

EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES **UNADOPTED**

December 1, 2015

El Dorado County Office of Education
6767 Green Valley Road
Placerville, CA 95667

Board Members

John Lane, President
Rich Fischer, Vice President
Debbie Akin
Georgianne Knight
Heidi Weiland

EDCOE Staff Present

Robbie Montalbano, Deputy Superintendent
Ed Manansala, Deputy Superintendent
Susan Carney, Recording Secretary
David Toston, Coleen Johnson, David Publicover, Mary Viegas,
Dina Gentry, Kathy Daniels, Janet Maruniak, Beth Reynolds

Student Representatives Present

Alexa Loos, EDUHSD
Elisabeth Carlisle, BOMUSD
Sarah Smith, LTUSD (*via Skype*)

Guests

Matt Huckabay, Karl Schlener, John Zachry, Bill Roby, Greg Geeting, Sam C., Reporter Dawn Hodson and Reporter Lonnie Wong

1. Meeting called to order at 12:31 pm by President Lane.
2. Secretary recorded members present.
3. President Lane led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Member Weiland motioned to approve agenda; second by Member Akin; motion carries.
Aye: D. Akin, R. Fischer, G. Knight, J. Lane, H. Weiland
5. Guests and staff were welcomed by President Lane.
6. Student Reports were given:

Ms. Loos reported that Ponderosa High School students enjoyed the Winter Dance and the theater students performed the play, "The Breakfast Club". She also provided a report for the Virtual Academy, noting that 100% of students passed English coursework and 97% passed math. Board members were invited to attend the 2nd annual fashion show, a school fundraiser. Ms. Loos spoke about the Oak Ridge High School ASB culture commission's "Random Acts of Kindness" week, a community blood drive, and "Be the Change" activity in which Oak Ridge students collect change, socks, toiletries, school supplies and canned food for students at Oak Ridge Elementary School in

Sacramento. ORHS choir members sing holiday songs as the boxes are distributed. The Oak Ridge football team advanced to semifinals and tennis and basketball teams are beginning their seasons.

Ms. Carlisle shared that fall sports at Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School were winding down while wrestling and basketball have started. Both boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams won their first games. Seniors planning to attend four-year colleges have completed applications. Performances of the first two act play performed under the direction of a new teacher was well attended. The Interact Club is displaying 'good morning' signs on street corners near the school. Senior high school students began fundraising for a local family. Junior High students collected over 400 cans of food in a very successful food drive. The Jr. Sr. Winter Dance is scheduled for December 4th. Ms. Carlisle is hoping that a new English teacher will soon be hired as a long term substitute is teaching for the remainder of the semester. A run benefitting the community was held at Northside School. Bird walks behind the school are still being held and fun winter sing-alongs are building student confidence.

From South Tahoe High School, Ms. Smith spoke about alpine skiing and basketball teams beginning their seasons. Band students attended a clinic in Seattle, and one band member will be going to Australia to perform in an honor band. The band and students of So. Tahoe High School honored 18 veterans with a Veteran's Day Concert. The Key Club collected many cans of food in their 'hunger day' food drive. Ticket sales have begun for next week's Sadie's Dance.

Deputy Superintendent Manansala provided Board members copies of Claire Jilbert's report and highlighted several items: El Dorado High School ASB put on a "Thankful Day" to raise money for veterans--student Randy Schmidt raised \$80 during a lunchtime event. El Dorado High School's Heath Academy sponsored a successful blood drive. At Union Mine, a school-wide clothing drive is being held. Union Mine student, Hannah Fiterre, used CPR skills learned in the ROP health program to assist an older man who can collapsed, until paramedics arrived. A report from Independence High School will be provided to Board members at a later date.

7. No public comment for items not on agenda.
8. Member Weiland motioned to approve Consent Items consisting of: Minutes of November 3, 2015 regular meeting; Minutes of November 7, 2015 special meeting; Minutes of November 16, 2015 special meeting; Minutes of November 23, 2015 special meeting; 2015-2016 Single Plan(s) for Student Achievement for the following sites: Blue Ridge School; Golden Ridge School; Rite of Passage Charter High School; and Special Education Programs; Resolution No. 2015-12 (Early Retirement Program for local miscellaneous members eligible to retire in the Buckeye Union School District); donation acknowledgment; and disposition of surplus property; second by Member Fischer; motion carries. Aye: D. Akin, R. Fischer, G. Knight, J. Lane, H. Weiland

Action Items:

- 9.1 The Board took public comment then discussed criteria and procedures for filling the vacancy of the El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools office.

Matt Huckabay, Executive Director of The Center for Violence-Free Relationships, offered hiring considerations including knowledge of sex education, healthy relationships and *Yes Means Yes* instruction.

Karl Schlener, Garden Valley resident, asked about an elected superintendent vs. appointed superintendent and suggested retirees be considered to fill the superintendent position.

Kathy Daniels, EDCOE Director of Facilities, spoke to the importance of the superintendent having compassion for employees and at-risk students and continued collaboration with school districts to maintain positive relationships.

Deputy Superintendent Montalbano initiated Board member discussion regarding the superintendent recruitment process by sharing job posting advertisements (Ed-Join and EdCal) and a draft recruitment brochure. Board members talked about publications, community involvement, surveys, timelines, candidate application and interview process. Outcomes included: EDCOE staff to assist with the superintendent search process; recruitment brochure will be finalized and ready for distribution December 3; press release will go out regarding the recruitment and community forum scheduled for December 15, 6:30 pm; an online survey will be created and opened to the public and EDCOE employees; candidate application deadline of 5 pm, December 21, 2015; candidate interviews will be held during a special meeting of the Board, January 4, 2016, 9 am; and possible appointment of superintendent during January 5, 2016 regular Board meeting.

Member Weiland motioned that for the purpose of posting and facilitating the community input meeting and to develop a list of interview questions, an ad hoc committee of Member Weiland and Member Knight be appointed to work with EDCOE staff; second by Member Fischer; motion carries. Aye: D. Akin, R. Fischer, G. Knight, J. Lane, H. Weiland

Mr. Girard noted that if there were internal candidates, those individuals would not work with the Board in the recruitment process. Following brief discussion, Mr. Girard agreed to notice staff on behalf of the Board.

Member Knight requested a timeline of the recruitment process be provided to Board members. Member Akin expressed appreciation to EDCOE staff for their input and assistance.

Following the discussion, President Lane provided an opportunity for public comment.

Bill Roby, Director of the El Dorado Community Foundation, stated that accessibility to the superintendent and staff of EDCOE is important to effectively move the community forward. He appreciates the Board accepting input from all sectors of the community – all working together for a common goal.

Beth Reynolds, President for local CSEA chapter, asked the Board to consider providing an opportunity for staff to respond anonymously to the survey. She also stated that CSEA members would like the superintendent to have knowledge of grants and programs to support kids. Member Weiland suggested Ms. Reynolds compile comments from union members and provide to the Board.

With no further comment, public comment on Item 9 closed at 2 pm. Following a short recess, the Board reconvened open session at 2:15 pm.

Guests were introduced:

Deputy Superintendent Manansala introduced Mary Viegas, recently hired as EDCOE's Executive Director - Child Development Programs and Services.

Member Weiland introduced Greg Geeting, Area 1 Trustee, Sacramento County Board of Education

- 9.2 Deputy Superintendent Montalbano touched on several points in the First Interim Report and responded to Board member inquiries. She introduced Diane Lacombe, Senior Director, External Business Services, who joined the meeting to assist with the review. Member Fischer requested additional information relative to LCFF and the Rite of Passage program be provided at an upcoming meeting of the Board.

- 9.3 The organizational meeting of the Board was held.
- Member Weiland motioned to elect Member Fischer as President of the Board for 2016; second by Member Akin; motion carries. Aye: D. Akin, R. Fischer, G. Knight, J. Lane, H. Weiland
 - Member Weiland motioned to elect Member Knight as Vice President of the Board for 2016; second by Member Akin; motion carries. Aye: D. Akin, R. Fischer, G. Knight, J. Lane, H. Weiland
 - Member Weiland motioned to accept the meeting calendar for 2016 as proposed – regular meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 12:30 pm; second by Member Knight; motion carries. Aye: D. Akin, R. Fischer, G. Knight, J. Lane, H. Weiland
 - Following Member Weiland’s request to hold the seat, Member Lane motioned that Member Weiland be elected as the Board’s representative on the EDCSBA Council of Representatives; second by Member Fischer; motion carries. Aye: D. Akin, R. Fischer, G. Knight, J. Lane, H. Weiland
- 9.4 As 2016 County Committee Officers, the 2016 El Dorado County Board of Education officers briefly discussed anticipated 2016 activities of the County Committee on School District Organization. Deputy Superintendent Montalbano mentioned that superintendent vacancies in El Dorado County school districts may result in dialogue and re-evaluation of school districts. Member Weiland asked about El Dorado Union High School District boundary lines.
- 9.5 President Lane asked Member Weiland to share information about Mr. Geeting’s qualifications and experience that make him an excellent candidate to represent Region 6 in the California School Boards Association (CSBA) 2016 County Delegate Assembly. Following brief discussion, Member Weiland motioned to nominate Gregory Geeting, Trustee, Sacramento County Board of Education, for the 2016 County Delegate Assembly seat; second by Member Knight; motion carries. Aye: D. Akin, R. Fischer, G. Knight, J. Lane, H. Weiland. Mr. Geeting thanked the Board for the nomination and stated he is looking forward to contributing to CCBE and CSBA.
10. Member Knight commented she is looking forward to the CSBA Conference. Member Akin strongly advocated that the Board hold a governance workshop to review policies and procedures and perhaps designate a standing committee to update policies. No reports given by President Lane, Member Weiland or Member Fischer.
11. Deputy Superintendent Manansala combined his report with that of the Superintendent’s office. He acknowledged Greg Geeting’s character and is looking forward to spending time with Board members at the CSBA conference. He invited Board members to the EDCOE White Reindeer event – a fun holiday celebration for all employees. Deputy Superintendent Manansala also spoke about a December 17th Chamber of Commerce luncheon and auction being held at Red Hawk Casino to raise funds for food baskets which are assembled and distributed by EDCOE staff to families in need from EDCOE Child Development programs. He also stated that on behalf of Robbie and Cabinet members, he is thankful for the Board’s leadership--providing a sense of clarity in the direction EDCOE is heading, acknowledging EDCOE administration is in sync with the Board.
- Deputy Superintendent Montalbano mentioned that the outdated AS 400 equipment is being disposed of as surplus property or may be sold for parts.
12. Information Items were acknowledged.
13. At 3:18 pm, Member Weiland moved to adjourn the meeting; second by Member Akin; motion carries. Aye: D. Akin, R. Fischer, G. Knight, J. Lane, H. Weiland.