

ADOPTED MINUTES  
El Dorado Union High School District  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 15, 2022

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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 Mrs. Lori Veerkamp in the Union Mine High School Theater.

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 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. Superintendent's Evaluation and Goals and Objectives.

The Board reconvened Open Session at 6:32 p.m. in the Union Mine High School Theater.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Tony DeVille.

3. Attendance

Board Members

Lori M. Veerkamp  
Timothy M. Cary  
David J. Del Rio

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

Student Board Member

Alexis Mackie

Association Representatives

Teri Lillywhite  
Brigid Bourque

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

Mr. Cary moved to change the agenda to move items G1, G2, H1, I1, J1, J2, and K1 before agenda item D. Mr. Del Rio seconded. Motion carried (3-0).

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

5. Consent Agenda

Mr. Cary moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Del Rio seconded. Motion carried (3-0).

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

1. Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2022 Board Meeting.
2. Approval of Minutes of January 5, 2022 Special Board Meeting.
3. Approval of Commercial Warrants Report (copy for viewing available at District Office).
4. Approval of Routine Certificated Personnel Action.
5. Approval of Routine Classified Personnel Action.
6. Annual Review of AR/BP 6145 - Extracurricular/Cocurricular Activities.
7. Review/Approval of Board Bylaw/Exhibit: BB 9310 - Board Policies; and Exhibit 9250 - Board Remuneration, Reimbursement, and Other Benefits.
8. Approval/Ratification of Various Contracts (1/5/2022 - 2/7/2022).
9. Monthly Report of Developer Fees Collected (December 2021).
10. Ratification of Budget Transfers (12/15/2021-01/31/2022).
11. Permission to Dispose of Obsolete/Unusable Furniture, Equipment and Textbooks
12. School Plan for Student Achievement: El Dorado High School, Independence High School, Ponderosa High School, Oak Ridge High School and Union Mine High School.
13. Ponderosa High School Drama Booster Club.
14. Joint Use Operational Agreement By And Between El Dorado Union High School District and City of Placerville.
15. 2021-22 Student Calendar Update (1 Day).
16. Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions.
17. Approve EDUHSD CAC Parent Representative.
18. El Dorado Union High School District 2021 School Accountability Report Cards.
19. Approval for out-of-state travel to attend the ACDA Conference.
20. El Dorado High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: Ashland Field Trip, Ashland, OR, April 29 - May 1, 2022.
21. Oak Ridge High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: Oak Ridge Choir Tour, Anaheim, CA, March 31 - April 2, 2022.
22. Oak Ridge High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: American Choral Directors Association Western Division Conference, Long Beach, CA, March 2-5, 2022.
23. Oak Ridge High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: Worldstrides/Heritage Music Festival, Anaheim, CA, April 7-11, 2022.
24. Oak Ridge High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: Stanford Invitational Meet, Stanford, CA, April 1-3, 2022.
25. Oak Ridge High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: Arcadia Track Meet, Arcadia, CA, April 7-10, 2022.
26. Oak Ridge High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: California All State Honor Band, Fresno, CA, February 17-20, 2022.
27. Ponderosa High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: Wrestling Tournament, Bakersfield, CA, February 23-26, 2022.

28. Ponderosa High School Overnight Instructional Trip: Wrestling Tournament, Stockton, CA, February 17-19, 2022.
29. Ponderosa High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: California FFA State Leadership Convention, Sacramento, CA, March 26-29, 2022.

**B. SUPERINTENDENT’S OPENING UPDATES.**

Superintendent Ron Carruth commented that as we all know, the COVID-19 situation changes daily. We continue to see a reduction in cases at the county level as well as within our District. We know that 41 states across the nation have lifted student masking requirements with several more that are setting dates. Yesterday the California Department of Public Health delayed setting a timeline for allowing masks for students to become optional by another two weeks without setting measurable targets on key variables that can provide our students, families, and staff hope.

While staying within our legal boundaries we are modifying our approach to student masking enforcement. We are caught in the middle of a very difficult and progressively escalating situation where we acknowledge our obligations to comply with the California Department of Public Health mandates and our actual ability to enforce those mandates. Therefore, we are changing our masking enforcement protocols. The enforcing of masking will be done by educating students and asking them to mask, but with no further actions of exclusion from class will be taken. We will continue to do our best to comply with the law. Our school liability carriers all warn us that if we take explicit action to defy State guidance, we will be held liable and accountable for any such decisions and in a very litigious society, we have no legal protection. Our liability carriers will not be held accountable for our willful defiance of the California Department of Public Health.

