

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, MAY 5, 2026

*Adopted*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Beth Albiani, Board President; Jennifer Ballerini, Board Clerk; Delia Baulwin, Susan Davis, Heidi Moore, Sean Yang and Michael Vargas; Zi Zhong, Student Board Member

**OTHERS PRESENT:** David E. Reilly, Superintendent; Kristen Coates, Ed.D. and Mark Cerutti, Deputy Superintendents; Jenifer Avey and Chad Sweitzer, Assistant Superintendents; Amreek Singh, Chief Human Resources Officer; Corrie Buckmaster, Travis Collier, Ed.D., Lindsey Lilley, Executive Directors; Amari Watkins, Chief Financial Officer; Todd Barber, Chief Technology Officer; Michelle Drake and Mark Vierra, Chiefs of Labor Relations

**CLOSED SESSION:** Ms. Albiani 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. Ms. Albiani 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 Negotiator:** Kristen Coates, Ed.D.; Hannah Dayton; Dan 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 Appointment/Employment - Management Position; Middle School Principal
- III. Government Code Section 54957:** Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint
- IV. Government Code Section 54957.6:** Conference with Labor Negotiators  
**Agency Designated Representatives:** David E. Reilly, Karen Rezendes, Amreek Singh, Kristen Coates, Amari Watkins, Mark Cerutti, Michelle Drake, Mark Vierra  
**Employee Organizations:** All Elk Grove Unified School District Bargaining Units and Unrepresented Employees

**OPEN SESSION:** Ms. Albiani called the meeting back to order at 6:01 p.m., announced that the Board met in closed session and that no action was taken.

Ms. Albiani 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** – Sarah Smoldon led the pledge of allegiance and was recognized by the Board of Education for her contributions at Toby Johnson Middle School.
- II. Presentations/Recognitions**
  - 1. Student Regional Report – Pleasant Grove Region** – Students from Pleasant Grove High, Katherine L. Albiani Middle School, Arnold Adreani Elementary, Edna Batey Elementary, Cosumnes River Elementary, C.W. Dillard Elementary, Robert J. McGarvey Elementary, Pleasant Grove Elementary, Sierra Enterprise Elementary and Sunrise Elementary reported on academics and activities at their schools.

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- 2. Student Board Member Recognition** – The Board of Education recognized Student Board Member Zi Xuan Zhong for his service during the 2025-26 school year.
- 3. Student Board Member Recommendation** – Motion No. 131, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Ms. Baulwin and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Anoushka Vyas be seated as student board member and officially begin on July 1, 2026.

## III. Resolutions

- 1. Classified School Employees Week** – Motion No. 132, 2025-26, Motion by Ms. Ballerini, seconded by Ms. Davis and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution 93, 2025-26, recognizing May 17 - 23, 2026, as Classified School Employees Week in the Elk Grove Unified School District be adopted.

*Public Comment:* Diane Campbell, AFSCME President, shared that classified staff greatly appreciates the recognition. Ms. Campbell encouraged trustees to express their gratitude to classified employees not only during Classified School Employee Week, but throughout the year in recognition of their valuable contributions and dedication.

- 2. Hmong American Day** – Motion No. 133, 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. 88, 2025-26, designating May 14, 2026, as Hmong American Day, as a time to remember and honor Hmong people's history, stories, and contributions in the Vietnam War be adopted.

## IV. Student Expulsion/Involuntary Transfer Recommendations

- 1. Request for Student Expulsion** – Motion No. 134, 2025-26, Motion by Ms. Ballerini, seconded by Mr. Yang and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the recommendations for student expulsion be approved.

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

Lorreen Pryor expressed concerns regarding an adult at John Ehrhardt Elementary School who has been harassing a student. She stated that the individual had previously been placed on leave and that issues have arisen since their return. Ms. Pryor requested assistance in addressing the matter.

Cheryl Griess recognized the winners of the Elk Grove Spring Palooza Poster Contest: Lucien from Elk Grove High School, who earned first place, and Natalia from Pleasant Grove High School, who earned second place. Mr. Lyndon King congratulated both students and presented awards of \$150 to the first-place winner and \$100 to the second-place winner.

- VI. Consent Agenda – Action** – Motion No. 135, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Mr. Vargas and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that items 1 – 13 on the consent agenda be approved.

- 1. Approval of Minutes** – Approved the minutes from the regular board meeting that was held on April 7, 2026.
- 2. Approval of Resolutions Regarding Board Member Absences** – Approved Resolution No. 91, 2025-26, authorizing payment of the monthly compensation to Sean Yang for a meeting missed on March 6, 2026, due to hardship. The Board approved Resolution No. 92, 2025-26, authorizing payment of the monthly compensation to Michael Vargas for a meeting missed on

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April 21, 2026, for performance of other designated duties for the district during the time of the meeting.

- 3. Personnel Actions** – Approved personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements, and returns from reemployment lists as submitted.
- 4. Ratification of Updated Salary Schedule** – Approved CSEA Salary Schedule #23 to reflect the recently approved Job Description for Teaching Associate — Arts Education - 7-12 that was Board Approved at the March 10, 2026, Board Meeting.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Disposal of Obsolete/Surplus Property** – Authorized the disposal of obsolete/surplus property as submitted. 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.
- 7. Jessie Baker School Modernization, Phase 2 Lease-Leaseback Agreement (GMP)** – Approved a Lease-Leaseback Agreement with XL Construction Corporation for the Jessie Baker School Modernization, Phase 2 Project, and approved the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$12,561,021.00.
- 8. Arnold Adreani Elementary School Relocatable Additions Lease-Leaseback (LLB) Engagement** – Authorized administration to negotiate with F & H Construction to determine a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) to perform the Arnold Adreani Elementary School Relocatable Additions project and approved the Lease-Leaseback Agreement, Site Lease and Sublease for the project.
- 9. T. R. Smedberg Middle School Modernization Lease-Leaseback Agreement (GMP)** – Approved a Lease-Leaseback Agreement with C. T. Brayton & Sons, Inc., for the T. R. Smedberg Middle School Modernization Project, and approved the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$18,446,198.00.
- 10. 2026 Summer Relocatable Additions at Various Sites Lease-Leaseback (LLB) Engagement** – Authorized Administration to negotiate with C. T. Brayton & Sons, Inc., to determine a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) to perform the 2026 Summer Relocatable Additions at Various Sites project and approved the Lease-Leaseback Agreement, Site Lease and Sublease for the project.
- 11. Professional Services for Energy Conservation Services** – Authorized Administration to approve the updated list of qualified consulting firms to provide energy conservation services and approved the professional services recommendation related to the District’s Facilities Master Planning (FMP) services and related projects.
  - Entergy System Group
  - Schneider Electric
  - Opterra Energy Services
  - Willdan

**12. Out-of-State Field Trip** – Approved the following out-of-state field trip listed below:

School	Field Trip Destination	Field Trip Purpose	Dates of Trip
Franklin High School	Atlanta, GA	Skills US National Leadership Conference	May 31 - June 6, 2026

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- 13. Head Start Delegate Agency Agreement** – Approved Resolution No. 90, 2025-26, authorizing the execution of the 2026-2027 School Year Delegate Agency Agreement #27C2251S0 between Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD) and Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA) for the operation of a Head Start Program under the Head Start Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 9801.

## VII. Bargaining Units

Vanessa Mediano, EGEA Associate Director - Special Education, spoke of the annual Special Education update that was presented at a previous board meeting and of a question that was raised about co-teaching. Ms. Mediano spoke in support of co-teaching and shared her personal experiences with the effectiveness co-teaching can have on student access, engagement and outcomes.

*Ms. Albiani called for a break at 7:07 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 7:13 p.m.*

## VIII. Reports & Discussion Items

- 1. Project Labor Agreements (PLA) Update** – Dr. Kristen Coates provided information regarding Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) since the original presentation on December 9th. The presentation included information on the research to date, the work and process of the subcommittee, and recommended next steps.

PLAs are pre-hire collective bargaining agreements between a public entity and one or more construction trade unions. PLAs establish uniform terms and conditions for employment for all craft workers on a project. They typically govern wages, benefits, hours, work rules, and dispute-resolution processes for the duration of the project.

Board members provided feedback, requested that staff bring back additional information to a future board meeting and thanked Dr. Coates for the report.

*Public Comment:*

Aaron Paredes, Rex H., Kathleen, and Ian V. spoke in opposition and expressed their concerns about PLAs.

Matthew Beaston, Kevin F., Will McKee, Reid Jackson, Nieldon Charles, and Orlando Castellon spoke in support of a PLA and shared how their pathway programs benefit students.

*At 9:58 pm, Ms. Albiani called for a motion to extend the meeting past 10:00 pm. Motion by Ms. Ballerini, seconded by Ms. Albiani, and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present.*

## IX. Public Hearing/Action Items

- 1. Adjustment to School Facilities Fees (Developer Fees)** – After Dr. Kristen Coates presented the item, Ms. Albiani opened the public hearing; there were no public comments. Ms. Albiani then closed the public hearing.

Motion No. 136, 2025-26, Motion by Ms. Ballerini, seconded by Mr. Yang and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the findings contained in Resolution No. 86, 2025-26, adopting the Increase in School Facilities Fees and Resolution No. 87, 2025-26, adopting the Alternative School Facilities Fees be approved.

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**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** – 10:53 p.m.

Submitted by David E. Reilly, Superintendent

Approved by:   
Beth Albiani, Board President