

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, NOVEMBER 18, 2025

*Adopted*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michael Vargas, Board President; Sean Yang, Board 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 54956.8:** Conference with Real Property Negotiators

**Property:** APNs 067-0100-018 and 067-0100-023 (portion); N. Campus Rd. at West Park Dr., Rancho Cordova, Sacramento County

**District Negotiators:** Kristen Coates, Ed.D; Daniel Maruccia

**Negotiating Parties:** John Young (Mark and Heather Clewett Revocable Trust), Robbe Lehmann (Big George Ventures)

**Under Negotiation:** Price and terms

**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 6:03 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](http://www.youtube.com/user/elkgroveunified)

**I. EGUSD Land Acknowledgement/ Pledge of Allegiance** – Trina Keating led the pledge of allegiance on behalf of Elizabeth and Kaegan List who were recognized by the Board of Education for their dedication, service and continuous positive impact at Dillard Elementary School.

**II. Presentations/Recognitions**

**1. Student Regional Report – Cosumnes Oaks Region:** Students from Cosumnes Oaks High School, Elizabeth Pinkerton Middle School, Elliott Ranch Elementary School, Miwok Village Elementary School, and Zehnder Ranch Elementary School reported on academics and activities at their schools.

**2. California Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Coalition Recognition** – The Board of Education commended 66 schools that were recognized by the California PBIS Coalition for successful Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) implementation at the platinum, gold, silver, and bronze levels.

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- 3. Elliott Ranch Elementary Honored as 2025 California Blue Ribbon School** – The Elliott Ranch Elementary team was recognized by the Board of Education for their school being honored as a 2025 California Blue Ribbon School nominee.

## III. Resolutions – None

## IV. Student Expulsion/Involuntary Transfer Recommendations

- 1. Request for Student Expulsion** – Motion No. 48, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Ms. Albiani and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the recommendations for student expulsion be approved.

## V. Public Comment

Crystal McGee expressed her disappointment with the status of negotiations and shared concerns regarding the new superintendent's contract.

Kirk Thomson shared concerns about teachers who celebrated the death of Charlie Kirk and asked for information about the disciplinary action taken while understanding that the information is confidential but asked that the district be transparent.

- VI. Consent Agenda – Action** – Motion No. 49, 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 – 37 on the consent agenda be approved.

Public Comment: Dr. Wes Dumly spoke in support of the transportation department.

- 1. Approval of Board Policy Updates** – Approved the updates made to Board Policy 6142.94: History-Social Science Instruction as aligned with the California School Boards Association (CSBA).
- 2. Approval of Minutes** – Approved the minutes from the board meeting minutes from October 7, 2025, October 17, 2025, October 21, 2025, November 4, 2025, and November 8, 2025.
- 3. Personnel Actions** – Approved personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements, and returns from reemployment lists as submitted.
- 4. Certification of Administrator's Competence to Evaluate** – Granted Certification of Administrator's Competence to Evaluate to newly-hired district administrators, Priya Singh and Shannon Young, who have successfully completed the district's training process.
- 5. Acceptance of Gifts** – Approved donations to the district's schools/programs as submitted.
- 6. Quarterly Investment Report** – Received a quarterly report of investments as submitted.
- 7. Warrant Register No. 3** – Approved Warrant Register No. 3 – Warrant Numbers 164717-166103 and 467144-468330 for all funds, September 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025.
- 8. Warrant Register No. 4** – Approved Warrant Register No. 4 – Warrant Numbers 166104-168073 and 468331-469215 for all funds, October 1, 2025, through October 31, 2025.
- 9. 2024-25 Annual and Five-Year Developer Fees Report** – Received the Annual and Five-Year Report of 2024-25 Developer Fees.

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- 10. Ratification of Grant Contracts/Agreements for Funding** – Approved grant contracts/agreements signed by authorized staff as submitted.
- 11. Approval and/or Ratification of Contracts, Memorandums of Understanding and Agreements for Services** – Approved contracts signed by authorized staff in accordance with Board Policy 3312 as submitted.
- 12. Approval of Purchase Order Encumbrance Modification History** – Approved purchase order encumbrance modifications from October 7, 2025 – October 31, 2025.
- 13. Approval of Purchase Order History** – Approved purchase orders for the weeks of October 1, 2025, through October 31, 2025.
- 14. 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.
- 15. Approval to Award Bid #811-25/26 – Delivered Plumbing & Irrigation Parts & Supplies** – Authorized the award of Bid #811-25/26 Delivered Plumbing Irrigation Parts & Supplies with Heritage Landscape Supply Group, Inc. dba Normac.
- 16. Approval to Purchase Cleaning Supplies, Equipment & Custodial Related Products, Services & Solutions** – Authorized the purchase of Cleaning Supplies, Equipment & Custodial Related Products, Services & Solutions from HD Supply, formerly Home Depot Pro Institutional, through an RFP secured by OMNIA Contract # 25-JH-011.
- 17. Jessie Baker School Modernization, Phase 2 Lease-Leaseback (LLB) Engagement** – Authorized administration to engage with XL Construction Corporation to perform the Jessie Baker School Modernization, Phase 2 project to determine a Guaranteed Maximum Price.
- 18. Robert L. Trigg Education Center, North Annex Campus Improvements Lease-Leaseback (LLB) Engagement** – Authorized Administration to engage with CORE West, Inc. to perform the Robert L. Trigg Education Center, North Annex Campus Improvements project to determine a Guaranteed Maximum Price.
- 19. Elitha Donner Elementary School, Water Damage Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with C.T. Brayton & Sons, Inc., and authorized a District Representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 changes the contract amount of \$695,807.00 by (\$131,450.00) to \$564,357.00.
- 20. Elitha Donner Elementary School, Water Damage Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Elitha Donner Elementary School, Water Damage and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 21. Elk Grove High School, Phase 4 and Phase 5 Change Order No. 2** – Approved Phase 4 and Phase 5, Change Order No. 2 FLINT and authorized a District Representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 2 changes the contract amount of \$59,574,863.00 by (\$87,948.00) to \$59,486,915.00.
- 22. Elk Grove High School Modernization, Phase 4 and Phase 5 Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Elk Grove High School Modernization, Phase 4 and Phase 5 and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.

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- 23. Fall Material Replacement at Sierra Enterprise Elementary School Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with sofSURFACES, Inc., and authorized a District Representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 changes the contract amount of \$242,175.86 by (\$10,000.00) to \$232,175.86.
- 24. Fall Material Replacement at Sierra Enterprise Elementary School Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of fall material replacement at Sierra Enterprise Elementary School and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 25. Approval to Award Bid #807-25/26 – Charter Bus Services** – Authorized the award of Bid #807-25/26 Charter Bus Services.
- 26. Approval to Proceed with a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Purchase of a Forms and Workflow Automation Solution** – Adopted Resolution No. 34, 2025-26, authorizing the Elk Grove Unified School District’s Purchasing Department to utilize the RFP process, pursuant to Public Contract Code 20118.2, to solicit proposals to implement a forms and workflow automation solution.
- 27. Approval to Proceed with a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Purchase of a Student Attendance Intervention System Solution** – Adopted Resolution No. 33, 2025-26, authorizing the Elk Grove Unified School District’s Purchasing Department to utilize the RFP process, pursuant to Public Contract Code 20118.2, to solicit proposals to implement a student intervention attendance software solution.
- 28. Valley High School, Black Box Theater Stair Award of Contract** – Approved the award of contract to 345 Builders LLC for the total base bid of \$18,575.00.
- 29. Addendum to the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant 2021 Plan** – Approved an addendum to the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant 2021 Plan (adopted December 14, 2021) authorized by AB 130 and amended by AB 167.
- 30. Capitol Impact Consulting, LLC Contract** – Approved the contract with Capitol Impact Consulting, LLC. The total contract amount is \$308,700 to be paid through Golden State Pathways Program grants.
- 31. 2026-2027 EGUSD Middle School Course Catalog and 2026-2027 EGUSD High School Course Catalog and College/Career Planning Guide** – Adopted the 2026-2027 EGUSD Middle School Course Catalog and the 2026-2027 EGUSD High School Course Catalog and College/Career Planning Guide. The 2026-2027 course catalogs are provided to students and families electronically via the District website at <https://www.egusd.net/District/Academics/Course-Catalogs/index.html> and through each school’s website. The catalogs are provided in English and Spanish and include recent new course adoptions.
- 32. New High School Course** – Adopted the following new high school course:
  - **Ethnic Studies Online** (Social Science, Grades 9-12) (half-year equivalent, 5 credits)  
This course introduces students to the study of societies and cultures, with an emphasis on understanding how historical, social, political, and economic factors shape human experiences. By examining the histories of race, ethnicity, nationality, and culture, students will gain insight into how these concepts influence individuals and communities in the United States and around the world. The course encourages students to develop respect for diverse perspectives and to recognize the ways in which cultural traditions and historical experiences contribute to our shared society.

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- 33. Revisions to High School Courses** – Revised the following high school courses:
- **Medical Assistant** (Course #12654), It is requested to reduce the credits from 30 to 20.
  - **Fire and Emergency Services, Introduction** to (Course #12028), It is requested to remove all prerequisites and to change the biology recommendation to Chemistry in the Earth System.
  - **Fundamentals of Public Health** (Course #12408), It is requested to change the language of the prerequisite to “recommended.”
  - **Green Energy Technology I** (Course #12751), It is requested to change the language of the prerequisite to “recommended.”
  - **Human Body Systems Honors (PLTW)** (Course #12162), It is requested to change the co-requisite to “Mathematics I or higher.”
  - **Introduction to Engineering Design** (Course #12349), It is requested to change the prerequisite to “Mathematics I with a grade of C or better (recommended).”
  - **Sports Therapy** (Course #12400), It is requested to change the prerequisite to “Biology of the Living Earth (recommended).”
  - **Medical Careers** (Course #12668), It is requested to change the pre-requisite and co-requisite to the following: Prerequisite: Mathematics I with a grade of C or higher (recommended); Biology of the Living Earth (recommended) Co-requisite: Chemistry in the Earth System and Mathematics II (recommended).
  - **Video Production I** (Course #12152), It is requested to remove the prerequisites.
  - **Digital Art/Graphic Design Production** (Course #12143), It is requested to remove “Students are strongly recommended to complete Art I and Computer Technology prior to the class” and add the prerequisite “Art I, Photography I or Digital Photography I (recommended).”

