

ADOPTED MINUTES
El Dorado Union High School District
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Board Meeting
July 29, 2025

Submit to
Board _____

A. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1. Call to Order

This meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Board President David Del Rio in the El Dorado Union High School District Board Room.

As there were no requests to address the Board, Mr. Del Rio closed this portion of the meeting and the Board adjourned for Closed Session discussion on the following agenda items (*GC 54957.7, 54954.5*):

- a. Superintendent: Evaluation, Goals and Objectives
- b. Consider Approval of One Student Suspended Expulsion*

2. The Board reconvened Open Session at [9:05 a.m.] in the El Dorado Union High School District Board Room.

3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member, Mrs. Veerkamp.

4. Attendance

Board Members

David J. Del Rio
Brooke B. Van Komen
Lori M. Veerkamp
Jessica K. Rodgers
Timothy M. Cary

D.O. Staff

Mike Kuhlman, Superintendent/Secretary to the Board
Tony DeVille, Deputy Superintendent
Robert Whittenberg, Assistant Superintendent
Leslie Redkey, Assistant Superintendent
Pam Bartlett, Senior Director
Chuck Palmer, Senior Director
Kelly Parker, Substitute Executive Assistant to
the Superintendent

Student Board Member

Association Representatives

Teri Whiting: CSEA President

Student Board Member, Agamya Rao, was not present for this meeting.

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

Mrs. Van Komen moved to approve; Mrs. Veerkamp seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Del Rio:	<u>Aye</u>
Van Komen:	<u>Aye</u>
Veerkamp:	<u>Aye</u>
Rodgers:	<u>Aye</u>
Cary:	<u>Aye</u>

6. Consent Agenda

There were no Consent Agenda Items for this session.

B. SUPERINTENDENT'S OPENING UPDATES

C. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

E. INVITATION TO ADDRESS THE BOARD (GC54954.3)

1. Faculty Association Leadership Comments

2. California School Employees Association Comments

a. Teri Whiting welcomed the Board back from their summer break.

3. Public Comments

a. There were no public comments made.

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent Mike Kuhlman presented Resolution #2025/26-01 to amend and clarify the compensation provisions in the employment agreements of retired Superintendent Dr. Ronald J. Carruth. The resolution addresses concerns raised by CalSTRS, which initially determined that certain longevity increases in Dr. Carruth's Agreements may not qualify as creditable compensation due to language suggesting they were contingent upon satisfactory evaluations. To avoid potential financial liability under Education Code section 24616.2(a)(2), the amended agreements clarify the longevity increases were not performance-based and were intended to be creditable under CalSTRS regulations. These amendments involve no new or additional compensation and reflect the original intent of the Board during Dr. Carruth's tenure.

Mr. Cary moved to approve the clarification of Ron Carruth's Superintendent Contract. Mrs. Veerkamp seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Del Rio: Aye

Van Komen: Aye

Veerkamp: Aye

Rodgers: Aye

Cary: Aye

G. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

H. BUSINESS SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Cenergistic Contract: Robert Whittenberg presented to the Board the highlights of the Cenergistic Contract Addendum. The District has an existing agreement with Cenergistics

to implement and support energy conservation initiatives across District facilities. The program has contributed to significant energy savings and operational efficiencies since its inception. The addendum to the current agreement would extend the contract to 60 months and lower the fee structure from \$18,900 a month to \$12,900 a month.

Cenergistic Representatives, Anthony Williams and Kendall Wagner thanked the Board of Trustees for their continued support of their partnership with the EDUHSD.

Mrs. Van Komen moved to approve the addendum to the original agreement with Cenergistics. Mrs. Rodgers seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Del Rio: Aye
Van Komen: Aye
Veerkamp: Aye
Rodgers: Aye
Cary: Aye

J. STUDENT SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Consideration of Student Disciplinary Matters Relating to the Suspended Expulsion and/or Readmission. (GC54954.5[h]; C 35146, 48918[c])

Mrs. Veerkamp moved to approve the suspended expulsion of student #2025-14. Mrs. Rodgers seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Del Rio: Aye
Van Komen: Aye
Veerkamp: Aye
Rodgers: Aye
Cary: Aye

F. HUMAN RESOURCES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

K. OTHER – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Ponderosa High School Stadium Upgrade Project. The Board received a presentation from Jeremy Hunt, Principal of Ponderosa High School and Lisa Ridgely, President Ponderosa High School Athletic Boosters, regarding the proposed Stadium Improvement Project. The current scoreboard at PHS is outdated, partially nonfunctional, and beyond repair, with a sound system that no longer meets the needs of the stadium. Additionally, the process of updating sponsor signage is costly and inefficient, limiting the school's ability to generate revenue. The Booster Club emphasized that a new, modern scoreboard with a large video display and integrated audio system would serve as a community centerpiece, enhance school pride, and improve the spectator experience at school and community events. The project also offers significant revenue-generating opportunities through digital advertising, local business sponsorships, and event promotions. In addition, the scoreboard presents educational benefits by allowing students to gain hands-on experience in media production, live streaming, and digital content creation, providing valuable real-world learning opportunities.

Naming rights to Bruin Field was a concern voiced by all five Board Members. Board Policy 1325 does not support naming permanent structures after people or companies. The Board asked that an alternative naming agreement be reached with the community sponsor.

The Board thanked the PHS Athletic Booster Club President for all of her hard work on the PHS Stadium Improvement Project.

L. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY BOARD AND CABINET, IF NEEDED

This session was not needed.

M. CLOSED SESSION

This session was not needed.

N. OPEN SESSION-

This session was not needed.

O. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, David Del Rio adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Mike Kuhlman
Secretary to the Board of Trustees