Mrs. Veerkamp noted that the two schools on the eastern end of the District have both had declining enrollments and has concerns of jeopardizing one school for another. The question was also raised as to the use of open enrollment versus limited enrollment language, since only 32 openings are being proposed. The lack of a definitive process for a "random" drawing of applicants, should the District receive more than 32 requests was another concern. The Board felt strongly that the District disclose the random drawing process upon the release of information relating to open enrollment at Union Mine High School.

Following discussion by the Board, Mr. Cary advised there was conceptual agreement with allowing the movement of 32 students to Union Mine High School. However, the Board directed that this item be brought back for official approval at the October 11, 2011 Board Meeting with a clearly defined random drawing process, and clarifying language that would best identify the limitations under which these transfers will be allowed.

2. Consideration of Student Disciplinary Matters Relating to Expulsions and/or Readmissions.
(GC 54954.5[h]; EC 35146, 48918[c])

Mr. White moved that the Board of Trustees adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommended Order of the Administrative Hearing Panels, as the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order of the Board of Trustees regarding the expulsion of Student # 11-01, Student #11-02 and Student # 11-03. Mr. Brown seconded. Motion carried (4-0).

J. HUMAN RESOURCES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

This session was not needed.

K. OTHER – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

This session was not needed.

L. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY BOARD AND CABINET, IF NEEDED.

Mr. Moore related information on the possible NCLB waiver and legislation sitting on the Governor's desk. He also provided a quick update on new assessments, including an online adaptive testing for 11th graders. Mr. Moore expressed thanks to the English and math faculty for embracing the Common Core Standards and the EAPs. He noted that successful results on the EAP exams count toward placement in college level courses.

Mr. Johal recounted the persistently bleak outlook on the economy. He noted that as of August the state's revenues were below projections on which the state budget was adopted. It is unlikely the state will reach the revenue levels needed to avoid triggers that are expected to result in cuts to schools.

Student Board Member Aubree Thayer commented on the improvements to schools. She appreciated seeing the before and after pictures of the facility and maintenance projects completed this summer. Miss Thayer was pleased to see that all district school campuses were receiving renovations and upgrades. With regard to the open enrollment discussion, Miss Thayer suggested titling the process "Limited Open Enrollment."

Mr. White commented on a Mountain Democrat story about one of our Independence High School students, Lacy Runik, and the support of her CASA advocate. He announced the four comprehensive sites are organizing a prayer gathering this week at 7:30 a.m. at each school's flag pole.

Mrs. Veerkamp concurred with Miss Thayer's comments about the work done over the summer at each of the school sites. She was grateful to view the completed projects through the slideshow presentation and expressed thanks for the many contractors and local businesses who worked with the district.

Mr. Cary commented on the district's ability to leapfrog state funding and complete projects through the use of community approved Measure Q funds.

M. CLOSED SESSION

This session was not needed.

N. OPEN SESSION

This session was not needed.

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Cary adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Christopher R. Hoffman
Executive Secretary