

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, FEBRUARY 3, 2026

Adopted

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beth Albiani, Board President; Jennifer Ballerini, Board Clerk; Delia Baulwin, Susan Davis, Heidi Moore, Michael Vargas and Sean Yang; Zi Zhong, Student Board Member

OTHERS PRESENT: David E. Reilly, Superintendent; Kristen Coates, Ed.D. and Mark Cerutti, Deputy Superintendents; Jenifer Avey and Chad Sweitzer, Assistant Superintendents; Corrie Buckmaster, Chief Human Resources Officer; Amreek Singh, Lisa Levasseur and Travis Collier, Ed.D., Executive Directors; Amari Watkins, Chief Financial Officer; Todd Barber, Chief Technology Officer

CLOSED SESSION: Ms. Albiani called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and announced that the Board would meet in closed session to address the items on the closed session portion of the agenda and called for public comment on these items; there were no public comments.

- I. Government Code Section 54956.9:** Subdivision (d) Paragraph (1): Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Name of Case: EGEA v. Elk Grove USD - PERB SA-CE-3218-E
- II. Government Code Section 54957:** Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint
- III. Government Code Section 54957.6:** Conference with Labor Negotiators
Agency Designated Representatives: David E. Reilly, Karen Rezendes, Corrie Buckmaster, Amreek Singh, Kristen Coates, Amari Watkins, Mark Cerutti
Employee Organizations: All Elk Grove Unified School District Bargaining Units and Unrepresented Employees

OPEN SESSION: Ms. Albiani called the meeting back to order at 6:00 p.m., announced that the Board met in closed session and no action was taken.

Ms. Albiani provided a welcome and announced that live streaming of full in-person board meetings will be available to the public by using the link located on the district's website. Meetings are recorded (video and audio) and are made available on the Elk Grove Unified School District's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/elkgroveunified

I. EGUSD Land Acknowledgement/Pledge of Allegiance – Justine Fuller, Las Flores High School Principal, led the pledge of allegiance.

II. Presentations/Recognitions

- 1. Student Regional Report – Calvine High School and the Sheldon Region:** Students from Calvine High School, Sheldon High School, T.R. Smedberg Middle School, Maeola Beitzel Elementary, Arthur C. Butler Elementary, Robert J. Fite Elementary, and Mary Tsukamoto Elementary reported on academics and activities at their schools.
- 2. Athletic Recognition of Fall CIF Champions** – The Board of Education recognized the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Sac-Joaquin Section Champions; Cosumnes Oaks High School Women's Tennis.

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- 3. EGUSD Honor Roll Recognition by Educational Results Partnership** – The Board of Education recognized the following 17 Honor Roll schools which were selected based on consistent, above-average performance on California state assessments over the past three years.

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| 1. Arlene Hein Elementary | 10.Helen Carr Castello Elementary |
| 2.C. W. Dillard Elementary | 11.John Ehrhardt Elementary |
| 3.Carroll Elementary | 12.Joseph Kerr Middle |
| 4.Cosumnes Oaks High | 13.Miwok Village Elementary |
| 5.Edna Batey Elementary | 14.Raymond Case Elementary |
| 6.Elizabeth Pinkerton Middle | 15.Roy Herburger Elementary |
| 7.Elk Grove Elementary | 16.Toby Johnson Middle |
| 8.Ellen Feickert Elementary | 17.Zehnder Ranch Elementary |
| 9.Franklin Elementary | |

III. Resolutions

- 1. World Rare Disease Day** – Motion No. 72, 2025-26, Motion by Ms. Baulwin, seconded by Mr. Vargas and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 48, recognizing February 28, 2026, as World Rare Disease Day be adopted.
- 2. Recognition of School Counseling Week** – Motion No. 73, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Vargas, seconded by Ms. Baulwin and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 47, recognizing February 2 – 6, 2026, as National School Counseling Week be approved.

IV. Student Expulsion/Involuntary Transfer Recommendations

- 1. Request for Student Expulsion** – Motion No. 74, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Vargas, seconded by Ms. Ballerini and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the recommendations for student expulsion be approved.
- 2. Request for Student Return from Expulsion** – Motion No. 75, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Vargas, seconded by Ms. Ballerini and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the recommendations for students seeking readmission from expulsion to the Elk Grove Unified School District be approved.

V. Public Comment – None

- VI. Consent Agenda – Action** – Motion No. 76, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Vargas, seconded by Ms. Baulwin and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that items 1 through 9 on the consent agenda be approved.

