

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, JUNE 10, 2025

Adopted

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent; Kristen Coates, Ed.D. and Mark Cerutti, Deputy Superintendents; David Reilly, Associate Superintendent; 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: Mr. Vargas called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Title: Superintendent

II. Government Code Section 54956.8: Conference with Real Property Negotiators

Property: Northwest corner of Ashlar Drive and Terra Franca Way, Sacramento County, APN 132-0050-174

District Negotiator: Kristen Coates, Ed.D.; Daniel Maruccia

Negotiating Parties: WSI Poppy Ridge LLC

Under Negotiation: Price and terms

Property: A portion of APNs 067-0100-023-0000 and 067-0100-018-0000., Jaeger Road, Rancho Cordova, Sacramento County

District Negotiator: Kristen Coates, Ed.D.; Daniel Maruccia

Negotiating Parties: John Young; Mark and Heather Clewett Revocable Trust; Robbe Lehmann

Under Negotiation: Price and terms

III. Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint

IV. Government Code Section 54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiators

Agency Designated Representatives:

Christopher R. Hoffman, Karen Rezendes, Corrie Buckmaster, David Reilly, Amreek Singh, Kristen Coates Ed.D., Amari Watkins, Mark Cerutti

Employee Organizations: AFSCME, ATU, CSEA, PSWA, NUHW

Agency Designated Representative: Christopher R. Hoffman

Employee Organization: Unrepresented Employees including Management, EGTEAMS, and EGAT

Agency Designated Representative: Karen Rezendes

Unrepresented Employee: Superintendent

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

Mr. Vargas 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 – The Board of Education recognized Ms. Julie Doumit for her contributions to the students and community of Sunrise Elementary.

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II. Presentations/Recognitions

1. **Athletic Recognition of Spring CIF Champions** – The Board of Education recognized the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Sac-Joaquin Section Champions, and the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Masters Champions.

III. Resolutions

1. **Juneteenth Independence Day** – Motion No. 129, 2024-25, Motion by Ms. Ballerini, seconded by Ms. Baulwin and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 95, declaring June 19, 2025, as a local holiday be approved.
2. **Secure Firearm Storage** – Motion No. 130, 2024-25, Motion by Ms. Albani, seconded by Mr. Yang and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 96, declaring the importance of secure firearm storage and associated preventative measures to increase student and school safety be approved.

Public Comment: Kurk T. shared his views about the resolution and suggested some changes for next year.

IV. Student Expulsion/Involuntary Transfer Recommendations

1. **Request for Student Return from Expulsion** – Motion No. 131, 2024-25, Motion by Ms. Ballerini, seconded by Ms. Moore and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the recommendations for students seeking readmission to Elk Grove Unified School District from expulsion be approved.

V. Public Comment – *For Items Not on the Agenda*

Tijuana Barnes, President of NAACP Sacramento, shared background information about Juneteenth and spoke to a letter to the district from her group and asked for information about the supports that are in place to assist students and staff.

Calli, student from Valley High School, shared her concerns about racial discrimination in the school district along with her experiences last year. Calli requested that effort be placed on putting an end to racial discrimination.

Nate Smith shared his appreciation for the quick response he received from district staff after he commented at the last board meeting.

VI. Consent Agenda – Action – Motion No. 132, 2024-25, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Ms. Albani and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that items 1 – 33 on the consent agenda be approved.

1. **Approval of Minutes** – Approved the minutes from the regular board meeting that was held on May 20, 2025.
2. **Personnel Actions** – Approved personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements, and returns from reemployment lists as submitted.
3. **Updated Salary Schedules** – Approved the updated salary schedules for the 2025-26 school year.
4. **Acceptance of Gifts** – Approved donations to the district's schools/programs as submitted.

