

ADOPTED MINUTES  
El Dorado Union High School District  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Board Meeting  
March 10, 2020

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1. This meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:30 p.m., in the **Ponderosa High School College & Career Center**, 3661 Ponderosa High School, Shingle Springs, California.

Discussion Between the Board of Trustees and Ponderosa High School Students.

From 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., the Board of Trustees, Superintendent Carruth, and various other Cabinet members met with a group of Ponderosa High School students to listen and discuss student perspective on the positive things happening at their school including peer mentoring as well as issues related to school climate, emotional well-being, and school related stressors.

**A. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

1. Call to Order

This meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Board President Kevin Brown in the Ponderosa High School Cafeteria.

The meeting was opened for public comment on Closed Session agenda items. There being no public comments, Mr. Brown closed this portion of the meeting and the Board adjourned to the Ponderosa High School Administration Office for Closed Session discussion on the following agenda items (GC 54957.7, 54954.5):

- a. Discuss actions for certificated and classified personnel listed in the consent agenda related to personnel action. (GC 54954.5, 54957)
- b. Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Resignation (GC 22714; 44929; 44929.21; 44934; 44949; 44951; 44953; 44954; 44955; 45192; 44195; 87488)
- c. Public Employment: Administrator(s).
- d. 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 Faculty Association. (GC 3547 {a})
- e. 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})
- f. Superintendent Evaluation Instrument

\* Action will be taken in public session during the Student Services and Innovation 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])

The Board reconvened Open Session at 6:41 p.m. in the Ponderosa High School Cafeteria.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Del Rio.

3. Attendance

Board Members

Kevin W. Brown  
David J. Del Rio  
Lori M. Veerkamp  
Jessica K. Rodgers \*\*  
Timothy M. Cary

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

\*\* Board Member Jessica Rodgers conferenced in to participate in the Board Meeting during Closed Session. She is located at the Doubletree Hotel Fresno Convention Center located at 2233 Ventura Street, Fresno, California 93721.

Student Board Member

Emma Austin

Association Representatives

Teri Lillywhite  
Stephanie Davis

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

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

**Brown:** Aye  
**Cary:** Aye  
**Del Rio:** Aye  
**Rodgers:** Not Present  
**Veerkamp:** Aye  
(Austin): Aye

5. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Veerkamp moved to pull item 5.10. and to approve the remaining consent agenda items. Mr. Cary seconded. Motion unanimously carried (4-0).

**Brown:** Aye  
**Cary:** Aye  
**Del Rio:** Aye  
**Rodgers:** Not Present  
**Veerkamp:** Aye  
(Austin): Aye

1. Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2020 Board Meeting.
2. Approval of Commercial Warrants Report. (copy for viewing available at District Office)
3. Approval of Routine Certificated Personnel Action.
4. Approval of Routine Classified Personnel Action.
5. Donations Received.
6. Review of Board Policies and Administrative Regulations: BP 1325 - Advertising and Promotion; BP 1330 - Use of School Facilities; AR/BP 3250 - Transportation Fees; BP 3510 - Green School Operations; BP 3511 - Energy and Water Management; AR 3514 - Environmental Safety; AR/BP 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions; BP 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction.
7. Approval/Ratification of Various Contracts. (2/14/2020 - 2/28/2020)
8. Permission to Dispose of Obsolete/Unusable Furniture, Equipment and Textbooks.

9. State of California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) "We Can Work" Agreement Authorization.
11. Schools Partnership Program MOU between EDUHSD and Special Olympics Northern CA, Inc.
12. Professional Services Agreement.
13. Approval for Oak Ridge High School FCCLA Students to Participate in an Overnight Instructional Trip: FCCLA State Leadership Conference, Fresno, CA, April 25-28, 2020.
14. Approval for Ponderosa High School Band to Participate in an Overnight Instructional Trip: Band Spring Trip, San Francisco, CA, April 3-5, 2020.

**B. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

1. Athletic Sports Teams Recognition.

Assistant Superintendent Tony DeVille indicated that the EDUHSD is renowned for its tradition of athletic excellence and we are here tonight to honor those athletes and coaches from the 2019 winter season.

Mr. Justin Gatling, Assistant Principal, recognized the EDHS CIF Sac-Joaquin Section State Playoff Qualifier Varsity Girls Basketball Team as well as their coach Larry Gray.

Mr. Gatling recognized the EDHS CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Champion and State Playoff Qualifier Varsity Boys Soccer Team as well as their coach Steve Beck.

Mr. Steve White, Athletic Director, recognized the ORHS CIF Sac-Joaquin Section and State Championship Qualifiers Varsity Wrestling Team as well as their coach Kyle West.

Mr. White recognized the ORHS CIF Sac-Joaquin State Playoff Qualifier Varsity Girls Basketball Team as well as their coaches Natalie Stone, Joe Hoffman, and Steven Davis.

Mr. White recognized the ORHS CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Champions and State Playoff Qualifier Varsity Girls Soccer Team as well as their coaches Rino Chimienti and Joe Champion.

Mr. White recognized the ORHS 2020 UCA NHSCC Super Varsity Division 1 Champions Varsity Traditional Competitive Cheer Team as well as their coaches James Blunk, Kat Martin, and Elaina Padilla.

Mr. Davy Johnson, Athletic Director, recognized the PHS 2019/20 JAMZ School Cheer National Champions Varsity Competitive Cheer Team as well as their coaches Justine Jonutz, Latasha Edwards, and Michaela Camous.

Mr. Johnson recognized the PHS CIF Sac-Joaquin State Playoff Qualifier, Winter 2020 Varsity Girls Soccer Team as well as their coach Greg Spangler.

Mr. Johnson recognized the PHS CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Champion, Winter 2020 Varsity Wrestling Team as well as their coach Tyson Escobar.

Mr. Jay Aliff, Athletic Director, recognized the UMHS CIF Sac-Joaquin Section State Playoff Qualifier Varsity Boys Basketball Team and their coach Ryan Williams.

Mr. Aliff recognized the UMHS 2019/2020 JAMZ School Cheer State Champions Varsity Competitive Cheer Team and their coaches Melissa Ethridge and Melissa Boultt.

Mr. Aliff recognized the UMHS CIF Sac-Joaquin Section State Championship Competitor Varsity Wrestling Team and their coach Mike Mallott.

2. Reports from Student Representatives: El Dorado, Oak Ridge, Ponderosa, and Union Mine High Schools and Alternative Schools/Programs.
  - Luke Murdock reported on student activities at El Dorado High School.
  - Sebastian Osorio reported on student activities at Oak Ridge High School.
  - Brandon Bartosh reported on student activities at Ponderosa High School.
  - Fatima Rios-Vasquez reported on student activities at Union Mine High School.
  - Daniel DeVore reported on student activities at Alternative Schools/Education.
3. Ponderosa High School Jazz Band.

PHS Jazz Band played “Lazy Day” by Toshiko Akiyoshi as well as “Just Kidding” by Elaine Elias and arranged by Bob Brookmeyer.
4. Ponderosa High School FFA.

FFA students Chris Archibald – 12<sup>th</sup> grader and Madison Washburn – 12<sup>th</sup> grader shared highlights of their FFA Program including their current projects, conferences they’ve attended as well as their upcoming FFA Championships, Drive Thru BBQ, County Fair, and State Fair that they’ll be participating in over the summer. Chris Archibald also gave a presentation titled “Changing the Lens of Perception.”

**C. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was received for acknowledgement.

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

1. Myra Lowder submitted a speaker card and addressed the Board on the matter of academics.
2. Renee Devine and an ORHS student submitted speaker cards and addressed the Board on the matter of Special Education.
3. Teri Lillywhite, CSEA Vice President, congratulated Mrs. Serena Fuson for receiving an ASCA Regional Award. She thanked Superintendent Carruth for including CSEA on the Budget Advisory Committee and reported that CSEA site representatives recently attended a training, which will help with the flow of communication for their members. Lastly, she thanked the Measure A Team on behalf of CSEA, for their leadership, drive, and motivation.
4. Stephanie Davis, Faculty Association President, shared that their members will be voting on a tentative agreement this week and thanked all the negotiations teams for their hard work. She highlighted the work of ORHS teacher Ms. Patricia Hardy with her efforts on a Disability Awareness Training.

**E. SUPERINTENDENT’S – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Superintendent Carruth reported that the District is carefully monitoring the developments of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and is working closely with the El Dorado County Office of Education, local school districts and El Dorado County Public Health Officials. The District will continue to evaluate and work in collaboration to protect the health and safety of our students, staff, and community. There are no known cases in El Dorado County at this time. Should the COVID-19 virus be identified in District boundaries, the District may implement efforts such as restrictions on large gatherings and travel or changes to some everyday schedules that will further limit opportunities for exposure. The District will keep everyone informed of those changes if they become necessary.

**F. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There were no action/discussion items under this session.

**G. BUSINESS SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS****1. Approval of District Certification of the Second Interim Report for FY 2019-20 (SACS Form).**

Assistant Superintendent Whittenberg reported about the changes to the budget from the first interim to the second interim report for 2019-20. Mr. Whittenberg stated that the Statutory COLA went from 3.00% in 2020-21 to 2.29% at a loss of \$464,000; 2.80% in 2021-22 to 2.71% at a loss of \$538,000; and 3.16% in 2022-23 to 2.82% at a loss of \$792,000. He shared that new revenues only cover three-quarters of the costs committed to servicing the salary schedule and commitments do not include any increases to health and welfare benefit costs, increases related to special education, or the impact of declining enrollment. Mr. Whittenberg stated that increased LCFF targets, payments to reduce CalSTRS and CalPERS costs, as well as one-time discretionary grants are not included in the budget.

For the 2020-21 fiscal year, the Budget proposes to use the \$645 million from the 2019-20 State Budget to add to the existing AB 602 base funding for a new special education base formula that uses a three-year rolling average of LEA ADA (but still allocated to SELPAs). Mr. Whittenberg stated that while future formula discussions may include other factors, this formula is strictly based on a statewide per-ADA amount. Current SELPA funding is \$557 per ADA. Based upon budget bill trailer language, we estimate this would equal \$660 per ADA. This allocation must go through the SELPA, so it remains to be seen how much EDUHSD would receive. Additionally, the 2019/20 enrollment is 63 students higher than in the prior year; 2020/21 is projected to increase from 53 from 2019/20; 2021/22 is projected to increase 70 from 2020/21; and 2022/23 is projected to decrease 113 from 2021/22. The District's unassigned/unappropriated balance for 2019/20 is projected at \$855,945, which does not include any potential increases.

Mr. Cary moved to approve the Positive Certification of the District's Interim Report. Mr. Del Rio seconded. Motion carried (4-0).

**Brown:** Aye  
**Cary:** Aye  
**Del Rio:** Aye  
**Rodgers:** Not Present  
**Veerkamp:** Aye  
(Austin): Aye

**2. TRAN Issuance Resolution of the Governing Board.**

Assistant Superintendent Whittenberg provided a status update on the TRANs process for the Board of Trustees. Step 1 will be a Resolution Adoption (February 2020 – April 2020); Step 2 will be uploading Financial Reports (March 2020 – April 2020); Step 3 will be a Cash Flow Projection (May 2020); Step 4 will be the Pricing (June 2020); Step 5 will be the Closing (July 2020); and Step 6 will be Accessing Note Proceeds (March 2020 – April 2020).

**H. STUDENT SERVICES AND INNOVATION – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There were no action/discussion items under this session.

**I. HUMAN RESOURCES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There were no action/discussion items under this session.

**J. STUDENT SUCCESS – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There were no action/discussion items under this session.

**K. OTHER – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS****1. El Dorado County School Boards Association Awards Announcement.**

Superintendent Carruth shared that the El Dorado County School Boards Association Annual Awards Dinner will be held on Monday, March 30, 2020 at the Cold Springs Country Club. Mr. Timothy Cary will receive an award in Category 4: *Dolores Garcia Memorial Spirit of Boardsmanship* and the EDUHSD School Resource Officers will be recognized in Category 3: *Outstanding Community Organization*.

