

ADOPTED MINUTES  
El Dorado Union High School District  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Board Meeting  
September 10, 2019

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**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 Tim Cary in the El Dorado High School Library.

The meeting was opened for public comment on Closed Session agenda items. There being no public comments, Mr. Cary closed this portion of the meeting and the Board adjourned to the EDHS 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. Conference with labor negotiators (agency negotiators for the Board are Asst. Superintendent Tony DeVile, Asst. Superintendent Chris Moore and Asst. Superintendent Robert Whittenberg) to discuss with the Board represented employees: Discussion related to Proposals from Faculty Association. (*GC 3547 {a}*)
- d. Acquisition/Negotiation of District Property. (*EC 17211*)

The Board reconvened Open Session at 6:47 p.m. in the El Dorado High School Library.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Serena Fuson.

3. Attendance

Board Members

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

D.O. Staff

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

Student Board Member

Emma Austin

Association Representatives

Teri Lillywhite  
Stephanie Davis

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

Mrs. Rodgers moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Brown seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

**Brown:** Aye  
**Cary:** Aye  
**Del Rio:** Aye  
**Rodgers:** Aye  
**Veerkamp:** Aye  
(Austin): Aye

5. Consent Agenda

Mr. Del Rio moved to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Rodgers seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

**Brown:** Aye  
**Cary:** Aye  
**Del Rio:** Aye  
**Rodgers:** Aye  
**Veerkamp:** Aye  
(Austin): Aye

- a. Approval of Minutes of August 27, 2019 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. Approval/Ratification of Various Contracts. (8/21/19 - 9/2/19)
- f. Permission to Dispose of Obsolete/Unusable Furniture, Equipment and Textbooks.
- g. Annual Resolution No. 2019/20-02 Adopting the 2019-20 Gann Limit & Certification of 2018-19 Limit.
- h. Ratify Actions Taken by the Superintendent Under Delegated Authority.
- i. Approve CEQA Notice of Exemption for the 2019 Modular Expansion at Oak Ridge High School.
- j. Approval for Ponderosa High School AVID Students to Participate in an Overnight Instructional Trip: College Fieldtrip, CSU Monterey Bay, UC Santa Cruz, San Jose State University, October 17-18, 2019.

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

1. 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.

2. School Resource Officer Presentation and Recognition.

Senior Director Chuck Palmer introduced Brian Harris and Adam Stockeland from the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office who presented on the nationwide epidemic of vaping and the importance of educating our youth, parents/guardians and the community.

Superintendent Carruth thanked them for their exemplary leadership in supporting and advocating for the safety and well-being of students and staff in the EDUHSD and for their partnership with the District. Board President Cary presented certificates of appreciation to SROs Chris Core (EDHS), Russ Adams (ORHS), Erin Peterson (PHS), Brian Harris (UMHS) and Adam Stockeland (IHS).

**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. Ms. Teri Lillywhite, Vice President of the CSEA Chapter, thanked Payroll Services at the District Office for setting up informational meetings with employees to discuss health insurance options for Open Enrollment.
2. Ms. Stephanie Davis, President of the Faculty Association, thanked the administrative team for making it a priority to keep teachers in the classroom with students and for putting together committees to quickly resolve concerns.

**E. SUPERINTENDENT'S ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**1. Diamond Springs Sports Complex.

Superintendent Carruth introduced Brian Veerkamp (El Dorado County District III Supervisor) and Sean McCartney (Chief Executive Officer of the Boys & Girls Club El Dorado County Western Slope) who presented on a proposed Sports Complex in Diamond Springs. The complex would be on 30 acres in-between Charles Brown School and UMHS. The county has now entered into escrow for the 30-acre property and the Mother Lode Union School District is putting a long-term lease on their 10 acres of land with a commitment for soccer fields, softball fields, baseball fields, hardball, a center pavilion and pickle ball court for the project. The county has applied for an 8.5 million dollar grant to fund the proposed project. If funding is approved in January 2020, the complex would be finalized by 2022. A five party MOU is currently being drafted with El Dorado County, Boys & Girls Club, EDUHSD, Marshall Foundation and MLUSD that will be brought forward for further discussion with legal counsel. Superintendent Carruth thanked everyone involved and stated that this is a great opportunity to support youth and the community of El Dorado County.