We are very aware of the action of the Roseville Joint Union High School District took to make masking optional. We have confirmed that their liability carrier will not cover them from any claims or damages since they took action in defiance of the California Department of Public Health. They have significant legal exposure that can jeopardize their district. Many have asked for us to pass a resolution similar to Roseville and for the reasons mentioned, we will not provide the State a target. But operating in the letter and the spirit of the law, we are adjusting our approach consistent with many districts across the State. Moving forward, students will not be physically removed from the classroom or receive a discipline consequence to prevent further exclusionary learning loss. California Department of Public Health guidance does not require exclusion, but legal precedent determined by exclusion is lawful. Many people are happy with this decision, but we have already received numerous emails that are not pleased with this decision. It is difficult, but we realize that times are rapidly changing and we know that moving ahead there will be a removal of the mask mandate. We are trying to move progressively ahead to work together as a community and watch out for each other. We do have those that are immune compromised in our classrooms and our obligation is to watch out for their health too. We ask for your continued support as we continue to do our best in this time when we are not granted any local control and Sacramento holds all of the making decision authority. As a school district, the Board of Trustees does not have the legal decision making authority to change or overturn State requirements. We know that masking guidance will change in the next few weeks to come, but our enforcement strategy will change immediately.

He thanked the school community for their support and he also thanked the Board of Trustees for their support of all of our students and schools knowing that we have obligations for everyone that we serve and employ.

**C. 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.
  - Jayce Kaldunski reported on student activities at El Dorado High School.
  - Kye Spencer reported on student activities at Oak Ridge High School.
  - Jillian Miller reported on student activities at the Virtual Academy and Independence High School.
2. Teaching and Learning: AVID.

Mike Ziegler, Union Mine High School Counselor and AVID Coordinator, shared some of the successes that our District has had supporting students who come from families who have never attended a four year college and the efforts that his faculty and staff are leading to ensure that all students have access.
3. Classified Recognition – Supporting Students.

Assistant Superintendent Robert Whittenberg recognized the District’s Equipment Mechanics including Mike Wessels, David McNamara, and Josh McKinney for their hard work ensuring that our buses are safe for our District as well as other districts.

**D. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**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 the transportation staff on their much deserved recognition tonight. She thanked Superintendent Carruth and Assistant Superintendent Whittenberg for including CSEA on the Budget Advisory Committee. She also thanked Assistant Superintendent Moore for including CSEA on the LCAP Committee. CSEA looks forward to beginning negotiations soon for the 2022-23 school year. They have surveyed members for openers and they will begin electronically voting shortly. She shared the new masking enforcement protocols with their members and they are in support of it.
2. Mrs. Brigid Bourque, Faculty Association representative, recognized the Alternative Education Program at Independence High School for creating a safe and accepting space for some of our most at risk students. The students are engaged in challenging and relevant curriculum that is student centered and prepares them for post-graduation goals.
3. Jennifer Winter, Brandy Kellenborn, Paul Dessert, Wyatt Baldwin, Genevieve Pelissie, Ayden Blackford, Ethan Brady, Ava Breeden, Sean Kollenborn, Faith Smith, Jim Boswell, Shilah Goin, Teri Monterosso, Jessica McVeigh, Jenny McLaughlin, Andrew Enricas, Myra Lowder, Aida Wilkes, John Wilkes, Laura Brady, Sean Bechta, Tricia Peringer, Robin LeMarquand, Angela Pecoth, Mike Wilkes, Sondra Breeden, Phil Johnson, Melissa Mutzig, Kristie Martin, Matthew Francis, Chris Cardoza, and Faith Hinds submitted speaker cards and addressed the Board on the matter of mandates.

**F. SUPERINTENDENT’S – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS****G. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Annual Update to the 2021-22 LCAP.

Assistant Superintendent Christopher Moore reported that for the annual update to the 2021–22 local control and accountability plan required pursuant to Section 52061 of the Education Code, all of the following applies:

1. The local educational agency shall present an update on the annual update to the 2021–22 local control and accountability plan and budget overview for parents on or before February 28, 2022, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board or body of the local educational agency.
2. The update shall include all of the following:
  - a. The supplement to the annual update required by subdivision (a). 2
  - b. All available mid-year outcome data related to metrics identified in the 2021–22 local control and accountability plan.
  - c. Mid-year expenditure and implementation data on all actions identified in the 2021–22 local control and accountability plan.
3. The supplement shall be considered part of the 2022–23 local control and accountability plan for the purposes of adoption, review, and approval pursuant to Sections 47604.33, 52062, 52065, 52070, 52065, 52068, and 52070.5 of, and subdivision (e) of Section 47606.5 of, the Education Code.

The Administration recommends the Board of Trustees receive the required LCAP update.

2. Education Section 41590 - A-G Completion Improvement Grant Program.

Assistant Superintendent Christopher Moore stated that in order to ensure community and stakeholder input, the A-G Completion Improvement Grant Program plan shall be discussed at a regularly scheduled meeting by the governing board of the school district, county board of education, or governing body of the charter school and adopted at a subsequent regularly scheduled meeting.

  - (1) A-G Access Grants and A-G Success Grants shall be used for activities that directly support pupil access to, and successful completion of, the A-G course requirements. Eligible activities may include, but are not limited to, any of the following:
    - (A) Providing teachers, Administrators, and counselors with professional development opportunities to improve the local educational agency's A-G completion rate.
    - (B) Developing comprehensive advising plans and pupil supports, including tutoring programs, to improve the local educational agency's A-G completion rate.
    - (C) Expanding access to coursework or other opportunities to satisfy A-G course requirements to all pupils, including, but not necessarily limited to, unduplicated pupils. These opportunities may include, but shall not be limited to, course development, course review, incorporating A-G course requirements into the local educational agency's graduation requirements, and new or expanded partnerships with other secondary or postsecondary educational institutions.
    - (D) Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate fees for unduplicated pupils.
  - (2) The Legislature encourages local educational agencies to direct A-G Success Grant funds towards pupils in danger of not achieving a grade of "C" or better in A-G courses.

The Administration recommends the Board of Trustees receive the information and discuss the A-G Completion Improvement Grant Program plan.

**H. BUSINESS SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS****1. Presentation of Annual Audit Report for June 30, 2021.**

Assistant Superintendent Robert Whittenberg commented that all public school Districts in California are required to have an examination and audit of all financial records of the agency on an annual basis. The State prescribes a series of criteria, evaluations, and compliance certifications that must be included in the annual audit. The firm of Crowe Horwath LLP has performed the 2020-21 audit. Each year the Board of Trustees is to receive the independent audit report for the prior fiscal year in a public meeting. The audit report provides the Board, staff and the public with the financial status of the District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

In the opinion of Crowe Horwath LLP, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the El Dorado Union High School District as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position for the year-end in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Audit Report is provided in Attachment 1. A representative from Crowe Horwath LLP is presenting the Audit Report.

The Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees receive the annual 2020-21 Audit Report as prepared by Crowe Horwath LLP.

**I. STUDENT SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS****1. Annual Review of District and School Safety Plans.**

Senior Director Chuck Palmer stated that Education Codes sections 32282 and 32286 and El Dorado Union High School District's Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 0450 require an annual adoption of school safety plans. The approval process must be presented to the Board of Trustees in a public meeting per Education Code. Binders containing the Emergency Operations Plans and Action guides have been compiled and updated. These plans are also available as a web-based document for access by the Office of Emergency Services. During the year, School Safety Committee Meetings are held with school safety personnel and law enforcement agencies to discuss school and community safety strategies within our County and State.

Mr. Palmer advised that the plans have been reviewed several times this year and have been updated. This is a fluid document and it's going to change continuously. District staff attend workshops to learn about different things we can consider and implement.

Mr. Cary moved to approve the adoption of the District and School Safety Plans. Mr. Del Rio seconded. The motion unanimously carried (3-0).

**Cary:** Aye

**Del Rio:** Aye

**Rodgers:** Not Present

**Veerkamp:** Aye

**(Mackie):** Aye

**J. HUMAN RESOURCES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS****1. Approval of Provisional Internship Permit Application for April Allison, Temporary Education Specialist at Oak Ridge High School.**

The Administration is requesting approval to submit an application for a Provisional Internship Permit (PIP). This PIP will allow for the hiring of a full-time, temporary

Education Specialist at Oak Ridge High School. Multiple recruitments for a temporary Education Specialist resulted in few applicants. This PIP will permit the teacher, April Allison, to work for the 2021-2022 school year. The assignment will be five periods of Special Education (grades 9–12).

Ms. Allison previously worked as a Paraprofessional Specialist for the District. She is currently enrolled in National University's credential program to receive a single subject Special Education Mild/Moderate credential.

Mr. Cary moved that the Board of Trustees approve submittal of the Provisional Internship Permit to the CTC on behalf of April Allison. Mr. Del Rio seconded. The motion carried (3-0).

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

2. Approval of New Job Description: AR 4219.3-84.

AR 4219.3-84 creates a new position, LVN/RN. The LVN/RN is responsible for planning assessing and administering student health care safely under the direction of a credentialed school nurse. The LVN/RN administers first aid, medication and specialized medical treatment for the purpose of providing appropriate care for ill, medically fragile and/or injured students.

Mr. Cary moved that the Board of Trustees approve the job description for LVN/RN. Mr. Del Rio seconded. The motion carried (3-0).

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

**K. OTHER – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. California School Boards Association Election for the Association Delegate Assembly (Sub-Region 6- C), Term April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2024.

The Board of Trustees received a ballot for election of a representative to the CSBA Delegate Assembly for SubRegion 6-C. The Board expressed support for incumbent Misty diVittorio (Placerville Union SD).

Mr. Cary moved to nominate Misty diVittorio. Mr. Del Rio seconded. Motion carried (3-0).

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

**M. 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. Veerkamp:

- Mrs. Veerkamp thanked everyone for being here tonight and that the Board listens to each and every person.

**N. CLOSED SESSION**

This session was not needed.

**O. OPEN SESSION**

This session was not needed.

**P. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Mrs. Veerkamp adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

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Ron Carruth  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees