

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, MAY 20, 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; Mark Cerutti, Deputy Superintendent; David Reilly, Associate Superintendent; Jenifer Avey and Chad Sweitzer, Assistant Superintendents; Corrie Buckmaster, Chief Human Resources Officer; Amreek Singh, 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 54956.9 (d)(1): Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: Ornelas v. EGUSD, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2022-00317276

III. Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Appointment/Employment - Management Positions; Elementary School Principal and High School Principal

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

V. 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, Amari Watkins, Mark Cerutti
Employee Organizations: AFSCME, ATU, CSEA, PSWA, NUHW

Agency Designated Representative: Christopher R. Hoffman

Employee Organization: Unrepresented Employees including Management, EGTEAMS, & 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 – Ms. Reina Tarango, was recognized by the Board of Education for her contributions to the students and staff at Arlene Hein Elementary.

II. Presentations/Recognitions

1. 2024/2025 Future Farmers of America Student Recognition – The Board of Education recognized the Elk Grove Unified School District students who competed and won first place awards in Future Farmers of America (FFA) state competitions in the 2024-2025 school year.

2. Elk Grove Food Bank Recognition – The Elk Grove Food Bank was recognized by the Board of Education for their partnership with the Elk Grove Unified School District to distribute food to eligible families within the district.

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3. **Recognition of Heroes of Arts Education** – The Board of Education recognized Heroes of Arts Educators for their outstanding contributions to arts education in EGUSD schools.

III. Resolutions

1. LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Public Comment:

Charlott, Amelina, and Kurk shared their thoughts and concerns about the resolution and asked that Resolution No. 88 not be approved.

Linda, Emily, Rebecca, Rick and Elia spoke in support of the resolution, shared their thoughts and requested that Resolution No. 88 be approved.

Board members provided feedback and thanked community members for their comments.

Motion No. 126, 2024-25, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Ms. Ballerini and carried by a 6 to 1 vote of present board members that Resolution No. 88, recognizing June 2025 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month be approved. *Ayes: Albiani, Ballerini, Baulwin, Davis, Vargas, Yang; Nay: Moore; Absent: None*

IV. Student Expulsion/Involuntary Transfer Recommendations

1. **Request for Student Expulsion** – Motion No. 127, 2024-25, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Ms. Albiani and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the recommendation for student expulsion be approved.

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

Ret Pennel shared that she enjoys volunteering at her local school but still has concerns about bullying at the site and suggested that each classroom have a para-educator to assist students who need extra support.

Charlotte shared her concerns and frustration about the state mandated assessments and the forms associated with being excused from testing.

Macey C. and Gabrielle E. of Cal Fresh Healthy Living provided the Board with information about their program and the work they do with EGUSD students.

Mark Orozco shared his concerns about the random selection process for the offloading of Adreani Elementary students. He's concerned that his child and 54 other students will be offloaded and split up from their siblings. He asked that siblings not be split up.

Manuel Zapata, Sheet Metal Workers' Union Local 104, Communications Coordinator, introduced himself and shared information about Sacramento's Sheet Metal Workers' Training Center and invited the Board to their Open House on June 7th.

Grace Bailey shared her concerns about the disparities in the recent CAASSP results amongst black students and pointed out that advanced placement offerings are fewer than at wealthier school sites. Ms. Bailey also shared her concerns about the suspension rates amongst black students and suggested anti-bias and competency training for all school staff with follow-up.

Krystal Thomas thanked staff for the response from the district team. Recommended that the board consider reading: *Caste: Origins of our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson. Ms. Thomas shared that they will be meeting with the District and that she created an action plan for the meeting.

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VI. Consent Agenda – Action – Motion No. 128, 2024-25, Motion by Ms. Ballerini, seconded by Mr. Yang and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that items 1 – 32 on the consent agenda be approved.

- 1. Approval of Minutes** – Approved the minutes from the regular board meeting that was held on May 6, 2025.
- 2. Personnel Actions** – Approved personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements, and returns from reemployment lists as submitted.
- 3. Williams Act Quarterly Report Notification** – Received the first quarter report on the Williams Act Uniform Complaint Procedure for the period of January 1, 2025, through March 31, 2025.
- 4. Certification of Administrator’s Competence to Evaluate** – Granted Certification of Administrator’s Competence to Evaluate to Clairise M. Chapman, a newly-hired district administrator who has successfully completed the district’s training process.
- 5. Contract with Care Solace** – Approved the contract with Care Solace to connect our students, staff, and families with community-based mental health services.
- 6. Acceptance of Gifts** – Approved donations to the district’s schools/programs as submitted.
- 7. Warrant Register No. 10** – Approved Warrant Register No. 10 – Warrant Numbers 156275-158072 and 462702-463462 for all funds, April 1, 2025, through April 30, 2025.
- 8. Ratification of Grant Contracts/Agreements for Funding** – Approved grant contracts/agreements signed by authorized staff as submitted.
- 9. Approval and/or Ratification of Contracts, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU’s) and Agreements for Services** – Approved contracts signed by authorized staff in accordance with Board Policy 3312 as submitted.
- 10. Approval of Purchase Order Encumbrance Modification History** – Approved purchase order encumbrance modifications from April 22, 2025 – May 8, 2025.
- 11. Central Kitchen Modernization, Increment #5 – Mid-Roof Dry Rot Exploration and Repairs Lease-Leaseback Agreement Amendment** – Approved a Lease-Leaseback Amendment with C. T. Brayton and Sons, Inc., for the Central Kitchen Modernization Project; and approved a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$236,683.00 for the construction of Inc#5 of the Mid-Roof Dry Rot Exploration and Repairs Project.
- 12. James Rutter Middle School, Bleacher Replacement Award of Contract** – Approved the award of contract to B.T. Mancini Co., Inc., for the total base bid of \$139,430.00 and authorized the Administration to sign all documents and contracts pertaining to this work.
- 13. Franklin High School and Toby Johnson Middle School – Fire Alarm Replacement Award of Contract** – Approved the award of contract to Sebastian, Inc., for the total base bid of \$1,857,646.00 and authorized the Administration to sign all documents and contracts pertaining to this work.

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- 14. Playground Equipment Removal and Installation at Anna Kirchgater Elementary School, Kinder Playground Award of Contract** – Approved the award of contract to Recreation Science, Inc., for the total base bid of \$79,449.00 and authorized the Administration to sign all documents and contracts pertaining to this work.
- 15. Ellen Feickert Elementary School, Roofing 2025 Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with Pacific Polymers, Inc., dba American Foam Experts and authorized a District Representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 changes the contract amount of \$462,218.00 by (\$15,000.00) to \$447,218.00.
- 16. Lease and Delivery of Refurbished Classrooms at Miwok Village Elementary School Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with Class Leasing LLC, and authorized a District Representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 changes the contract amount of \$260,415.00 by \$23,432.00 to \$283,847.00.
- 17. Central Kitchen Modernization, Increment #4, Freezer 13 Equipment Replacement Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with C.T. Brayton and Sons, Inc. and authorized a District Representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 changes the contract amount of \$390,355.00 by (\$10,567.00) to \$379,788.00.
- 18. Central Kitchen Modernization, Increment #3, Central Kitchen Upgrade Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with C.T. Brayton and Sons, Inc. and authorized a District Representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 changes the contract amount of \$11,220,756.00 by (\$233,349.00) to \$10,987,407.00.
- 19. Ellen Feickert Elementary School, Roofing 2025 Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Ellen Feickert Elementary School, Roofing 2025, and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion. The Administration will file the Notice of Completion with the County Recorder within the statutory ten-day period.
- 20. Central Kitchen Modernization, Increment #4 – Freezer 13 Equipment Replacement Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Freezer 13 Equipment Replacement, Modernization Increment #4 at Central Kitchen, and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion. The Administration will file the Notice of Completion with the County Recorder within the statutory ten-day period.
- 21. Central Kitchen Modernization, Increment #3 – Central Kitchen Upgrade Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Central Kitchen Upgrade, Modernization Increment #3 at Central Kitchen, and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion. The Administration will file the Notice of Completion with the County Recorder within the statutory ten-day period.
- 22. 2025 Summer Relocatable Classrooms Lease-Leaseback Agreement** – Approved a Lease-Leaseback Agreement Amendment with S. B. James Construction California, Inc., a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$6,025,639.00 and authorized the Administration to negotiate future GMP(s) for Project.
- 23. Approval to Extend the Award of Bid #786-23/24 – Ready to Bake Pizza** – Approved the renewal of Bid 786-23/24 – Ready to Bake Pizza with Steve's Pizza for the first optional one-year extension.

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- 24. Approval to Extend the Award of Bid #781-23/24 – 100% Fruit Juice Slushie** – Approved the renewal of Bid 781-23/24 – 100% Fruit Juice with Tropic Beverage for the first optional one-year extension.
- 25. Approval to Extend the Award of Bid #780-23/24 – Milk & Dairy Products** – Approved the renewal of Bid #780-23/24 with Producer’s Dairy Foods, Inc. for the first optional one-year extension.
- 26. Approval of Resolution Approving Contribution to Costs of Synthetic Athletic Turf Replacement Project at Cosumnes River College Football/Soccer Stadium** – Approved the District’s contribution towards the costs of replacement of the synthetic athletic turf at the Cosumnes River College football/soccer stadium, consistent with a 2010 Joint Use Agreement between the District and Los Rios Community College District and approved Resolution No. 94 2024-2025.
- 27. Approval to Purchase Office Supplies, Classroom & Office Furniture, Technology, Promotional Items, Facilities Supplies, Breakroom Supplies, and Related Items** – Approved the purchase of office supplies, classroom and office furniture, technology, promotional items, facilities supplies, breakroom supplies, and related items through Sourcewell Contract #070924-SCC.
- 28. 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.
- 29. Out-of-Country Field Trip** – Approved Florin High School’s out-of-country field trip to Chemnitz Germany, from August 21-22, 2025, for the Hydrogen World Championships.
- 30. Instructional Materials Adoption** – Adopted the following instructional materials:
Basic – Multitudes, (ELA, Grades K-2) [This basic digital instructional material is a free resource.]
Supplemental – The following supplemental instructional materials will be paid for using site funds.
Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood, (ELA, Grade 11)
Slaughterhouse-Five, A Novel, (ELA/AP English 12, Grade 12)
Building Fact Fluency: Addition & Subtraction and Multiplication and Division, (Mathematics/Expanded Learning, Grades TK-5)
- 31. Revision to High School Course** – Approved the revision of the following high school course: Personal Empowerment and Resilience (Course #07007) - It is requested to change the course from a letter grade to a pass/no pass class.
- 32. Revision to Existing Curriculum and High School Courses** – Approved revisions to the following curriculum and high school courses: English 9, English 10, English 11, American Government, Economics, Physics of the Universe, Life Science 9-12, Mathematics Foundations III, Mathematics I, and Financial Literacy. Pending Board approval of the additional Special Education course codes, the approved curriculum, *Unique Learning Systems*, will be assigned to those new codes.

VII. Bargaining Units – Dianne Campbell, AFSCME President, thanked the Board for recognizing classified staff and shared information about their upcoming activities this month.

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VIII. Reports & Discussion Items

- 1. 2025-26 Governor's May Revision Budget Update** – Ms. Amari Watkins, Chief Financial Officer, provided the Board with an update on the Governor's May Revision Budget. The May Revision includes the latest information that local education agencies such as EGUSD will have available to include in its budget assumptions used to develop its proposed 2025-26 Adopted Budget.

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

IX. Public Hearing/Action Items

- 1. Public Hearing of the Elk Grove Unified School District's Annual Service Delivery/Budget Plan for Special Education** – After Anne Rigali presented the item, Mr. Vargas opened the public hearing and there was one public comment related to this item; Jencie Ferraro shared her appreciation for the partnership between the District and EGSpeaks and requested that these types of presentations include specific programmatic details.

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

- 2. Tentative Agreement Between Elk Grove Unified School District and Elk Grove Education Association (EGEA), 2024-2025 and 2025-2026** – After David Reilly 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.

Motion No. 129, 2024-25, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Ms. Ballerini and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the tentative agreement be approved.

X. Action Items – None

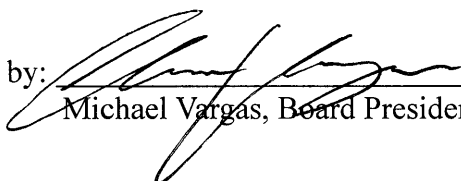
XI. Board Member and Superintendent Reports – Board members reported on organization and committee meetings relative to the district and its operation

XII. Consideration of Future Agenda Items – None

XIII. Adjournment – 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by:


Michael Vargas, Board President