2. Charles Heath, TBWB Strategies.

As the District considers a bond measure, it has begun to consult with a variety of experts regarding the planning process. Superintendent Carruth introduced Charles Heath from TBWB Strategies who presented recommended next steps for the District in the Bond Planning Process:

- Step 1 Feasibility Study (*public planning process*)
- Step 2 Build Consensus (*public planning process*)
- Step 3 Build a Strong Measure (Call for Election – October 30, 2019 Deadline) (*public planning process*)
- Step 4 Voter ID/Persuasion (*Independent Advocacy Campaign*)
- Step 5 Get Out The Vote (Election Day – March 3, 2020) (*Independent Advocacy Campaign*)

Mr. Del Rio moved to approve the agreement with Charles Heath from TBWB Strategies, a communications consultant for a bond measure. Mr. Brown seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

**Brown:** Aye

**Cary:** Aye

**Del Rio:** Aye

**Rodgers:** Aye

**Veerkamp:** Aye

(Austin): Aye

3. Architect Presentations (3 Firms).

Superintendent Carruth thanked Board President Cary, Mrs. Rodgers, Mr. Whittenberg and Mr. Augino for their participation in the architectural firm interviews.

Tonight, the Board heard presentations from each of the three (3) architectural firms recommended by the interview panel including WLC, CA Design West and Arch|Nexus.

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

There were no action/discussion items under this session.

**G. BUSINESS SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**1. Approval and Certification of the 2018-19 Unaudited Financial Report and Update to the 2019-20 Adopted Budget.

Assistant Superintendent Robert Whittenberg reported that the financial records for fiscal year 2018-19 have been reviewed and closed for the year. Year ending balances have been calculated and are being brought forward to 2019-20. The changes described in the narratives of the 2018-19 Unaudited Actuals represent changes that have been identified since the Board of Trustees approved the adopted budget on June 25, 2019.

The District completed the year with a decrease in its General Fund balance of \$1,401,899. This decrease was less than the \$1,679,190 projected as “estimated actual” as part of the adopted budget for FY 2019-20. However, it should be noted this reflects the fact the District has a systemic operating budget deficit that will be closely monitored and addressed.

The 2018-19 Unaudited Actuals reflect an unassigned fund balance of \$3,817,299. The 2019-20 Budget reflects an unassigned fund balance of \$2,998,339. These figures include a 3% reserve for economic uncertainties.

Mr. Brown moved to approve and certify the 2018-19 Unaudited Actuals and the Update to the 2019-20 Adopted Budget. Mrs. Rodgers seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

**Brown:** Aye

**Cary:** Aye

**Del Rio:** Aye

**Rodgers:** Aye

**Veerkamp:** Aye

(Austin): Aye

2. El Dorado High School Photovoltaic Panels Change Order.

The District entered into Power Purchase Agreements (PPA's) with Engie for the design and installation of solar power electric systems at Ponderosa High School, El Dorado High School, Union Mine High School and Oak Ridge High School on November 13, 2018.

Assistant Superintendent Robert Whittenberg reported that at El Dorado High School, design changes for arrays 1 and 2 clearance is required. There is a need to increase the clear height for Arrays 1 and 2 from 10 feet to 13 feet 6 inches and increase the column thickness from 1/2 inch to 5/8 inch due to Pre-Check snow load requirement for tall arrays. The cost for this change order is \$4,857.00.

At El Dorado High School, design change for pier depth is also required. There is a need to increase the pier embedment depth from 8 feet as stated in the contract documents to 13 feet, as designed by Youngdahl Consulting Group. The cost for this change order is \$9,418.00.

The total deferred cost for the change order at El Dorado High School is \$14,274.00.

Mr. Del Rio moved to approve the change order for the additional costs for the solar arrays clearance and pier depth at El Dorado High School in the amount of \$14,274.00. Mrs. Veerkamp seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

**Brown:** Aye

**Cary:** Aye

**Del Rio:** Aye

**Rodgers:** Aye

**Veerkamp:** Aye

(Austin): Aye

**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. Second Reading of Board Bylaws and Exhibits: BB/E 9150 Student Board Member and Student Representatives; 9200 Limits of Board Member Authority; BB/E 9323.2 Actions by the Board.  
On August 27, 2019, the Board conducted a first reading of the following Board Bylaws and Exhibits:

Board Bylaw 9150 Student Board Member and Student Representatives  
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 Board Bylaw 9200 Limits of Board Member Authority  
 Board Bylaw 9323.2 Actions by the Board  
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On September 10, 2019 the Board conducted the second reading of the Board Bylaws. They confirmed the review of BB/E 9150, BB 9200 and BB/E 9323.2 Actions by the Board without any changes.