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- 5. Ratification of Grant Contracts/Agreements for Funding** – Approved grant contracts/agreements signed by authorized staff 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 order encumbrance modifications from May 8, 2025 – May 27, 2025.
- 8. Disposal of Obsolete/Surplus Property** – Authorized the disposal of obsolete/surplus property. 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. Approval to Purchase Athletic, Physical Education Supplies, and Team Uniforms** – Authorized Elk Grove Unified School District Purchasing Department to purchase athletic, physical education supplies, and team uniforms cooperatively through an RFP secured by OMNIA Region 4 ESC, Contract # R250101.
- 10. Approval to Award Bid #793-24/25 Food & Nutrition Services, Paper Products** – Authorized the award of Bid #793-24/25 Food & Nutrition Services, Paper Products.
- 11. Approval to Award Bid #792-24/25 Food & Nutrition Services, Food Products & Commodity Potatoes** – Authorized the award of Bid #792-24/25 Food & Nutrition Services, Food Products & Commodity Potatoes.
- 12. Approval to Extend the Award of Bid #713-21/22 and Approve the Assignment of the Agreement** – Approved Bid #713-21/22 with Cross Safe to All-City Management Services Inc. and approved the fourth optional one-year renewal.
- 13. Elitha Donner Elementary School, Water Damage Lease-Leaseback Agreement** – Approved a Lease-Leaseback Agreement Amendment with C.T. Brayton & Sons, Inc., for the Elitha Donner Elementary School Water Damage Project (“Project”) and approved the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$695,807.00 and allowed for further GMP negotiation if further damage is recognized upon discovery.
- 14. Approve Option of One-Year Extension to the Lease Agreement with Bartholomew Associates for a portion of Elk Grove Shopping Center** – Approved an option for a one-year extension to the Lease Agreement with Bartholomew Associates at the Elk Grove Shopping Center; and authorized Hannah Dayton, Director of Planning, Facilities and Planning, to finalize and execute the 2025-2026 Lease Extension on behalf of the District.
- 15. Tiger Natural Gas, Inc. Purchase Agreement Renewal** – Approved the Natural Gas Purchase Agreement Renewal between the Elk Grove Unified School District and Tiger Natural Gas, Inc. for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 16. Approval of Authorization to Utilize CMAS Contract for Fall Material Replacement at Jessie Baker School** – Authorized the utilization of CMAS 4-22-06-1031/Base Sourcewell Contract #010521-SFS, for Non-Information Technology Commodities, with sofSURFACES, Inc., and authorized a district representative to sign and approve these services.
- 17. Approval of Authorization to Utilize CMAS Contract for Fall Material Replacement at Sierra Enterprise Elementary School** – Approved authorization to utilize CMAS 4-22-06-

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1031/Base Sourcewell Contract #010521-SFS, for Non-Information Technology Commodities, with sofSURFACES, Inc., and authorized a district representative to sign and approve these services.

- 18. Playground Equipment Replacement at Jessie Baker School (Main and Kindergarten Playgrounds) Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with Recreation Science, Inc., and authorized a District Representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 changes the contract amount of \$96,275.00 by \$6,175.00 to \$102,450.00.
- 19. Approval to Extend Award of RFP #715-21/22 – After School Providers (ASSETs) for Multiple School Sites** – Authorized the renewal of RFP #715-21/22 with the Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center for the third optional one-year extension.
- 20. Approval to Award RFP #785-23/24 – Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) and/or Afterschool Education & Safety (ASES)** – Authorized the award of RFP #785-23/24 – Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) and/or Afterschool Education & Safety (ASES).
- 21. Approval of Purchase Order History** – Approved purchase orders for the weeks of May 1, 2025, through May 31, 2025.
- 22. Approval to Award RFQ/P #798-24/25 – Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) Comprehensive Afterschool Programs** – Authorized the award of RFQ/P #798-24/25 – Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) Comprehensive Afterschool Programs.
- 23. Approval to Award RFP #795-24/25 Food & Nutrition Services, Specialty Fresh Produce, Site-to-Site** – Authorized the award of RFP #795-24/25 Food & Nutrition Services, Specialty Fresh Produce, Site-to-Site.
- 24. Approval to Rent/Lease Copier Equipment** – Authorized Elk Grove Unified School District Purchasing Department to rent/lease Toshiba copier equipment cooperatively through an RFP secured by OMNIA Partners Region 4 ESC – TX Contract # R241204.
- 25. Approval to Purchase Zoom Licensing** – Authorized the Elk Grove Unified School District Purchasing Department to ratify a contract for the purchase of a one (1) year license agreement for Zoom, utilizing the State of Utah NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement AR2472 approved for use through the State of California's Department of General Services (DGS) Participating Addendum 7-17-70-40-05 with Carahsoft Technology Corporation.
- 26. Approval to Purchase Arctic Wolf Managed Detection and Response (MDR) Licensing** – Authorized the Elk Grove Unified School District Purchasing Department to approve a contract for the purchase of a one (1) year license agreement for Arctic Wolf MDR, utilizing the State of California's Department of General Services (DGS) state Leveraged Procurement Agreement (LPA) SLP-23-70-0280i with Blue Karma Security LLC.
- 27. Elk Grove Unified School District's Annual Master Contract** – Approved the Elk Grove Unified School District's 2025-2026 Annual Master Contract for Nonpublic Agencies (NPA) and Nonpublic Schools (NPS).
- 28. Approval of Restorative Equity Partnership (REP) Contract Renewal** – Approved the contract renewal with Restorative Equity Partnership (REP). \$175,000. Funded out of Juul settlement monies.

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29. **2025-2026 Designation of CIF Representatives to League** – Appointed representatives from the district’s high schools to serve as each school’s league representative for the 2025-2026 school year as submitted.
30. **Instructional Materials Adoption** – Adopted instructional materials as submitted.
Supplemental
Step up to Writing, (ELA, Grades K-6) [This supplemental instructional material will be paid for using site funds.]
Everfi, (Math/AVID/CTE, Grades 7-12) [This supplemental digital instructional material is a free resource.]
31. **Revision to Existing Curriculum** – Approved revisions to the listed curriculum:
XTRA Math (Math, Grades 7-12) It is requested to add courses to the curriculum’s rostering list.
Math Diagnostic Intervention System (Math, Grades 7-12) It is requested to add courses to the curriculum’s rostering list.
Lord of the Flies (ELA, Grades 8) It is requested to remove the book from the supplemental list for English 8 and Humanities 8, and add it to English 10 for core or supplemental use.
Vera C. Rubin Observatory Investigations, (Astronomy, Grades 7-8) It is requested to add the new middle school course Introduction to Astronomy to the rostering list.
32. **Revision to Existing Curriculum and High School Courses** – Approved that additional course codes for the following course be added to allow for self-contained special education classes. This will allow Synergy to assign the correct and previously approved curriculum to the self-contained classes as follows: Biology of the Living Earth, US History, and World History.
33. **New High School Course** – Adopted the following new high school course:
Future Focus: College, Career & Life (CTE, Grade 9) (one-year equivalent, 10 credits)

VII. Bargaining Units – None

VIII. Reports & Discussion Items

1. **Update on Special Education Services** – Anne Rigali provided the Board with a presentation that included programmatic highlights and updates, data regarding staff recruitment and retention, as well as parent and community connections.

Public Comment:

Dustin Noble, Marissa Bitcon and Courtney A. thanked the Special Education Department for meeting with them and including their input in the presentation. They each provided suggestions on how to improve the presentation and changes they would like to see across the district.

Board members provided feedback and thanked Ms. Rigali for the update.

2. **Adjustment to School Facilities Fees (Developer Fees)** – Dr. Kristen Coates provided the Board with information regarding the April 2025 School Facilities Needs Analysis that will be brought back for adoption at the June 24, 2025, board meeting.

Board members thanked Dr. Coates for the information.

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IX. Public Hearing/Action Items

1. **Public Hearing of the Elk Grove Unified School District's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)** – After Mark Cerutti presented the item, Mr. Vargas opened the public hearing; there was one public comment related to this item; Nate Smith shared his concerns about the increase in spending and suggested that there be an increase in funding.

Mr. Vargas then closed the public hearing and announced that this item will be brought back for approval at the June 24, 2025, board meeting.

2. **Public Hearing of the Elk Grove Charter Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)** – After Marc LaVine presented the item, Mr. Vargas opened the public hearing; there were no public comments related to this item.

Mr. Vargas then closed the public hearing and announced that this item will be brought back for approval at the June 24, 2025, board meeting.

3. **Proposed 2025-26 Budget Public Hearing** – After Amari Watkins presented the item, Mr. Vargas opened the public hearing; there were no public comments related to this item.

Mr. Vargas then closed the public hearing and announced that this item will be brought back for approval at the June 24, 2025, board meeting.

X. Action Items

1. **Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for 2025-26** – Motion No. 133, 2024-25, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Ms. Baulwin and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for 2025-26 as required by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing be approved.
2. **Superintendent Retirement/Separation Employment Agreement** – Motion No. 134, 2024-25, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Ms. Baulwin and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the Superintendent Retirement/Separation agreement be approved.

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 – 8:09 p.m.

Submitted by Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by:


Michael Vargas, Board President