

ADOPTED MINUTES
El Dorado Union High School District
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Board Meeting
October 11, 2022

Submit to
Board _____

A. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1. Call to Order

This meeting of the Board of Trustee was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Board President Lori Veerkamp in the Independence High School Cafeteria, 385 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs, California 95619.

a. Discussion Between the Board of Trustees and Independence High School Students

From 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. the Board of Trustees, Superintendent Carruth, and various other Cabinet members met with a group of Independence High School students to listen and discuss student perspective on positive things happening at their school as well as issues related to school climate and emotional well-being.

2. Call to Order

This meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Board President Lori Veerkamp in the El Dorado Union High School District Board Room.

The meeting was opened for public comment on Closed Session agenda items. As there were no requests to address the Board, Mrs. Veerkamp 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 hearing panel recommendations regarding potential orders to expel one student. *
- b. Discuss actions for certificated and classified personnel listed in the consent agenda related to personnel action. (*GC 54954.5, 54957*)
- c. Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Resignation. (*GC 22714; 44929; 44929.21; 44934; 44949; 44951; 44953; 44954; 44955; 45192; 44195; 87488*)
- d. Conference with labor negotiators (agency negotiators for the Board are Deputy Superintendent Christopher Moore, Assistant Superintendent Tony DeVille, and Assistant Superintendent Robert Whittenberg) to discuss with the Board represented employees: Discussion related to Proposals from CSEA. (*GC 3547 {a}*)
- e. Conference with labor negotiators (agency negotiators for the Board are Deputy Superintendent Christopher Moore, Assistant Superintendent Tony DeVille, and Assistant Superintendent Robert Whittenberg) to discuss with the Board represented employees: Discussion related to Proposals from Faculty Association. (*GC 3547 {a}*)
- f. Conference with legal counsel: Case # PC20200407.
- g. Anticipated Litigations: 2 cases.

** Any 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 5:44 p.m. in the El Dorado Union High School District Board Room.

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

3. Attendance

Board Members

Lori M. Veerkamp
 Jessica K. Rodgers
 Timothy M. Cary
 David J. Del Rio
 Brooke B. Van Komen

D.O. Staff

Ron Carruth, Superintendent/Secretary to the Board
 Christopher Moore, Deputy Superintendent
 Tony DeVille, Assistant Superintendent
 Robert Whittenberg, Assistant Superintendent
 Pam Bartlett, Senior Director
 Chuck Palmer, Senior Director
 Bonnie Orris, Administrative Assistant

Student Board Member

Elizabeth Rankin

Association Representatives

Teri Lillywhite
 Michelle Kite

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

Mrs. Rodgers moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Van Komen seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Cary: Aye
Del Rio: Aye
Rodgers: Aye
Van Komen: Aye
Veerkamp: Aye

5. Consent Agenda

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

Cary: Aye
Del Rio: Aye
Rodgers: Aye
Van Komen: Aye
Veerkamp: Aye

- a. Approval of Minutes of September 28, 2022 Special Board Meeting.
- b. Approval of Minutes of September 13, 2022 Board Meeting.
- c. Approval of Routine Certificated Personnel Action.
- d. Approval of Routine Classified Personnel Action.
- e. Approval of Commercial Warrants Report (copy for viewing available at District Office).
- f. Review of Board Policies and Administrative Regulations: AR/BP 3523 – Electronic Signatures (New/New); AR 5142 – Safety; AR 5145.3 –

Nondiscrimination/Harassment; AR/BP 6173 – Education for Homeless Youth;
AR 6173.1 – Education for Foster Youth.

- g. Approval/Ratification of Various Contracts. (09/7/2022 – 09/30/2022)
- h. Approval of Budget Transfers. (08/01/2022 – 09/30/2022)
- i. Permission to Dispose of Obsolete/Unusable Furniture, Equipment and Textbooks.
- j. Williams Act Uniform Complaint Procedures Quarterly Report (July 1, 2022 - September 30, 2022).
- k. Submission of the California Department of Education’s 2022-2023 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs.
- l. El Dorado High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: Forestry Challenge, Grizzly Flats, CA, October 26-29, 2022.
- m. Ponderosa High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: Cross Country Invite, Rough Rider, Clovis, CA, October 13-14, 2022.
- n. Union Mine High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: Clovis Invitational, Clovis, CA, October 7-8, 2022.
- o. El Dorado High School Out-of-State Travel Request: Assistant Strength Coach for Football, October 21-24, 2022.
- p. El Dorado High School Out-of-State Travel Request: Texas Music Educators Conference, San Antonio, TX, February 8-12, 2023.
- q. Out-of-State Travel Request: 102 National Council for the Social Studies, Philadelphia, PA, December 2-4, 2022.
- r. Out-of-State Travel Request: National Athletic Directors Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, December 9-13, 2022.

B. SUPERINTENDENT’S OPENING UPDATES

Superintendent Carruth reported the successful completion of the first quarter of the school year and acknowledged the hard work of staff and students.

C. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Reports from Student Representatives:

- a. Hannah Fleming reported on student activities at Alternative Schools/Programs.
- b. Hayden McGowan reported on student activities at Union Mine High School.
- c. AJ Slojkowski reported on student activities at Ponderosa High School.
- d. Ashley Brown reported on student activities at Oak Ridge High School.
- e. Jayce Kaldunski reported on student activities at El Dorado High School.

2. Wheelbarrow Races.

Mrs. Veerkamp thanked the Placerville Kiwanis for their recent and ongoing support of El Dorado Union High School students through the grants and scholarships they provide.

