

ADOPTED MINUTES
El Dorado Union High School District
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Board Meeting
January 12, 2021

Submit to
Board _____

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 David Del Rio in the Union Mine High School Theater.

As there were no requests to address the Board, Mr. Del Rio closed this portion of the meeting and the Board adjourned 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 Assistant Superintendent Tony DeVille, Assistant Superintendent Christopher Moore and Assistant Superintendent Robert Whittenberg) to discuss with the Board represented employees: Discussion related to Proposals from Faculty Association. (GC 3547 {a})
- d. Conference with labor negotiators (agency negotiators for the Board are Assistant Superintendent Tony DeVille, Assistant Superintendent Christopher Moore and Assistant Superintendent Robert Whittenberg) to discuss with the Board represented employees: Discussion related to Proposals from CSEA. (GC 3547 {a})

The Board reconvened Open Session at 6:33 p.m. in the Union Mine High School Theater.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Kevin Brown.

3. Attendance

Board Members

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

D.O. Staff

Ron Carruth, Superintendent/Secretary to the Board
Christopher 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 Timothy M. Cary conferenced in to participate in the Board Meeting. He is located at 3330 Cameron Park Dr., Suite 100, Cameron Park, CA 95682.

Student Board Member

Hannah Frost

Association Representatives

Teri Lillywhite
Stephanie Davis

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

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

Brown: Aye

Cary: Aye

Del Rio: Aye

Rodgers: Aye

Veerkamp: Aye

(Frost): Aye

5. Consent Agenda

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

Brown: Aye

Cary: Aye

Del Rio: Aye

Rodgers: Aye

Veerkamp: Aye

(Frost): Aye

1. Approval of Minutes of December 15, 2020 Board Meeting.
2. Approval of Commercial Warrants Report. (copy for viewing available at the 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 Regulation: BP 3530 - Risk Management Insurance; AR/BP 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials.
7. Approval/Ratification of Various Contracts. (12/8/20-1/5/21)
8. Ratification of Budget Transfers. (11/1/20-12/31/20)
9. Williams Act Uniform Complaint Procedures Quarterly Report. (October - December 2020)
10. Monthly Report of Developer Fees Collected. (November 2020)
11. Home to School Transportation with the Gold Oak Union School District.
12. Eliminate the February 9, 2021 and February 23, 2021 Board Meetings and replace with a February 16, 2021 Board Meeting.
13. Eliminate the April 13, 2021 and April 27, 2021 Board Meetings and replace with an April 20, 2021 Board Meeting.

B. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

There were no recognitions this evening.

C. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was shared with the Board of Trustees for their review.

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

1. Mrs. Stephanie Davis, President of the Faculty Association, wished everyone a Happy New Year. She reported that teachers and students have returned rested from winter break and their next negotiations meeting will be held on January 22, 2021.

2. Ms. Molly Smith recognized IHS teacher Ms. Tracy Roll and stated that her heart, passion and dedication is a gift to her students and colleagues. Her connections with our District's most at risk students gives them stability, support and love. In addition, Ms. Roll's connection with the California Conservation Corps has changed the lives of many.
3. Ms. Teri Lillywhite, President of CSEA, introduced their new Vice President, Ms. Amy George. She stated that she is looking forward to their next meeting on January 14, 2021 and thanked the Administration for including CSEA in the recent Governor's Budget Workshop.
4. Kristen Roeder and Boyd Roberts submitted speaker cards and addressed the Board on the matter of reopening school.

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. COVID-19 Update.

Superintendent Carruth introduced Assistant Superintendent Christopher Moore who provided an overview of what is happening with COVID-19 in our County and region. Mr. Moore reported that El Dorado County remains in the purple tier and cases per 100,000 are ranging from 54.8 with a 16.1% positive test rate. As of this evening, Governor Newsom has lifted the State's stay-at-home order for the region. As of January 11, 2021, El Dorado County's Public Health COVID-19 Case Dashboard shows a 787 rate of new cases with a 13.1% positive test rate. In addition, the remaining ICU capacity in Northern California is 35%, Bay Area is 0.7%, Greater Sacramento is 9.7%, San Joaquin Valley is 0%, and Southern California is 0%. El Dorado County is now in Phase 1B Tier 1, which means that individuals age 75 and older or in the education sector may now start receiving vaccinations. There are two vaccines available, which include the Moderna vaccine and the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

Senior Director Pam Bartlett reviewed the status of the EDUHSD COVID-19 Dashboard. As of January 5, 2021, the District had 20 active student cases, 3 active staff cases, 67 student quarantines, and 5 staff quarantines. As of tonight, January 12, 2021 the District has 23 active student cases, 4 active staff cases, 175 student quarantines, and 15 staff quarantines. To ensure that our District is able to return to full in-person instruction as soon as we have a decline and stable trend, it is important for the learning community to remember to adhere to the COVID-19 prevention guidelines. Specifically, regarding school attendance. It is critical that we keep our students home if they or their family members are ill so that the District avoids any kind of community spread. She thanked the nurses and health technicians for doing everything that they can to meet the needs of the learning community as well as Public Health.

Superintendent Carruth stated that the number of COVID-19 cases in the community is still very high and at this moment, it is difficult to see a clear path where we can bring more students on to campus more regularly. This afternoon, the District sent out a communication on how staff can sign up for a vaccine. In addition, thanks to El Dorado County and EDCOE, the District anticipates bipolar ionization units to be installed in all HVAC systems by the end of March that kill COVID-19 and other influenza and bacteria. In addition, Governor Newsom has proposed funds to help open schools and new COVID-19 metrics more aligned with other states and nations. He is confident with the convergence of vaccines, declining rates, the bipolar ionization units, as well as funds from the State will put our District in a place to see full person instruction sooner rather than later. Superintendent Carruth stated that he is grateful for our teachers who have worked very hard to help our students to be academically successful in the hybrid environment. Our

failure rate as a District has reduced dramatically in the hybrid model compared to distance learning. In addition, he recognized our classified staff and management teams that have worked extremely hard to help our students and keep our schools operational. Lastly, he stated that throughout our nation there is a new campaign focused on *kindness*. He called to action for everyone to be kind to one another. In this challenging time of anxiety and frustration, it is easy to let us resort to our lesser instincts. *Kindness* is the hallmark of the human trait we all admire. If we keep our eyes focused on being kind to one another and focus on the success of our students, we will be better equipped as a community when we begin to get back to normal.

F. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no action/discussion items under this session.

G. BUSINESS SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Approve Resolution No. 2020/21-09 Certifying the Annual and 5-Year Accounting and Reporting Obligations of the Collection of School Facility Fees. (Developer Fees)
Assistant Superintendent Robert Whittenberg reported that Government Code Sections 66001-66008 require an annual reporting of developer fee income, expenses, and certain other findings.

Mrs. Veerkamp moved to approve Resolution No. 2020/21-09 Certifying the annual and 5-Year accounting and reporting obligations for the collection of school facility fees. (Developer Fees). Mr. Brown seconded. The motion unanimously carried (5-0).

Brown: Aye
Cary: Aye
Del Rio: Aye
Rodgers: Aye
Veerkamp: Aye
(Frost): Aye

2. Hewlett-Packard Lease Purchase Agreement.
Assistant Superintendent Robert Whittenberg shared that the District is seeking approval for the purchase of several networking items. These items are to replace aging servers and software. The Hewlett-Packard Lease Purchase Agreement would include such equipment as: 1 Nimble SAN, 1 Qumulo Storage, 1 Email Archiver, 1 upgrade to Veeam software, and a new Ruckus wireless management controller.

The total cost for this project will be spread over 3 years. The first year cost is \$118,467.55 and the following two years' costs are \$51,926.79.

Mrs. Veerkamp moved to approve the Hewlett-Packard Lease Purchase Agreement. Mrs. Rodgers seconded. The motion unanimously carried (5-0).