**L. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY BOARD AND CABINET, IF NEEDED.**

*Announcements and topics of interest reported by Board Members/Cabinet and timeline of items for future Board Meetings.*

Mr. DeVille:

- Mr. DeVille thanked Mrs. Lisa Garrett and her staff for hosting the Board Meeting tonight and thanked Superintendent Carruth and the Board of Trustees for creating the opportunity to recognize the EDUHSD student athletes, coaches, and parents.

Mr. Palmer:

- Mr. Palmer thanked Mrs. Garrett for hosting the meeting tonight. He enjoyed the student discussion and appreciated hearing from the students regarding the things they feel are going well on campus.

Mr. Whittenberg:

- Mr. Whittenberg congratulated Mr. Cary on his award.

Mrs. Bartlett:

- Mrs. Bartlett thanked the parents and student who spoke tonight. She shared that she enjoyed the student presentations and hearing about the great things happening at the campuses that help to create a climate and culture of acceptance, understanding, and community.

Mr. Moore:

- Mr. Moore shared that he is proud of the District's efforts in creating a breadth of programs for Career Technical Education (CTE). CTE currently received \$280,000 in grant money to improve the FFA Program at Ponderosa High School and \$180,000 to improve the Metals Program at El Dorado High School. In addition, the District received five State Strong Workforce Grants and anticipates receiving over \$300,000 this coming year with a CTE Incentive Grant. He thanked Ms. Lillywhite for helping to secure those grants. Mr. Moore shared that it has taken approximately eight years, but he is proud to announce that the District has been selected for its first Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) at Union Mine High School beginning next year.

Mrs. Fuson:

- Mrs. Fuson thanked Mrs. Garrett and her team for hosting the meeting tonight and The Foothill Grill for providing refreshments and dinner. She also congratulated Mr. Cary for his award.

Superintendent Carruth:

- Superintendent Carruth shared that the District faced power outages this fall, worked hard but unfortunately failed the Measure A bond, and is now being faced with the Coronavirus. He stated that it has been quite a year. He shared that he is thankful for working with truly great people with a common purpose to do the best given the circumstances that the District is charged to manage and lead.

Ms. Austin:

- Ms. Austin stated that she enjoys listening to updates from the student representatives.

Mr. Cary:

- Mr. Cary commented that the District has sent out thoughtful responses to family and staff regarding the Coronavirus. Additionally, he would like to re-group and discuss Measure A.

Mrs. Veerkamp:

- Mrs. Veerkamp thanked Ponderosa High School for hosting and that she enjoyed the student presentations and student discussion. She congratulated Mr. Cary for his award and thanked Chef Mike Inks and his students in the Foothill Grill Program. Mrs. Veerkamp shared that she attended the Union Mine High School Crab and Brisket event this weekend as well as El Dorado High School's soccer game. Lastly, she thanked everyone for their hard work.

Mr. Del Rio:

- Mr. Del Rio welcomed everyone to his alma mater, Ponderosa High School, and stated that he always enjoys hearing from the kids. He shared that it is his eighth year working with Mr. Cary and congratulated him on his award. Lastly, Mr. Del Rio stated that he agreed with Mr. Cary that the team should re-group and discuss Measure A.

Mr. Brown:

- Mr. Brown thanked the staff of Ponderosa High School for hosting and commented that this is the first year in the District's history that the student athletes went that far in the championships with sports. He stated that it has been an amazing year and he enjoys hearing students speak and the band was great. Mr. Brown commented that it is his tenth year being on the EDUHSD Board of Trustees with Mr. Cary and congratulated him on his award. He congratulated Mrs. Fuson for her ACSA Regional Award and thanked Cabinet for their hard work. Lastly, he shared that he gets to visit his first grandchild this weekend.

**M. CLOSED SESSION**

This session was not needed.

**N. OPEN SESSION**

This session was not needed.

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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Ron Carruth  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees