

ADOPTED MINUTES  
El Dorado Union High School District  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Board Meeting  
October 27, 2020

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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 Kevin Brown in the Ponderosa High School Cafeteria.

The meeting was opened for public comment on Closed Session agenda items. There being no public comments, Mr. Brown closed the 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 6:32 p.m. in the Ponderosa High School Cafeteria.

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

3. Attendance

Board Members

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

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 Lori Veerkamp conferenced in to participate in the Board Meeting. She is located at 1420 Jordan Ave., Clovis, CA 93611.

Student Board Member

Hannah Frost

Association Representatives

Teri Lillywhite

Eric Larsen

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

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

**Brown:** Aye

**Cary:** Aye

**Del Rio:** Aye

**Rodgers:** Aye

**Veerkamp:** Aye

(Frost): Aye

5. Consent Agenda

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

**Brown:** Aye

**Cary:** Aye

**Del Rio:** Aye

**Rodgers:** Aye

**Veerkamp:** Aye

(Frost): Aye

1. Approval of Minutes of October 13, 2020 Board Meeting.
2. Approval of Commercial Warrants Report. (copy for viewing available at District Office)
3. Approval of Routine Certificated Personnel Action.
4. Donations Received.
5. Review of Administrative Regulation: AR 5116.2 – Administrative Intradistrict Voluntary Transfer – Comprehensive Sites.
6. Approval/Ratification of Various Contracts. (10/7/2020 - 10/20/2020)
7. Ratification of Budget Transfers. (10/1/2020 - 10/16/2020)
8. Monthly Report of Developer Fees Collected. (July & August 2020)
9. Permission to Dispose of Obsolete/Unusable Furniture, Equipment and Textbooks.
10. Progress Report About Implementing the District's Facilities Master Plan.

**B. SUPERINTENDENT'S – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**1. Kyle Fujitsubo: Educator of Excellence Award.

Assistant Superintendent Tony DeVille recognized Mr. Kyle Fujitsubo, Union Mine High School's Social Science teacher and Track & Field Head Coach, as the recipient of the iHeartMedia 2020 Educator of Excellence Award. The award recognizes the extraordinary new lengths teachers are going to right now to make a difference in our kids' lives even when it must be done from a distance.

Mr. Fujitsubo thanked the Board of Trustees, District, and Union Mine High School staff for their support.

2. COVID-19 Opening in Hybrid Update and Early Criteria for 5 Days of Instruction.

Superintendent Carruth thanked teachers, staff, and Administrators for the incredible commitment they have demonstrated as we are learning how to be

effective in the hybrid model. This transition is both wonderful and it is not without its challenges. The highlight is certainly the absolute joy of students being on campus again and seeing their friends, teachers, and staff. It is a real step towards normal and it is beautiful to see. He shared that it is not an easy time for anyone, but teachers are doing their best given the circumstances, as well as the nurses who are keeping our teaching environment as safe as possible. In addition, staff and students are stepping up every day and taking wise precautions to keep themselves safe. It is important that we all keep our safety protocols of face coverings, social distancing, washing of hands, and staying home if not feeling well. These precautions will work if we are faithful to implementing them and they will also help to keep our schools open. In addition, Superintendent Carruth commented that our parents are amazing as they are finding creative ways to support our schools and the District is thankful for their support in this stressful period. This is a difficult time for all of us and the key is staying united in our common purpose to help our students succeed. All of us have worries and anxieties as well as legal and political realities that are magnified during this time. Looking to the future, we desire to move to full student return, but this goal is not without obstacles and we cannot rush to make decisions that may have significant setbacks.

Senior Director Pam Bartlett gave an overview of the number of confirmed positive COVID-19 cases since returning to hybrid: 2 students (EDHS), 0 (IHS), 4 students and 1 staff (ORHS), 0 (PHS), 0 (UMHS), and 0 (VA). She shared that our nurses have done an amazing job of navigating the challenges and they wanted her to share the difference between “quarantine” and “isolation.” Quarantine means that someone is not sick, a close contact to someone positive or “sick like positive” and is staying home until the incubation period is over (usually 14 days). The District has to follow guidelines by the El Dorado County Public Health Department, California Public Health Department and by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Our nurses are constantly working with other agencies in order to ensure that the District is following the guidelines prescribed by those public health agencies. Isolation means that someone is sick (COVID-19 like symptoms) and/or tested positive (usually around 10 days and feeling better or sooner with negative SARS-CoV-2 test and/or resolving symptoms). The number of staff isolated/quarantined from August 5 – October 26, 2020 were 25 Classified and 35 Certificated. The number of students isolated/quarantined (student counts began on October 15, 2020) is 70 total: 1 group of 26 students (EDHS), 1 group of 24 students (ORHS), 2 groups of 2 students (PHS and EDHS), and 16 individual students (various sites). Since October 15, 2020 we have had 5 Certificated/Management employees and 6 Classified employees on quarantine. Observations show that hybrid, as anticipated, is more disruptive than distance learning due to the length and number of quarantines, but the numbers are currently manageable and to date, schools are not playing a role in spreading the virus.

Assistant Superintendent Christopher Moore reported the EDUHSD’s criteria to open for 5-days, which was reviewed by El Dorado County Public Health:

1. El Dorado County remains in the California Orange or Yellow COVID-19 Tier for six consecutive weeks demonstrating consistently low community transmission of the virus.
2. Schools have been operating in the hybrid model for multiple weeks and the District and schools remain open without a COVID-19 related closure following State guidance. In addition, under the hybrid schedule, schools are

not experiencing significant disruptions to the learning environment due to staff COVID-19 quarantines.

3. If the decision is made to reopen to full student return, transitioning to such a schedule shall take place at least 10 days after the Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, or New Year's Day weekends to ensure community epidemiology data does not change significantly following the expected occurrences of family and community gatherings.
4. El Dorado County Public Health concurs the move to full student return is appropriate based on local community epidemiological data.

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

There were no recognitions this evening.

**D. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was shared with the Board of Trustees regarding survey responses from parents and students.

**E. INVITATION TO BARGAINING UNIT PRESIDENTS/DESIGNEES AND/OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

1. Ms. Teri Lillywhite, Vice President of CSEA, reported that their tentative agreement MOU is currently in Sacramento awaiting 610 approval. Once it is returned, they will hold an electronic vote with their members for their return to work. She thanked everyone for working so hard to keep students and staff safe on campus.
2. Mr. Eric Larsen, Faculty Association representative, reported that most teachers are happy to be back in hybrid and are finding new ways to get students the extra support that they need. He recognized the work of PHS teacher, Mr. Greg Thompson. Mr. Thompson's colleagues shared that they are proud to work with him, as he is a true leader. He takes the time to find resolutions for his students while creating a learning environment in which they will grow.
3. Ms. Shellie Cook, Ms. Susan Parker, Ms. Kristen Roeder, Ms. Jessica Wolf, Ms. Molly Silva, Ms. Anna Knox, Mr. Mark Keener, and two students submitted speaker cards and addressed the Board on the matter of returning to school.

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

1. Approval of Proposed Italian Instructional Materials Recommended for Adoption for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Assistant Superintendent Christopher Moore reported that each year, the El Dorado Union High School District adopts instructional materials for new courses and classes which have revised their courses of study in accordance with the adoption cycle. Instructional materials in each curricular area are aligned with District and California content standards.

For the 2020-2021 school year, Italian instructional materials are being recommended for adoption. Staff from all sites, as well as parent and student representatives participated in the evaluation of instructional materials in the Italian curricular area, and a consensus or a majority vote was used to select a common instructional material for all District courses. The SILT Coordinating Chair is

commended for their excellent organization and management of this selection process.

The recommended Italian material purchases for the 2020-2021 school year are:

- Sentieri, 3rd Edition, Published by Vista Higher Learning, Copyright 2020, ISBN: 978-1-54330-609-5

At Mr. Moore's recommendation, Mr. Brown opened the meeting to a public hearing on the proposed instructional materials for Italian. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Cary moved to approve the adoption of instructional materials for Italian for the 2020-2021 school year. Mrs. Rodgers seconded. Motion unanimously carried (5-0).

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

**G. BUSINESS SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There were no action/discussion items under this session.

**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**

There were no action/discussion items under this session.

**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 congratulated Mr. Fujitsubo for his recognition tonight. She thanked the nurses for all that they are doing, staff for their hard work, and families for supporting the District's efforts.

Mr. Moore:

- Mr. Moore shared that he appreciates the comments tonight. An appreciation for the hard work the teachers are doing and the love and care for our children. He appreciates the tone of two realities moving forward together.

Mr. DeVille:

- Mr. DeVille thanked the parents who spoke tonight and acknowledged Mr. Thompson and Mr. Fujitsubo for their recognitions. He thanked Ms. Lillywhite and Mr. Larsen for being here tonight as well as Mr. Scott Soto for keeping the campus so beautiful.

Mr. Palmer:

- Mr. Palmer thanked the maintenance teams for keeping the campuses safe and sanitary for our students and staff.

Mr. Whittenberg:

- Mr. Whittenberg thanked CSEA for all of their hard work getting the schools cleaned and ready for hybrid. He also thanked the Faculty Association for all that they are doing for our students.

Mrs. Fuson:

- Mrs. Fuson thanked the Ponderosa High School staff for hosting the Board Meeting on such short notice due to the power outages and thanked Mr. Soto and his team.

Superintendent Carruth:

- Superintendent Carruth acknowledged the great tone that was present tonight. The idea that teachers, staff, parents, and Administrators are all working together to support our students and help them be successful. He thanked everyone for coming together as a community.

Ms. Frost:

- Ms. Frost thanked all staff, teachers, and Administrators for all they have done to keep students safe on campus. She commented that hybrid has been an amazing experience and opening up eventually to five days would be great for students. She thanked everyone who spoke tonight.

Mr. Cary

- Mr. Cary thanked the parents who came out tonight and thanked everyone for doing their best during these unforeseen circumstances. He stated that a school Board has not had to make decisions during a pandemic since 1918. The Board is listening and are trying to make the most out of a complex situation.

Mrs. Rodgers:

- Mrs. Rodgers congratulated Mr. Thompson and Mr. Fujitsubo and thanked the District nurses for their diligent work. She thanked everyone for their comments tonight.

Mrs. Veerkamp:

- Mrs. Veerkamp congratulated Mr. Fujitsubo and thanked the parents and community members who spoke tonight. She stated that she appreciates everyone's passion and desire to help our students and commended all of the teachers and parents for making this work.

Mr. Del Rio:

- Mr. Del Rio congratulated Mr. Thompson and stated that the Board is listening and will work through this to get our students back on campus. They want to do it safely

Mr. Brown:

- Mr. Brown congratulated Mr. Thompson and Mr. Fujitsubo and thanked everyone for speaking tonight. The Board is listening and respects what they have to say. The Board wants to get students back to campus full time, but they have to take steps to get there. He is grateful students get to be on campus even just in hybrid for the time being.

**M. CLOSED SESSION**

This session was not needed.

**N. OPEN SESSION**

This session was not needed.

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

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Ron Carruth  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees