

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, SEPTEMBER 9, 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; Middle 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 6:00 p.m., announced that the Board met in closed session and 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

I. EGUSD Land Acknowledgement/Pledge of Allegiance – Ms. Christine Chand led the Pledge of Allegiance and was recognized by the Board of Education for her outstanding contributions to the students and staff at Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School.

II. Presentations/Recognitions - None

III. Resolutions

1. High School Voter Education Weeks Resolution - Motion No. 15, 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. 16, which proclaims the period from September 15-26, 2025, as High School Voter Education Weeks be adopted.

2. Filipino American History Month – Motion No. 16, 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. 17, designating October 2025 as Filipino American History Month be adopted.

3. Hispanic Heritage Month – Motion No. 17, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Ms. Baulwin and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 18, designating September 15 through October 15, 2025, as Hispanic Heritage Month be adopted.

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IV. Student Expulsion/Involuntary Transfer Recommendations

1. Request for Student Expulsion – Motion No. 18, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Ms. Albani and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the recommendations for student expulsions be approved.

2. Request for Return from Student Expulsion – Motion No. 19, 2025-26, Motion by Ms. Albani, seconded by Mr. Yang and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the recommendations for students seeking readmission to Elk Grove Unified School District from expulsion be approved.

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

Amanda Scott, Amber Barnett, and Courtney A. spoke on behalf of students with disabilities and shared their concerns about the para vacancies, revolving substitutes and the effects the lack of structure is having on students.

Kate Nuttall, Tara C., Tori Sahli, Marlene, spoke in support of school social workers and expressed concerns about the potential loss of the positions and requested that the district find a way to continue funding the positions.

Yvette Jackson, Bai Zhen, Yelda Kakar, Brianna Williams, Dina S., Shanice Brown, Hien Chen, and Clara Brown spoke in support of school counselors, highlighting their vital contributions to students across the district. Each speaker urged the continued funding of these positions.

Pendleton Brenner, Jesse Green, Matt N., Kevin F., Jaime Torres, and Roberto Trevino proposed a project labor agreement with local labor unions, sheet metal workers and pipe fitters and a pathway for EGUSD students.

Kaitlin, Corrine Garcia, Jamie King, Bria King, Jaimie Laughlin, Edlyn Hernandez, Sara Estrada, Luis Leon, Ryan, Laura Lambert, Leslie Bowman, Dave Edwards, and Diana spoke in support of AVID, each shared information about the positive impact the program has had and requested that the district continue to fund the program.

Dawn Cooley, Sylvia Garcia, and Edgard Baltodano, from the Transportation Department shared their concerns about low bus driver pay, high cost of health benefits, lack of training and retention.

Board President Vargas called for a break at 7:09 pm and called the meeting back to order at 7:15 pm.

VI. Consent Agenda – Action – Motion No. 20, 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 – 46 on the consent agenda be approved.

1. Approval of Minutes – Approved the minutes from the regular board meeting that was held on August 5, 2025.

2. Proposed Response to the Sacramento County Grand Jury Report – Adopted the proposed response, as the District's Formal Response to findings and recommendations included in the Sacramento County 2024-2025 Grand Jury Final Report, publicly released on June 5, 2025, regarding implementation of Proposition 28 and Arts Education.

3. Personnel Actions – Approved personnel appointments, leaves of absence, rehires, probationary releases, promotions, resignations, retirements, and returns from reemployment lists as submitted.

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- 4. Provisional Internship Permit** – Approved a Provisional Internship Permit for Dechairy Lee to continue in the hard to fill assignment of Special Education Level 4 at Sierra Enterprise ES.
- 5. Certification of Administrator’s Competence to Evaluate** – Granted Certification of Administrator’s Competence to Evaluate for newly-hired district administrators Stacey B. Greer and Michael C. Tominaga who have successfully completed the district’s training process.
- 6. Variable Term Credential Waivers** – Approved Variable Term Credential Waivers for six teachers to complete programs to obtain the appropriate credentials/permits for their teaching assignments: Claire Burkhart, Jessica Charney, Adrian Day-Murchison, Emily Eres, Jason Garcia and Russel Robards.
- 7. New Job Description** – Approved the new job description for Director I - Facilities Development & Planning.
- 8. Acceptance of Gifts** – Approved donations to the district’s schools/programs as submitted.
- 9. Ratification of Grant Contracts/Agreements for Funding** – Approved grant contracts/agreements signed by authorized staff as submitted.
- 10. 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.
- 11. Approval of Purchase Order Encumbrance Modification History** – Approved purchase order encumbrance modifications from June 27, 2025 – August 27, 2025.
- 12. Approval of Purchase Order History** – Approved purchase orders for the weeks of August 1, 2025, through August 31, 2025.
- 13. 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.
- 14. Approval of Purchase Order History** – Approved purchase orders for the weeks of July 1, 2025, through July 31, 2025.
- 15. Approval to Purchase Warehousing, Material Handling, and Production Support** – Authorized the purchase of warehousing, material handling, and production support from Global Equipment Company, Inc. (Global Industrial) through an RFP secured by OMNIA Region 4 Education Service Center (ESC) Contract # R211402.
- 16. Approval to Purchase Aftermarket Vehicle Parts and Supplies** – Authorized the purchase of aftermarket vehicle parts and supplies from AutoZone Parts, Inc. through an RFP secured by Sourcewell Contract # 100124-AUZ.
- 17. Approval to Purchase Public Safety Uniforms and Related Products** – Authorized the purchase public safety uniforms with related products from Galls, LLC through an RFP secured by Sourcewell Contract # 011124-GAL.
- 18. Approval to Purchase Commercial Kitchen Equipment with Related Supplies and Services** – Authorized the purchase of commercial kitchen equipment with related supplies and services from Cook’s Direct Inc. through an RFP secured by Sourcewell Contract #063022-COK.

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- 19. Approval to Purchase Automobiles, SUVs, Vans, and Light Trucks with Related Equipment and Accessories** – Authorized the purchase of automobiles, SUVs, vans, and light trucks with related equipment and accessories from 72 Hour LLC dba: National Auto Fleet Group through an RFP secured by Sourcewell Contract # 091521-NAF.
- 20. Approval to Award Bid #801-25/26 Stage Risers and Related Items** – Authorized the award of Bid #801-25/26 Stage Risers and related items as submitted.
- 21. Approval to Award Bid #800-25/26 Kilns and Related Items** – Authorized the award of Bid #800-25/26 Kilns and Related items as submitted.
- 22. Robert J. McGarvey Elementary School, Skylights Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Robert J. McGarvey Elementary School, Skylights and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 23. Mary Tsukamoto Elementary School, Roofing 2025 Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with Mountain Roofing Systems and authorized a District Representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 changes the contract amount of \$278,259.00 by (\$20,000.00) to \$258,259.00.
- 24. Mary Tsukamoto Elementary School, Roofing 2025 Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Mary Tsukamoto Elementary School, Roofing 2025 and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 25. Prairie Elementary School, Roofing 2025 Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with Pacific Polymers, Inc., dba American Foam Experts and authorized a District Representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 changes the contract amount of \$637,700.00 by (\$25,000.00) to \$612,700.00.
- 26. Prairie Elementary School, Roofing 2025 Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Prairie Elementary School, Roofing 2025 and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 27. Pleasant Grove High School, Concrete Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Pleasant Grove High School, Concrete and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 28. Pleasant Grove Elementary School, Roofing at MP 2025 Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with Pacific Polymers, Inc., dba American Foam Experts and authorized a District Representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 changes the contract amount of \$171,519.00 by (\$10,000.00) to \$161,519.00.
- 29. Pleasant Grove Elementary School, Roofing at MP 2025 Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Pleasant Grove Elementary School, Roofing at MP 2025 and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 30. Elevators at Laguna Creek and Sheldon High Schools Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with TK Elevator Corporation and authorized a District Representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 changes the contract amount \$312,002.17 by \$5,781.30 to \$317,783.47.

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- 31. Elevators at Laguna Creek and Sheldon High Schools Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Elevators at Laguna Creek and Sheldon High Schools and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 32. Maeola R. Beitzel Elementary School, Paving Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with TJR Resources, Inc., and authorized a District Representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 changes the contract amount of \$460,994.00 by (\$75,886.00) to \$385,108.00.
- 33. Maeola R. Beitzel Elementary School Paving Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Maeola R. Beitzel Elementary School Paving and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 34. Jessie Baker School Modernization Change Order No. 1** – Approved Change Order No. 1 with XL Construction Corporation and authorized a District Representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 1 changes the contract amount of \$3,382,283.95 by (\$198,249.94) to \$3,184,034.01.
- 35. Jessie Baker School Modernization Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of Jessie Baker School Modernization and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 36. AV Systems Installation at Laguna Creek and Sheldon High Schools Acceptance and Notice of Completion** – Accepted the construction of AV Systems Installation at Laguna Creek and Sheldon High Schools and authorized the filing of the Notice of Completion.
- 37. Fall Material Replacement at Jessie Baker 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 \$160,991.04 by \$2,600.00 to \$163,591.04.
- 38. David Reese Elementary School, Paving Upgrades Change Order No. 2** – Approved Change Order No. 2 with Western Engineering Contractors, Inc., and authorized a District Representative to sign the approved change order. Change Order No. 2 changes the contract amount of \$978,329.31 by \$13,846.41 to \$992,176.72.
- 39. Head Start Delegate Agency Agreement 2025-2026** – Approved Resolution No. 14, 2025-26, authorizing the execution of the 2025-2026 School Year Delegate Agency Agreement #26C2251S0 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. This is a revision to the initial resolution for the 25/26 school year, including Budget Manager as a position with signature authority, to optimize workflow.
- 40. Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SET A), Prison to Employment (P2E) Initiative** – Approved Resolution No. 10, 2025-26, for the Elk Grove Adult and Community Education's (EGACE) acceptance of state general funds by the California Workforce Development Board.
- 41. Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA), Housing Assistance for Ukrainians (HAU)** – Approved Resolution No. 11, 2025-26, for the Elk Grove Adult and Community Education's (EGACE) acceptance of the SETA Refugee Support Services (RSS) fund.

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- 42. Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA), English Language Learner Workforce Navigator Services** – Approved Resolution No. 9, 2025-26, for the Elk Grove Adult and Community Education's (EGACE) acceptance of the SETA Refugee Support Services funds.
- 43. Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA), Safety-Net (SN) Services Program** – Approved Resolution No. 8, 2025-26, for the Elk Grove Adult and Community Education's (EGACE) acceptance of the SETA Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) to operate the Safety-Net Services Program.
- 44. Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA), Family Self-Sufficiency Program** – Approved Resolution No. 7, 2025-26, for the Elk Grove Adult and Community Education's (EGACE) acceptance of the SETA Community Service Block Grant funds.
- 45. Approval of Food & Nutrition Services Micro Purchase Threshold** – Approved the ability of Food & Nutrition Services (FNS) to increase their micro purchase threshold from \$10,000 to \$50,000 for the 2025-2026 school year.

- 46. Out-of-State Field Trips** – Approved the following out of state field trips:

High School	Destination	Field Trip Purpose	Dates of Trip
Valley HS	Reno, NV	University of Nevada, Reno College Tour	October 15, 2025
Pleasant Grove HS	Indianapolis, IN	FFA Na Convention	October 26, 2025 - November 1, 2025
Elk Grove HS	Indianapolis, IN	FFA Na Convention	October 27, 2025 - November 1, 2025
Sheldon HS	Indianapolis, IN	FFA Na Convention	October 28, 2025 - November 2, 2025

VII. Bargaining Units

Rocio Galvan of CSEA expressed concern about the financial burden that rising health benefit costs are placing on employees. She urged the district to take these challenges into account when making decisions.

Crystal McGee of ATU expressed concerns about the lack of advancement in pay for transportation staff and rising health benefit costs.

Diane Campbell of AFSCME expressed concerns about the rising costs of health benefits and shared her thoughts about the positions that will be impacted as ESSER funds sunset. Ms. Campbell emphasized the ongoing needs of the district as it continues to grow.

VIII. Reports & Discussion Items

- 1. School Names Committee Recommendations** – Dr. Kristen Coates provided the Board of Education with an overview of the School Names Committee process and recommendations. The final recommendation will be brought back for approval at a future board meeting.

The Committee recommends the approval of the following names for the new schools:

“Grantline 208” Elementary School in Rancho Cordova:

- Lester Holt Elementary School
- Cypress Grove Elementary School
- Golden Oak Elementary School

“Arbor Ranch” Elementary School in the South area of Elk Grove

- Dennis Buscher Elementary School
- Yvette Rowlette Elementary School
- Glen Brunswick Elementary School
- Poppy Ridge Elementary School

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Public Comment:

Lewis Silvera shared his thoughts on the presentation and commended Dr. Coates for her leadership and the work she has done in guiding the committee.

Richard Padilla expressed his gratitude for being selected to be on the committee. Mr. Padilla thanked Dr. Coates for leading the meetings and making sure that everyone on the committee is heard.

Board members provided feedback and thanked Dr. Coates for the update.

IX. Public Hearing/Action Items

- 1. Tentative Agreement Between Elk Grove Unified School District and California School Employees Association (CSEA), 2024-25 and 2025-26** – After David Reilly presented the item, Mr. Vargas opened the public hearing and there were no comments. Mr. Vargas closed the public and called for a motion.

Motion No. 21, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Ms. Ballerini and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the tentative agreement between the Elk Grove Unified School District and California School Employees Association (CSEA), for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years be approved.

- 2. Williams Sufficiency of Instructional Materials** – After LaRae Blomquist presented the item, Mr. Vargas opened the public hearing and there were no comments. Mr. Vargas closed the public and called for a motion.

Motion No. 22, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Ms. Baulwin and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 15, 2025-26, certifying that the Elk Grove School District is in compliance with Education Code Section (EC) 60119, ensuring that each pupil has sufficient instructional materials be approved.

- 3. Public Hearing on Suitability of Real Property, APN 132-0050-174, for Use as a New Elementary School (Ed. Code § 17211)** – After Dr. Kristen Coates presented the item, Mr. Vargas opened the public hearing and there were no comments. Mr. Vargas closed the public hearing.

X. Action Items

- 1. Resolution Evaluating Real Property in Accordance with School Site Selection Standards; Approving the Acquisition of Real Property; and Finding the Project is Exempt from California Environmental Quality Act** – Motion No. 23, 2025-26, Motion by Ms. Ballerini, seconded by Mr. Yang and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 5, 2025-26, which evaluates the property under the State site selection criteria, approve the purchase agreement, and find the acquisition of the property exempt from CEQA be approved.
- 2. Resolution for Readopting the 2024-25 Gann Limit and Adopting the 2025-26 Gann Limit** – Motion No. 24, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Ms. Baulwin and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that Resolution No. 13, 2025-26, establishing the District's Gann Limit for the 2025-26 fiscal year and the recalculated 2024-25 appropriation limit be approved.

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3. 2024-25 Unaudited Actual Income & Expenditures – Motion No. 25, 2025-26, Motion by Mr. Yang, seconded by Ms. Baulwin and carried unanimously by an affirmative vote of all board members present that the 2024-25 Unaudited Actual Income & Expenditures be approved.

XI. Board Member and Superintendent Reports – A board member reported on organization and committee meetings relative to the district and its operation.

XII. Consideration of Future Agenda Items - None

XIII. Adjournment – 8:23 p.m.

Submitted by Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by:


Michael Vargas, Board President