Mrs. Veerkamp moved to approve BB/E 9150, BB 9200 and BB/E 9323.2. Mrs. Rodgers seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

**Brown:** Aye  
**Cary:** Aye  
**Del Rio:** Aye  
**Rodgers:** Aye  
**Veerkamp:** Aye  
 (Austin): Aye

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

*Announcements and topics of interest reported by board members/cabinet and time line of items for future board meetings.*

Mr. DeVille:

- Mr. DeVille thanked Mr. Matt Barnes and the EDHS team for hosting the “Flip the Switch” Ceremony. He thanked the EDHS band, EDHS cheer, Mr. Mike Inks from the Foothill Grill and Mrs. Fuson for their part in the event. In addition, he stated that applications for the RFP for Health Benefits Broker Services are due on Friday and they will unveil and open applications on Monday. Lastly, he stated that negotiations with the Faculty Association will take place on Friday and he is looking forward to getting dates to meet with CSEA.

Mr. Palmer:

- Mr. Palmer thanked the Board of Trustees for recognizing the District’s School Resource Officers tonight. He stated that EDUHSD is blessed to have SROs focused on making a difference in the next generation and not just issuing consequences. They do a tremendous service for the kids in the community.

Mr. Whittenberg:

- Mr. Whittenberg reported that he attended EDHS’s Back to School Night and he was impressed with his son and daughter’s teachers. They are doing everything that they can to help students grow and to be challenged. Additionally, he thanked Mrs. Cathy Reid and her team for their great work.

Mrs. Bartlett:

- Mrs. Bartlett thanked Mrs. Davis for her comments tonight and for her approach to problem solving and addressing concerns in a respectful demeanor and a collective methodology. She sent condolences to the Bist family and thanked Mr. Paul Neville, the UMHS team and Sierra Child & Family Services for the compassionate work they have done in responding to the passing of Coach Chic Bist.

Mrs. Fuson:

- Mrs. Fuson thanked EDHS for hosting the “Flip the Switch” Ceremony as well as the Board Meeting tonight. Hearing music from the EDHS band was a treat and the hors d’oeuvres from the Foothill Grill were delectable. Both events went smoothly.

Superintendent Carruth:

- Superintendent Carruth congratulated Mrs. Bartlett for her work on the Student Success initiative and thanked Cabinet for their hard work this week on the budget. He thanked Mrs. Fuson and Mr. Whittenberg for their collaboration for the “Flip the Switch” Celebration and thanked Mrs. Davis and Ms. Lillywhite for their great partnership.

Ms. Austin:

- Ms. Austin thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak at the solar celebration.

Mrs. Veerkamp:

- Mrs. Veerkamp thanked EDHS for hosting the solar celebration and the Board Meeting. She stated that Ms. Austin did a great job on her speech and thanked Mr. Whittenberg and Mrs. Fuson for their work putting together the successful solar event. Lastly, she sent condolences to the Bist family.

Mr. Del Rio:

- Mr. Del Rio stated that it has been a tough week for his family with the passing of Coach Chic Bist. He thanked Mr. DeVille and Mr. Neville for showing their support on Saturday.

Mrs. Rodgers:

- Mrs. Rodgers stated that she enjoyed participating on the interview panel and she loved hearing from the students tonight and the great things happening at their campuses.

Mr. Brown:

- Mr. Brown offered his condolences to the Bist family. He also stated that the Sports Complex sounds like a great opportunity for the community. He thanked EDHS for hosting tonight and stated that he will not be at the next meeting because he will be traveling to Ireland with his wife.

Mr. Cary:

- Mr. Cary thanked everyone for the great solar event tonight. He sent his condolences to the Bist family and stated that the school community will be forever grateful for Coach Bist’s influence on the lives of young adults.

**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 9:12 p.m.

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Ron Carruth  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees