

ADOPTED MINUTES
El Dorado Union High School District
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Board Meeting
May 17, 2019

Submit to
Board _____

A. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1. Call to order

This meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Board President Tim Cary in the El Dorado Union High School District Board Room.

The meeting was opened for public comments on Closed Session agenda items. There being no public comments, Mr. Cary closed the portion of the meeting and the Board adjourned to the Superintendent's Office for Closed Session discussions on the following agenda items:

- a. Conference with labor negotiators (agency negotiators for the Board are Assistant Superintendent Tony DeVille, Assistant Superintendent Chris Moore and Assistant Superintendent Robert Whittenberg) to discuss with the Board represented employees: Discussion related to Proposals from CSEA. (GC 3547 {a})
- b. Superintendent's Evaluation, Contract.

The Board reconvened Open Session at 5:05 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stephanie Davis.

3. Attendance

Board Members

Timothy M. Cary
Kevin W. Brown
David J. Del Rio
Lori M. Veerkamp

D.O. Staff

Ron Carruth, Superintendent/Secretary to the Board
Chris Moore, Assistant Superintendent
Tony DeVille, Assistant Superintendent
Robert Whittenberg, Assistant Superintendent
Pam Bartlett, Senior Director
Chuck Palmer, Senior Director
Serena Fuson, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Association Representatives

Teri Lillywhite
Stephanie Davis

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

Mr. Brown moved to approve the agenda. Mrs. Veerkamp seconded. Motion unanimously carried (4-0).

Brown: Aye
Cary: Aye
Del Rio: Aye
Veerkamp: Aye

B. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE

1. Superintendent Carruth reported that Karmen Lee Ortloff from the California Teachers Association sent a correspondence to the Board of Trustees stating that she believed that there was a Brown Act Violation regarding posting the May 9, 2019 Special Board Meeting Agenda 24 hours in advance.

Superintendent Carruth responded that the May 7, 2019 Board Agenda stated that there was going to be a Special Board Meeting on May 9, 2019 on Board item F2. Additionally, at approximately 10:00 p.m. on May 7, 2019 the Special Board Agenda was posted on the District's website which complies within the 24 hour notice. Furthermore, a paper copy was posted to the District bulletin board for public review. The District's legal counsel agreed that the Board Meeting was appropriately agendized and that the District had complied with the Brown Act in preparing and posting the agenda for the May 9th Special Board Meeting. Superintendent Carruth apologized that the agenda was not emailed to the associations.

2. Superintendent Carruth stated that a second correspondence was received from a community member. After reviewing it, he worked with Mr. Cary to create a response to the request. The Board of Trustees approved the response on their behalf.

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

1. Ms. Stephanie Davis, Co-President of the Faculty Association, commented that on behalf of the Faculty Association, they would like the new Board Member to be exposed to what is going on in the classrooms and engaged in what is happening at each of the schools.
2. Ms. Teri Lillywhite, Vice President of the CSEA Chapter, thanked the Board of Trustees for hearing their voices and she is happy to report that they have signed a tentative agreement which goes to vote next Wednesday. She thanked the negotiations team for all of their hard work. On behalf of CSEA, they would like the new Board Member to have students' best interests in mind at all times, have excellent communication skills, be approachable and responsive, open-minded, believe that school safety and security are important, and be familiar with the classified contract and support and value all employees.

D. PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT

1. Discussion regarding questions for the interviews of interested citizens for a provisional appointment to the Board of Trustees.
Board Members reviewed interview questions that were proposed by the sub-committee and determined who would ask each question. Mr. Cary stated that the forced ranked sheet is not binding; it is to be used as a tool to sort Board Member's thoughts on the candidates.

Mrs. Veerkamp thanked Cabinet and the bargaining units for attending.

2. Interviews of interested citizens and selection of a citizen to be provisionally appointed as a member of this Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees interviewed three candidates. Following the interviews, the Board decided to rank the candidates before any discussion. The Board then discussed the candidates among themselves. Board Members shared that they were impressed with all three candidates and their qualifications, which made the decision very difficult.

Mr. Del Rio moved that Jessica Rodgers be appointed the provisional appointee to fill the vacancy on the Board until December 2020. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried (3-1).

Brown: Aye

Cary: Aye

Del Rio: Aye

Veerkamp: Nay

After the vote, Jessica Rodgers was invited back to the Board Room where Mr. Cary thanked her for coming and for applying for the provisional appointment. He announced that she had been selected to fill the interim Board Member vacancy. Jessica Rodgers was sworn in by Superintendent Carruth.

E. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Cary adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Ron Carruth
Secretary to the Board of Trustees