

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, DECEMBER 16, 2025

Adopted

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Vargas, Board President; Sean Yang, Board Clerk; Beth Albiani, Jennifer Ballerini, Delia Baulwin, Susan Davis, Heidi Moore; Absent: 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 Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint

II. 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 6:00 p.m., announced that the Board met in closed session and the following action was taken.

I. Government Code Section 54957: In closed session, the Board unanimously approved to adopt, in full, the proposed decision of a Hearing Officer dismissing a permanent campus supervisor from District employment, effective immediately.

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 – Sonia Khangura was recognized by the Board of Education for her dedication and support within the Zehnder Ranch Elementary community.

II. Annual Organizational Meeting

1. Election of Officers

Board President – Ms. Ballerini moved to nominate Ms. Albiani for Board President; Ms. Albiani accepted the nomination.

Motion No. 56, 2025-26, Motion by Ms. Ballerini, seconded by Ms. Baulwin and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Ms. Albiani be elected President of the Board of Education. *Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Albiani, Ballerini, Baulwin, Davis, Moore, Vargas, Yang; Nays – None; Absent - None*

Board Clerk/Vice President – Ms. Davis moved to nominate Ms. Ballerini for Clerk/Vice President of the Board of Education. Ms. Ballerini accepted the nomination.

Motion No. 57, 2025-26, Motion by Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Baulwin and by a 6 to 1 vote of all board members present that Ms. Ballerini be elected Clerk/Vice President of the Board of Education. *Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Albiani, Ballerini, Baulwin, Davis, Moore, Vargas; Nays – Yang; Absent - None*

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2. **Establishment of Date, Time, and Place of Meetings** – Motion No. 58, Motion by Ms. Ballerini, seconded by Ms. Baulwin and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that we continue to hold meetings the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m., and between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. for closed session, when necessary, with the place of the meetings being determined by the Secretary to the Board of Education.
 - **Presentation of the Gavel to Incoming President** – Superintendent Hoffman presented the gavel to the incoming Board President, Beth Albiani, who chaired the remainder of the board meeting.
 - **Presentation of the Gavel to the Outgoing President** – Superintendent Hoffman presented the gavel to outgoing Board President, Michael Vargas.

III. Presentations/Recognitions

1. **Student Regional Report – Laguna Creek Region:** Students from Laguna Creek High School, Harriet Eddy Middle School, Elitha Donner Elementary, John Ehrhardt Elementary, Foulks Ranch Elementary, Marion Mix Elementary, and Joseph Sims Elementary reported on academics and activities at their schools.
2. **Recognition of Superintendent Christopher Hoffman by the Honorable Stephanie Nguyen, 10th Assembly District** – Superintendent Christopher Hoffman was commended by the Honorable Stephanie Nguyen and the 10th Assembly District for his visionary role in guiding the development of the Elk Grove Unified School District.
3. **Recognition of Superintendent Christopher Hoffman by the City of Elk Grove** – The City of Elk Grove’s Mayor Bobbie Singh Allen recognized and acknowledged Superintendent Hoffman's support of the Elk Grove community, his 33 years of service in public education, and his legacy of educational excellence in the Elk Grove Unified School District.
4. **Recognition of Superintendent Christopher Hoffman by the EGUSD First Foundation** – The EGUSD First Foundation recognized Superintendent Hoffman’s eleven years of service as Superintendent and his outstanding contributions to the EGUSD First Foundation.

IV. Resolutions

1. **Observation of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday** – Motion No. 59, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Mr. Vargas and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 36 designating January 19, 2026, as a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday be approved.

V. Student Expulsion/Involuntary Transfer Recommendations

1. **Request for Student Expulsion** – Motion No. 60, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Vargas, seconded by Ms. Moore and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the recommendations for student expulsion be approved.
2. **Request for Student Return from Expulsion** – Motion No. 61, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Vargas, seconded by Ms. Baulwin and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the recommendations for students seeking readmission from expulsion to the Elk Grove Unified School District be approved.

VI. Public Comment

Elvia Vasquez and Beatrice Smith thanked the Board for the free Sacramento RT transportation services for students and discussed the program’s value and positive impact on students and families.

April J. and Rigo Tovar shared information about AB 1354 and the Sacramento Literacy Foundation.

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Messiah M. congratulated Superintendent Hoffman for his retirement, and shared information about the Sacramento Literacy Foundation.

VII. Consent Agenda – Action – Motion No. 62, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Vargas, seconded by Ms. Davis and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that items 1 – 31 on the consent agenda be approved.

- 1. Approval of Board Policy Updates** – Approved updates made to Board Policy 5148.2: Before/After School Programs 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 November 18, 2025, and the special board meeting that was held on December 9, 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 job descriptions as submitted; Accounting Technician I, Accounting Technician III, Manager II – Facilities Development, Manager II – Facilities Planning, Programmer Analyst III, and Speech and Language Pathologist.
- 5. Updated Salary Schedule** – Approved the 2025-26 EGTEAMS Management #18 and #28 salary schedule has been updated to include the new position of Manager II - Facilities Development.
- 6. Acceptance of Gifts** – Approved donations to the district’s schools/programs as submitted.
- 7. Resolution No. 32, 2025-26, Approving the 2024-25 Annual and Five-Year Developer Fees Report - Annual and Five-Year Report of 2024-25 Developer Fees and related Resolution No. 32, 2025-26.**
- 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.
- 10. Approval of Purchase Order Encumbrance Modification History** – Approved purchase order encumbrance modifications from November 1, 2025 – December 1, 2025.
- 11. Approval of Purchase Order History** – Approved purchase orders for the weeks of November 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025.
- 12. 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.
- 13. Disposal of Various Obsolete/Surplus Property – Transportation** – Authorized the disposal of two vehicles listed below. 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.

Vehicle ID #: 265CC
Year/Make: 2002 GEM
VIN: 5ASAK27452F031341
License: 1148523
Mileage: 8000

No parts available.

Vehicle ID #: 248SP
Year/Make: 2003 Ford Crown Victoria
VIN: 2FAFP71W83X129181
License: 1377197
Mileage: 152868

No parts available to repair.

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- 14. 2025 Summer Relocatable Classrooms Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with S+B James Construction California, Inc., and authorized a District Representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 changes the contract amount of \$6,025,639.00 by (\$268,533.14) to \$5,757,105.86.
- 15. Approval to Award RFP #812-25/26 – Refrigerated Trucks** – Authorized the award of RFP #812-25/26 Refrigerated Trucks; Riverview International Trucks, LLC.
- 16. Approval to Purchase Fire and Emergency Services Related Equipment and Products** – Authorized the purchase of fire and emergency services related equipment and products from W.S. Darley & Co., through an RFP secured by Sourcewell Contract # 020124-WSD.
- 17. Approval of Authorization to Utilize CMAS Contract for Fall Material Installation at Joseph Kerr Middle School** – Approved authorization to utilize CMAS 4-22-06-1031/Base Sourcewell Contract #010521-SFS, for Non-Information Technology Commodities, with sofSURFACES, Inc., and authorize a District Representative to sign and approve these services.
- 18. Franklin High School, Roofing 2025 Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with MCM Roofing Co., Inc., and authorized a District Representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 changes the contract amount of \$2,258,000.00 by (\$47,318.45) to \$2,210,681.55.
- 19. Franklin High School, Roofing 2025 Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Franklin High School, Roofing 2025 and authorize the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 20. Playground Equipment Removal and Installation at Anna Kirchgater Elementary School, Kinder Playground Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Playground Equipment Removal and Installation at Anna Kirchgater Elementary School, Kinder Playground and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 21. Charles Mack Elementary School, Front Landscape Improvements Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with Modernscapes Innovations and authorized a District Representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 changes the contract amount of \$489,960.00 by \$73,400.00 to \$563,360.00.
- 22. Charles Mack Elementary School, Front Landscape Improvements Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Charles Mack Elementary School, Front Landscape Improvements and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 23. 2025 Summer Relocatable Classrooms Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of 2025 Summer Relocatable Classrooms and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 24. Arbor Ranch Elementary School, Phase 1 GMP Amendment Lease-Leaseback Agreement** – Approved a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendment for Arbor Ranch Elementary School; and Authorized Administration to sign all documents necessary for an Amendment to Lease-Leaseback Contract and Schedule of Sublease Payments with Balfour Beatty Construction, LLC, and Negotiate future GMP(s) for the Arbor Ranch Elementary School.

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- 25. Head Start 2024-2025 Budget Carryover** – Approved Agency Agreement No. 24C2251SO by and between Elk Grove Unified School District and Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA), Budget Carryover from Program Year 2024-2025 to Program Year 2025-2026.
- 26. Out-of-State Field Trip** – Approved the following out-of-state field trip:
Franklin High School Reno, NV McQueen High School March 19-20, 2026
Softball Tournament
- 27. Approval of Title I School Parent and Family Engagement Policies and School Compacts** – Approved the current Title I School Parent and Family Engagement Policies and School Compacts.
- 28. Instructional Materials Adoption** – Adopted instructional materials have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate subject-area steering committee(s) and the Elk Grove Unified School District Curriculum Council as submitted.
- 29. Revision to Existing Curriculum** – Approved revisions to existing board-adopted curriculum (Instructional Material) that have undergone review and approval by the appropriate steering committee(s) and the Elk Grove Unified School District Curriculum Council as submitted.
- 30. New High School Course** – Adopted the following new high school course as submitted:
Foundations of Language and Literacy (ELD/ELA, Grades 7-12) (one-year equivalent, 10 credits)
- 31. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Sacramento County Office of Education** – Approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Elk Grove Unified School District and Sacramento County Office of Education for \$426,450.00. SCOE supports educators through research-based, context-specific leadership development, and planning and professional learning programs. SCOE will continue to support districts in Sacramento County in using arts and mentoring as a Tier I and Tier II intervention as part of a multi-tiered system of support.

VIII. Bargaining Units

Diane Campbell and Jeremiah Miller expressed AFSCME’s appreciation for Superintendent Hoffman and extended their best wishes as he enters retirement.

Yolanda Saunders of CSEA thanked Superintendent Hoffman for his leadership and partnership.

IX. Reports & Discussion Items – None

X. Public Hearing/Action Items – None

XI. Action Items

1. 2026-27 Open Enrollment

Public Comment: Katheryn Maldonado, Megan Martinez and Richard A. requested that the Board reconsider the proposed boundary changes in the Rancho Verde neighborhood and expressed their concerns about the proposal.

Motion No. 63, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Vargas, seconded by Ms. Moore and by a 6 to 1 vote of all board members present the staff recommendations for the 2026-27 open enrollment process and timeline were approved. *Ayes: Albiani, Baulwin, Davis, Moore, Vargas, Yang; Nays: Ballerini; Absent: None*

2. 2025-26 First Interim Report – Motion No. 64, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Mr. Vargas and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the 2025-26 First Interim Report be approved.

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

XIII. Consideration of Future Agenda Items – None

XIV. Adjournment – 8:47 p.m.

Submitted by David E. Reilly, Superintendent

Approved by: 
Beth Albiani, Board President