Mr. Palmer reported on EDUHSD student’s participation in the 78th John M. Studebaker Wheelbarrow Race Challenge. All schools were represented with much fun experienced by all. Union Mine High School won the High School Challenge Race.

Union Mine High School Principal Paul Neville thanked the Placerville Kiwanis and reported their was great participation in the event. The winning team members were currently at football practice getting ready to face Rosemont. A video of the team members thanking Placerville Kiwanis was played. They look forward to defending their title next year.

Placerville Kiwanis President Brian Veerkamp and members Dina Gentry and Paul Zappettini reported that this event goes back to the 1930's and is their main fundraiser. Funds support community activities and scholarships for students. Kiwanis promote connections with students and community through service. They sponsor four high school Key Clubs (El Dorado, Golden Sierra, Ponderosa, and Union Mine).

3. Teaching and Learning.

Mr. Moore expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to recognize the Algebra 1 Professional Learning Community at Ponderosa High School for the utilization of the flex period to support students with intervention and extension services.

Assistant Principal Phil Leonhardt, Mathematics Teachers Ashlie Couch and Adam Angelo gave an overview of the program. The Professional Learning Community began with common goals, understanding that students come to us with gaps in their learning. The cohesion of the team is critical, from on-boarding new staff to alignment and support as teachers focus on Algebra 1. "Red checking" has become an opportunity to practice and retest rather than a punishment. Students are seeing the flex period as an opportunity and a challenge.

Board Members expressed their appreciation for staff's fresh outlook and innovation and thanked them for all they do for students.

Superintendent Carruth thanked the department and stated that this is the highest form of professionalism, when teams of gifted people come together to learn from one another what works to support students and to take ownership of their learning.

4. Classified Recognition: Supporting Students.

Robert Whittenberg shared that Richard Mello, HVAC Mechanic was present this evening, but had to leave for another appointment. He encouraged everyone to consider how important it is for students to be able to focus on learning and how difficult that is to do when you are physically uncomfortable. Mr. Mello manages 554 HVAC units District wide and collaborates with certificated staff to create an environment where students thrive.

The Board thanked Mr. Mello for his hard work and dedication.

D. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was shared via email with the Board of Trustees for their review. Mr. Carruth reported that a request was received earlier this evening from Ponderosa FFA requesting that the District consider installing a porta potty. Mr. Carruth informed the Board he would scan the document and email it to them and will work with Cabinet to take a look at the request.

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

1. Ms. Teri Lillywhite, President of CSEA, congratulated Mr. Mello and the other staff recognized this evening. She reported that CSEA contract negotiations have concluded for the current school year. The tentative agreement was voted on by members and passed last Friday. On behalf of the CSEA negotiations team, she thanked Superintendent Carruth, the entire negotiating team and the Board of Trustees. The CSEA negotiation team members felt listened to, appreciated, and grateful.

2. Ms. Michelle Kite, Treasurer of the Faculty Association, reported that she had the privilege of attending the communication summit put on by the District. It was inspiring to see the basis for all of this good work that we are doing. Everyone came away with positive feelings that the dialogue has been opened up. Teachers hope to see more of this type of event in the future perhaps including more staff. Ms. Kite announced that the Spanish and Art Departments of several of the high schools have partnered to produce a Day of the Dead celebration in Placerville in the last weekend in October.
3. Kylee Heuer and Austin Ferry submitted blue speakers cards and addressed the Board of Trustees on the matter of the UMHS FFA program.
4. Gary G. submitted a blue speaker card and addressed the Board of Trustees on the matter of the constitution of the United States.

F. SUPERINTENDENT’S - ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no action/discussion items under this session.

G. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. California Dashboard Local Indicators.

Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Christopher Moore reported that his presentation is a summary of will go on to the California Dashboard at CDE. State priorities addressed in the LCAP include:

- a. Appropriately Assigned Teachers
- b. Implementation of State Academic Standards
- c. Parent and Family Engagement
- d. Access to a Broad Course of Study
- e. School Climate

Mr. Moore reported on some of the key indicators: In the area of Implementation of State Academic Standards, department chairs rated the District as achieving “Full Implementation” in content areas across the board. In the area of School Climate, key indicators demonstrate a decline in several significant areas: school connectedness, caring adult relationships, perceived school safety, and meaningful participation. The survey was taken in November 2021 and reflects the impact of the pandemic and health protocols that limited opportunities to gather. He looks forward to seeing the impact of the current engagement efforts and campus activities reflected in this year’s Healthy Kids Survey.

H. BUSINESS SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no action/discussion items under this session.

I. STUDENT SERVICES AND INNOVATION – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

The Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Administrative Panel’s recommendation for Expulsion attached hereto, as the Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order of the Board of Trustees regarding the expulsion of student # 22-1.

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

Cary: Aye

Del Rio: Aye

Rodgers: Aye
Van Komen: Aye
Veerkamp: Aye

J. HUMAN RESOURCES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no action/discussion items under this session.

K. OTHER – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no action/discussion items under this session.

L. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY BOARD AND CABINET, IF NEEDED

There were no action/discussion items under this session.

M. CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Veerkamp closed Open Session at 7:08 p.m. and the Board adjourned for Closed Session discussion on the previously listed agenda items 2. a-g. (GC 54957.7, 54954.5):

N. OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened Open Session at 8:37 p.m. in the El Dorado Union High School District Board Room. There were no action items to report.

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Veerkamp adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Ron Carruth
Secretary to the Board of Trustees