

ADOPTED MINUTES
El Dorado Union High School District
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Emergency Board Meeting
March 13, 2020

Submit to
Board _____

A. CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with labor negotiators (agency negotiators for the Board are Asst. Superintendent Tony DeVille, 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})
2. Conference with labor negotiators (agency negotiators for the Board are Asst. Superintendent Tony DeVille, Asst. Superintendent Chris Moore and Asst. Superintendent Robert Whittenberg) to discuss with the Board represented employees: Discussion related to Proposals from CSEA. (GC 3547 {a})

B. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1. Mr. Brown called the meeting to order at 3:39 p.m., in the El Dorado Union High School District Board Room, located at 4675 Missouri Flat Road, Placerville, California.

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

3. Attendance

Board Members

Kevin W. Brown
Lori M. Veerkamp
Jessica K. Rodgers
Timothy M. Cary**

D.O. Staff

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

Association Representatives

Stephanie Davis
Jason King and Teri Lillywhite

** Board Member Tim Cary conferenced in to participate in the Board Meeting. He is located at 200 East Carrillo Street #400, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

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

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

Brown: Aye
Cary: Aye
Del Rio: Not Present
Rodgers: Aye
Veerkamp: Aye

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

1. Ms. Stephanie Davis, Faculty Association President, shared that she is present to represent the Faculty Association and that teachers are working hard getting things prepared should the schools close.
2. Ms. Teri Lillywhite, CSEA Vice President, commented that she and Mr. Jason King are present to represent CSEA and are asking the Board of Trustees to keep classified staff in mind if any

decision is made today to close the schools. They too are coming up with strategies of how they can keep everything running and she hopes that everyone stays safe and healthy during this time.

D. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Coronavirus Discussion and Possible School Closure.

Superintendent Carruth shared that we are living in unprecedented times. He stated that certainly never in his entire career of over 30 years in public education where we have encountered a situation where the World Health Organization, President of the United States, Governor, and local health officials have deemed a specific virus emergency. This is the condition that we see happening all around us. The last 24 hours have changed considerably from where we were. 24 hours ago, we were working very hard as a school district to be able to create social distancing to minimize the spread of the disease by reducing activities with other outside agencies and feeling good about thinking through details. Today we are seeing massive school systems across entire states close their education system to slow the spread of the Coronavirus. Specifically today, we have seen all of the schools in Sacramento County, Monterey County, San Diego Unified, Los Angeles Unified, San Juan Unified, and Placer County announce the closure of all of their schools. We are working very fast in coordination with all of the Superintendents in El Dorado County. There is a gross consensus that we are working on for the West Slope Schools and South Lake Tahoe is in a slightly different timeline. One of the pieces that we are looking for is the discretion to be able to close school beginning next week and then on a week-by-week basis consider if we are able to open. He stated that his honest discretion would be to let the community know that it will likely be more than one week so they can plan accordingly. The District would roll this out as things take place over the next few weeks. With that, under Closed Session as related to association rights, the Board had a very good discussion about ensuring that the District look out for the best of its employees. The State is looking to take action to ensure that we would be held financially whole through this and working out policies where we would do the exact same thing for our employees. That is the direction that the Board has given Administration to do, which is to ensure that its people are taken care of in what is truly an unprecedented moment.

Mr. Brown stated that the Board of Trustees and District do not take this situation lightly. In the last 24 hours, this virus has developed rapidly and districts all around us are closing. Our District's major concerns are that the students and families are safe and all of the District's employees are taken care of. The Board is here today to give the Superintendent the authority to make the right decision in conjunction with the local authorities including the El Dorado County Office of Education (EDCOE) and the Health Department.

Mrs. Veerkamp stated that she concurs and the Board of Trustees and District want to ensure that its staff, parents, and students are safe and healthy. To ensure that they are, the District is going to manage it on a week-by-week basis.

Mr. Cary stated that he wants to ensure that the District makes the public aware and make it clear that we are going to close the schools and reopen them when it is safe to do so. This is something that school districts should do primarily to protect the entire community. He is proud that the District is doing it at the right time, not too soon and not too late.

Superintendent Carruth commented that the District has amazing staff and faculty have been working hard over the last few days creating ways to ensure the continuity of instruction over the time of absence. There will be a need for clarity for teachers, classified staff, and families that the District will ask for patience on because we have not encountered a situation like this prior. The District is working closely with K-8 partners whom a few will also be having emergency Board Meetings tomorrow. He stated that he has been on calls with Dr. Ed Manansala and all El Dorado County Superintendents. The EDUHSD's message this evening will be to watch carefully as we plan to make a big announcement early tomorrow afternoon regarding the closure of schools. We

do not want to get so far out in front that we do not give our K-8 partners time to meet and to respect their Board's time to take action.

Mrs. Taylor Sabado inquired if Band and Choir events have been postponed. Superintendent Carruth stated that given the way things are moving right now, the District plans on not having events over the next 3 weeks and that organizers should be prepared to cancel events.

Mr. Cary made a motion to delegate Superintendent Carruth authority and responsibility to proceed with school closures as necessary and in collaboration with EDCOE and local school districts for the safety of our students, staff, and community. Mrs. Rodgers seconded. Motion unanimously carried (4-0).

Brown: Aye
Cary: Aye
Del Rio: Not Present
Rodgers: Aye
Veerkamp: Aye

E. OPEN SESSION

This session was not needed.

F. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Brown adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

Ron Carruth
Secretary to the Board of Trustees