Brown: Aye
Cary: Aye
Del Rio: Aye
Rodgers: Aye
Veerkamp: Aye
(Frost): Aye

H. STUDENT SERVICES – 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 Exhibit 9323.2 – Actions by the Board.**

On December 15, 2020, the Board conducted a first reading of Board Exhibit 9323.2 and on January 12, 2021 the Board conducted the second reading without any changes.

Mrs. Veerkamp moved to approve Board Exhibit 9323.2. Mrs. Rodgers seconded. Motion unanimously carried (5-0).

Brown: Aye
Cary: Aye
Del Rio: Aye
Rodgers: Aye
Veerkamp: Aye
(Frost): Aye

2. Consideration of Nominations for the El Dorado County School Boards Association Annual Awards.

The annual El Dorado County School Boards Association (EDCSBA) Awards Event is scheduled on Monday, March 22, 2021.

Superintendent Carruth reported that the Board of Trustees is invited to submit nominees deserving of recognition in the following categories:

Category 1: Educational Statesmanship
Category 2: Leader in Boardsmanship
Category 3: Outstanding Community Member or Volunteer OR
Outstanding Community Organization OR
Outstanding Corporate Organization
Category 4: Dolores Garcia Memorial Spirit of Boardsmanship
Category 5: Lifetime Achievement Award

Mrs. Veerkamp moved to approve the following nomination of the Board - Mr. Kevin Brown for Category 4: Dolores Garcia Memorial Spirit of Boardsmanship. Mr. Del Rio seconded. The motion unanimously carried (5-0).

Brown: Aye
Cary: Aye
Del Rio: Aye
Rodgers: Aye
Veerkamp: Aye
(Frost): Aye

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.

Mrs. Bartlett:

- Mrs. Bartlett shared that our District is working on implementing a new mental health and wellness navigation tool called [Care Solace](#). It is an online resource with a live 24/7 concierge meant to assist individuals in finding local mental health related programs and counseling services. In addition, she congratulated Ms. Tracy Roll for her recognition tonight and thanked Cabinet for all that they do to meet the needs of the District. Lastly, she stated that she is inspired by Superintendent Carruth's request tonight of *kindness* and thinks that it speaks volumes of him as a person and a leader.

Mr. Moore:

- Mr. Moore congratulated Mr. Brown on his EDCSBA nomination and thanked him for his leadership throughout this very difficult year.

Ms. Frost:

- Ms. Frost stated that she has spoken to a few students who feel that they have not been disadvantaged by being in quarantine as their teachers have given them full support. She reported that schools are now able to plan virtual events and student leaders are stepping up with their new ideas of what this year will hold despite the circumstances.

Mrs. Fuson:

- Mrs. Fuson thanked everyone for their get well wishes and for the beautiful flowers. It meant a lot to her.

Superintendent Carruth:

- Superintendent Carruth commented how thankful he is that Mrs. Fuson is feeling better as she is an amazing person who works incredibly hard and means a lot to him.

Mr. Brown:

- Mr. Brown shared that he is honored to receive the EDCSBA nomination for the Dolores Garcia Memorial Spirit of Boardmanship Award. He commented that he is proud of his daughter for being promoted in the U.S. Army Reserves and he and his wife recently sold their home and will be relocating to El Dorado Hills shortly.

Mr. Cary:

- Mr. Cary shared that he is thankful that we are starting to see vaccinations available for our District.

Mrs. Rodgers:

- Mrs. Rodgers wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Veerkamp:

- Mrs. Veerkamp thanked Superintendent Carruth for his comments about *kindness* and commented that *kindness* would be a great theme for 2021. She shared that she is happy that Mrs. Fuson is feeling better and is pleased to have her back as she is appreciated. Lastly, she thanked the nurses and health technicians for all that they do for the District.

Mr. Del Rio:

- Mr. Del Rio wished everyone a Happy New Year and shared that one of his daughters is now engaged as of New Year's Eve.

M. CLOSED SESSION

This session was not needed.

N. OPEN SESSION

This session was not needed.

O. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mr. Del Rio adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Ron Carruth
Secretary to the Board of Trustees