- 1. Approval of Board Policy Updates** – Approved updates made to Board Policy 6142.1: Sexual Health And HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction as aligned with the California School Boards Association (CSBA).
- 2. Approval of Minutes** – Approved minutes from the regular board meeting that was held on January 13, 2026.
- 3. Personnel Actions** – Approved personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements, and returns from reemployment lists as submitted.

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4. **Williams Act Quarterly Report Notification** – Received the second quarter report on the Williams Act Uniform Complaint Procedure for the period of October 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.
5. **Acceptance of Gifts** – Approved donations to the district’s schools/programs as submitted.
6. **Approval and/or Ratification of Contracts, Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and Agreements for Services** – Approved contracts signed by authorized staff in accordance with Board Policy 3312 as submitted.
7. **Approval of Purchase Order Encumbrance Modification History** – Approved purchase orders for the weeks of December 30, 2025 – January 21, 2026.
8. **Disposal of Obsolete/Surplus Property** – Authorized the disposal of obsolete/surplus property as submitted. No income is anticipated to be received by the district for these items. However, any income that is received will go into the General Fund.
9. **Out-of-State Field Trips** – Approved the out-of-state field trips listed below.

School	Field Trip Destination	Field Trip Purpose	Dates of Trip
Laguna Creek High School	Ashland, OR	Ashland Shakespeare Festival	March 19-22, 2026
Franklin High School	Bethesda, MD	National CyberPatriot Competition	March 20-24, 2026
Toby Johnson Middle School	Rockville, MD	National CyberPatriot Competition	March 20-24, 2026
Laguna Creek High School	Cincinnati, OH	WGI World Championships	April 7-12, 2026
Toby Johnson Middle School	Washington, D.C.	Ford Theatre National Oratory Festival	April 30-May 5, 2026

VII. Bargaining Units

James Sutter, EGEA President, acknowledged the work individuals in education do and stated that they understand what AB 1390 allows and aren’t saying that board members shouldn’t earn a degree of compensation but are questioning whether this is the right time to dramatically increase board member compensation. Mr. Sutter expressed how unsettling it is for the Board to give themselves 5% annually when staff has to fight for 1 – 3% with contingencies. He questioned the timing and the 400% increase from \$750 to \$3,000 per month and noted that the district has never had a Board that makes decisions because it is what the law allows them to do. Mr. Sutter shared that the district has always had leaders who were fiduciaries of the district’s finances, students’ futures and the well-being of all employees. Mr. Sutter asked that the Board think carefully about the compensation that they are voting for themselves, future board members, the impact on the district budget, and the public’s view of this action.

VIII. Reports & Discussion Items

1. **2026-27 Open Enrollment Requests** – Chad Sweitzer provided the board with a report summarizing the 2026-27 open enrollment requests. The district received 508 requests for open enrollment for the 2026-27 school year; 157 middle school requests and 351 high school requests.

Board members provided feedback and thanked Mr. Sweitzer for the information.

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2. Measure N General Obligation First Series Bond Sale and Issuance of Lease Purchase Financing Plan – The Board received a report regarding the Measure N General Obligation Bond First Series Bond Sale and Issuance of Lease Purchase Financing Plan. Staff and the District’s financial advisor, Government Financial Strategies, Joint Powers Authority, presented the Measure N General Obligation Bond financing plan including the upcoming first series bond sale. In addition, the team shared the financing plan for the proposed issuance of a Lease Purchase. The report included the financial elements and considerations of the Measure N General Obligation Bond Plan, consistent with prior reports and discussions with the Board. The report included information on the tax rate, bond size and structuring, applicable considerations and necessary upcoming activities and actions by Staff and the Board of Education prior to the sale.

3. Report on the Implementation of AB 1390 – Superintendent Reilly and Karen Rezendes of Lozano Smith provided the Board with an overview about Assembly Bill 1390 pertaining to board member compensation, as well as a summary of subcommittee work and recommended edits to Board Bylaw 9250.

Overview of AB 1390

- Effective January 1, 2026
- Amends Education Code section 35120
- Increases maximum allowable monthly compensation based on prior-year ADA
- Board action required to implement any change

AB 1390 – Monthly Compensation

- 25,001–60,000 ADA: up to \$3,000 per month
- 60,001–250,000 ADA: up to \$4,500 per month
- Board may increase compensation annually by up to 5% based on present monthly rate

Board members held a discussion and will bring this item back for action at a future board meeting.

IX. Public Hearing/Action Items – None

X. Action Items – None

XI. Board Member and Superintendent Reports – Board members reported on organization and committee meetings relative to the district and its operation.

XII. Consideration of Future Agenda Items - None

XIII. Adjournment – 8:49 p.m.

Submitted by David E. Reilly, Superintendent

Approved by: 
Beth Albani, Board President