- 34. Instructional Materials Adoption** – Adopted the following instructional materials which will be paid for using site funds:

**Supplemental**

- *Sound Innovations for String Orchestra, Book 1 and Book 2*, (VAPA, Grades 7-12)
- *Getting in Gear, Fundamental Warm-ups, Book 1*, (VAPA, Grades 7-12)
- *The Council for Boys and Young Men Complete Set*, (MTSS Intervention, Grade 8)
- *Character Strong Tier 2*, (SEL, Grades TK-12)

- 35. Resolution in Support of Career Technical Education Facilities Program (CTEFP)** – Approved Resolution No. 35, 2025-26, for (CTEFP) projects and applications.

- 36. Out-of-State Field Trips** – Approved the out-of-state field trips listed below:

<b>High School</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Field Trip Purpose</b>	<b>Dates of Trip</b>
Elk Grove HS	Reno, NV	Sierra Nevada Classic Wrestling Tournament	December 28-30, 2025
Elk Grove HS	New York, NY	New York Wind Band Festival	March 8-12, 2026
Sheldon HS	Ashland, OR	Oregon Shakespeare Festival	April 28, 2026 – May 1, 2026

- 37. Approval for the District to Prepare and Submit a Request for Proposal for DNS/DHCP/IPAM Infrastructure and Installation** – Authorized the Elk Grove Unified School District to submit a Request for Proposal (RFP) for DNS/DHCP/IPAM Infrastructure and Installation (E-rate eligible).

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## VII. Bargaining Units

James Sutter, of EGEA, thanked the Board for developing the budget priorities and recommendations. Mr. Sutter also shared his thoughts and concerns about the upcoming cuts.

Vicky Trimmingham, EGEA Lead Director for Secondary, shared her concerns about the reduction of counselors funded by ESSER and how this reduction will negatively impact students and staff. Ms. Trimmingham asked that a ratio using current enrollment or the upcoming increase in enrollment be used.

Edgard Baltodano, of ATU, spoke in support of the ATU membership and expressed his concerns about the struggles they are facing with the rising cost of health insurance, lack of fair wages and expressed his frustration about the lack of the completion of negotiations.

## VIII. Reports & Discussion Items

- 1. Budget Priority Recommendations and Confirmation of Direction** – The Board of Education held their final discussion to confirm their direction of the budget priority recommendations to staff. They recognized those involved in the difficult decisions that were made and thanked everyone who attended board meetings and spoke during public comment. All board members supported the recommendations.

### *Public Comment:*

Jaimie King thanked the Board and Cabinet and shared her concerns about the new support plan for AVID.

Allison Roganovick thanked the Board and Cabinet and shared her concerns about eliminating roles that impact students.

Brynn Lum expressed her concerns about the reduction of Program Educators in Ed Equity and shared information about the importance of these roles.

## IX. Public Hearing/Action Items – None

*Board President Vargas called for a break at 8:10 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 8:23 p.m.*

## X. Action Items

- 1. Gateway Community Charter (GCC) / Sacramento Academic and Vocational Academy (SAVA) – Elk Grove Charter Renewal Presentation** – Motion No. 50, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Ms. Baulwin and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the Elk Grove Charter Renewal be approved.
- 2. Calendar Conversion Recommendation for Arnold Adreani Elementary School** – Motion No. 51, 2025-26, Motion by Ms. Baulwin, seconded by Mr. Vargas and carried by a 4 – 3 vote, in favor of the transition of Arnold Adreani Elementary School from a Traditional to a Multi-Track Year-Round calendar be approved. *Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Albiani, Baulwin, Davis, Vargas; Nays: Ballerini, Moore, Yang; Absent: None*

### *Public Comment:*

James Klunschel, Anja Westerhaus, Ben Triffo, Jeffrey Medeiros, Navneet Sharma, Michelle Coughlan and Bick Lam spoke in opposition of converting Adreani Elementary to a year-round calendar. Each shared their reasons for keeping the traditional calendar and asked that the Board not approve the change.

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*At 10:02 p.m., Motion No. 52, 2025-26, Motion by Ms. Albiani, seconded by Ms. Ballerini and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the meeting will be extended to 10:20 p.m.*

- 3. Superintendent Employment Agreement** - Motion No. 53, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Ms. Ballerini and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the Superintendents Employment Agreement be approved. *Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Albiani, Ballerini, Baulwin, Davis, Moore, Yang, Vargas; Nays: None; Absent: None*
- 4. Establishment of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education** – Motion No. 54, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Ms. Ballerini and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the annual organizational meeting of the Board of Education at the regularly scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Robert L. Trigg Education Center be established.

**XI. Board Member and Superintendent Reports – None**

**XII. Consideration of Future Agenda Items - None**

**XIII. Adjournment – 10:13 p.m.**

Submitted by Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Michael Vargas, Board President