

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AUGUST 5, 2025

Adopted

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Vargas, Board President; Sean Yang, Clerk; Beth Albiani, Jennifer Ballerini, Delia Baulwin, Susan Davis, Heidi Moore; Zi Zhong, 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 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 54957: Public Employee Appointment/Employment - Management Position; Elementary School Principal

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

III. 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: All Elk Grove Unified School District Bargaining Units and

Unrepresented Employees

OPEN SESSION: Mr. Vargas called the meeting back to order at 6:06 p.m., announced that the Board met in closed session and the following action was taken:

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

The Board unanimously took action to approve certificated dismissal charges and place a certificated teacher on unpaid suspension as permitted by law.

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. Katherine Garcia led the pledge of allegiance and was recognized by the Board of Education for her contributions at Isabelle Jackson Elementary School.

II. Presentations/Recognitions

1. Elementary and Secondary Schools Recognition – The Board of Education recognized Elementary and Secondary school sites who have received state level recognition during the 2024-25 school year. Carroll Elementary and Robert J. Fite Elementary were both honored as recipients of the 2025 California Distinguished Schools Award and Calvine High School was named a Model Continuation High School.

III. Resolutions

1. National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Public Comment: Kirk Thomson shared how his experience with suicide within his immediate family has affected him and thanked the Board for bringing this resolution forward.

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Motion No. 9, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Ms. Ballerini and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 1, recognizing September 2025 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month be adopted.

- 2. Constitution Day** – Motion No. 10, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Ms. Ballerini and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 4, designating September 17, 2025, as Constitution Day be adopted.
- 3. Citizenship and Civic Learning** – Motion No. 11, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Ms. Ballerini and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 3, which supports Citizenship and Civic Learning be adopted.

IV. Student Expulsion/Involuntary Transfer Recommendations – None

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

Marcos Dolla shared his concerns about the denial of services for his disabled daughter and all the steps he has taken so that his daughter can receive services. He indicated that Mr. Singh informed him that he will be contacting him tomorrow to discuss.

VI. Consent Agenda – Action – Motion No. 12, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Ms. Ballerini and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that items 1 – 20 on the consent agenda be approved.

- 1. Approval of Board Policy Updates** – Approved updates made to Board Policy 6158: Independent Study as aligned with the California School Boards Association (CSBA).
- 2. Approval of Minutes** – Approved the minutes from the regular board meeting that was held on July 22, 2025, and from the special board meeting that was held on July 29, 2025.
- 3. Personnel Actions** – Approved personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements, and returns from reemployment lists as submitted.
- 4. Revised & New Job Descriptions** – Approved the following new and revised job descriptions; Director II Payroll and Benefits and Fiscal Specialist Special Programs.
- 5. Certification of Administrator's Competence to Evaluate** – Granted Certification of Administrator's Competence to Evaluate for the newly-hired district administrator, Brenda Ramos, who successfully completed the district's training process.
- 6. Acceptance of Gifts** – Approved donations to the district's schools/programs as submitted.
- 7. Warrant Register No. 12** – Approved Warrant Register No. 12 – Warrant Numbers 160331-161863 and 464213-465187 for all funds, June 1, 2025, through June 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, Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and Agreements for Services** – Approved contracts signed by authorized staff in accordance with Board Policy 3312 as submitted.

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- 10. Intermediate Playground Equipment Removal and Replacement at Anna Kirchgater Elementary School Award of Contract** – Approved the award of contract to Recreation Science, Inc., for the total base bid of \$131,175.00 and authorized administration to sign all documents and contracts pertaining to this work.
- 11. Approval of Authorization to Utilize CMAS Contract for Fall Material Replacement at Anna Kirchgater Elementary School Intermediate Playground** – Approved authorization to utilize 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.
- 12. Valley High School, Science Wing Roofing Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with Clark Roofing, Inc., and authorized a district representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 changes the contract amount of \$399,000.00 by (\$13,560.00) to \$385,440.00.
- 13. Florin High School Portable Foundation Replacement Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Florin High School portable foundation replacement and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 14. Asbestos Abatement at Adult Education Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Asbestos Abatement at Adult Education and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 15. Valley High School, Science Wing Roofing Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Valley High School, Science Wing roofing, and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 16. Engagement of Lease-Leaseback (LLB) Contractor for Exterior Façade at 8 Sites** – Authorized administration to negotiate with FLINT to determine a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) to perform lease-leaseback construction services for exterior facade at the following eight (8) sites:
 - Edna Batey Elementary School, 9421 Stonebrook Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624
 - Maeola R. Beitzel Elementary School, 8140 Caymus Drive, Sacramento, CA 95829
 - Carroll Elementary School, 10325 Stathos Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95757
 - Robert J. Fite Elementary School, 9561 Fite School Road, Sacramento, CA 95829
 - Edward Harris Jr., Middle School, 8691 Power Inn Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624
 - Monterey Trail High School, 8661 Power Inn Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624
 - Prairie Elementary School, 5251 Valley Hi Drive, Sacramento, CA 95823
 - Mary Tsukamoto Elementary School, 8737 Brittany Park Drive, Sacramento, CA 95828
- 17. 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.
- 18. Consulting Services for the Development of a Comprehensive Deferred Maintenance Plan** – Approved the proposed partnership with School Leaders to develop a Comprehensive Deferred Maintenance Plan (DMP) for the district. The total cost of the contract is \$150,000, funded through restricted Deferred Maintenance funds, which are designated specifically for facilities upkeep and infrastructure renewal.

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- 19. 2025-26 Consolidated Application, Spring Data Collection** – Approved the 2025-26 Consolidated application to receive funding for Federal Categorical Aid Programs. The district is estimated to receive approximately \$24 million in federal funding for these programs in fiscal year 2025-26.
- 20. Agricultural Education Incentive Grant Funding Application** – Approved Elk Grove Unified School District’s annual applications for Agricultural Education Incentive Grant Funding for the 2025-2026 program year. In the 2025-2026 school year, Elk Grove High School qualified for \$47,300, Florin High School qualified for \$37,100, Pleasant Grove High School qualified for \$15,900, and Sheldon High School qualified for \$15,900.

VII. Bargaining Units – None

VIII. Reports & Discussion Items

- 1. Start of Schools 2025-2026** – The Board of Education received a presentation from staff about the successful start of schools for the 2025-26 school year. The presentation included school updates, program updates, staffing and enrollment, Parent Resources, safety-related information, and nutrition service information regarding meal service.

Board members provided feedback and thanked staff for the report.

IX. Public Hearing/Action Items – None

X. Action Items

- 1. Elk Grove Unified School District Community Facilities District 2025-2026 Tax Report and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1, 2025-2026** – Motion No. 13, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Ms. Baulwin and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the 2025-26 Elk Grove Unified School District Community Facilities District Tax Report be approved.


XI. Board Member and Superintendent Reports – None

XII. Consideration of Future Agenda Items - None

XIII. Adjournment – 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by:


Michael Vargas, Board President