

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

February 2, 2016

Conference Room B-2
El Dorado County Office of Education
Placerville, CA 95667

EDCOE Staff Present

Robbie Montalbano, Deputy Superintendent
Angie Lind, Senior Director
David Vujovich, Ed.D., Director
Logan Lemming, Senior Director
Dina Gentry, Communications Director
Gabrielle Marchini, Director

Board Members Present

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

Ed Manansala, Executive Officer of the Board
Susan Carney, Recording Secretary

Student Representatives Present

Claire Jilbert, EDUHSD
Alexa Loos, EDUHSD
Elisabeth Carlisle, BOMUSD

Item

1. Meeting called to order by President Fischer at 12:30 pm.
2. Secretary recorded Board members present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Alexa Loos.
4. Member Weiland motioned to approve the agenda; second by Member Akin; motion carries.
Aye: D. Akin, R. Fischer, G. Knight, J. Lane, H. Weiland
5. Staff will be introduced as Item relative to program is presented.
6. Student Reports were given:
Ms. Jilbert highlighted activities at Independence High School and Community Day School including Winter Intercession, *College Success* course, school-wide *Poetry Out Loud*, and school assemblies. She also spoke about events at El Dorado High School. With support from the Mano Sala Obra Club, student leadership held a Fiesta Dance that was enjoyed by many students. Under the direction of new teacher, Mrs. Haugland, the band is performing amazingly well. Basketball, ski, board and wrestling teams are doing well and drama classes are performing one act plays in preparation for an upcoming Linnea Festival. At Union Mine preparations for a spring dance are being made by the ASB; basketball and wrestling teams are experiencing success, and financial aid/college preparedness events are being held.
Ms. Loos shared that 12 new students have enrolled for the spring semester at the Virtual Academy. Information Nights are being held for prospective student families. The student leadership team was excited to take part in the EDUHSD's *Future Ready Survey* – helping to design a new technology plan for the District. Events highlighted from Ponderosa High School: Winter Sports Rally that included a trivia game with teachers; wrestling team successes, an upcoming 8th Grade Parent Night, Open House; and

Random Act of Kindness Week. News from Oak Ridge included selection of the Sadie's theme, "Opposites Attract" by the ASB Leadership class; Grad Night Tamale Sale, *Mega Night* (8th grade orientation and open house event); a sophomore class team building event; Oak Ridge Interleague leadership event and a Valentine's Day fundraiser for the National Honor Society. Also Ms. Loos mentioned that basketball and wrestling teams are enjoying wins. Swim, dive, men's volleyball, men's golf, men's tennis and track and field teams are preparing for their upcoming seasons.

Ms. Carlisle reported that Northside students are participating in narrative assessment week and continue to enjoy Dr. Seuss Nights where they read and do craft activities. The Auburn Symphony will soon be performing at the school. A pride rally and a *Read Across America* assembly were held at Georgetown School. Many great acts were performed by Golden Sierra High School students at a recent talent show. The junior class held a fundraiser, basketball and wrestling teams are wrapping up their seasons, a Valentine's Day dance was well attended, drama students are working on the play, *Mid-Summer Night's Dream*, and Navy and other military recruiters will be visiting the school soon. She also mentioned how happy students are to have a new English teacher.

7. Superintendent Manansala introduced Shirleen MacKenzie, Interim Superintendent of the Gold Oak Union School District. Superintendent MacKenzie shared the District is rebuilding the music program under the direction of Carol Kouklis and in a community partnership with Eskaton. Band students (Jimmy Fong-Cobb, Alex Grillat, Will Hadley, Jacob Mullins, Leah Harris, Sam Garcia, Sara Tibbetts) from Pleasant Valley School (Grades 6-8) performed several songs and choir members (Emily Carrick, Kailani Chew, Samantha Christopher, Jenna Mellon, Joshua Soracco, Iris Whetstone, Nate Garlington, Tanner Haus, Anthony Inzerillo, Casen Lowman, Ave' Owens) from Gold Oak School (Grades K-5) entertained the Board. Students were accompanied by Cameron Bennett, Interim Principal at Pleasant Valley School.
8. Angie Lind, Senior Director, Curriculum, Instruction, & Accountability, and David Vujovich, Ed.D, Director, School to College & Career Pathways, were introduced and recognized for their excellent work by Superintendent Manansala. Ms. Lind provided information regarding the Career Technical Education Incentive Grant, mentioning that the CA Dept. of Education released funds last fall for use to encourage new programs, to enhance existing programs and to provide for career exploration in middle schools. Dr. Vujovich explained differences between Vocational Education and Career Technical Education programs. He also responded to questions regarding direct funding districts and benefits of the grants to district and EDCOE programs. Handouts were provided.

Superintendent Manansala introduced IT Senior Director, Logan Lemming, who shared a celebration. After several years of working with AT&T, Black Oak Mine Unified School District Office and some schools in the District now have fiber connection to the Internet. Soon new fiber optic cable will provide connectivity to all El Dorado County Schools – with Indian Diggings School being the last segment. Mr. Lemming provided a remarkable visual describing the significance of the accomplishment.

9. No public comment.
10. Member Weiland motioned to approve Consent items consisting of: Minutes of January 4, 2016 special Board meeting; Minutes of January 5, 2016 regular Board meeting; Certificate of Honor for UMHS student, Hannah Fitterre; Certificate of Honor for Jon Lyons, Placerville Union School District; disposition of surplus property; and EDCOE Charter University Prep program field trip request (Washington, D.C, March 3-10, 2016); second by Member Akin; motion carries
Aye: D. Akin, R. Fischer, G. Knight, J. Lane, H. Weiland

11. Superintendent Manansala opened discussion regarding WASC Accreditation of the Rite of Passage Charter High School by briefly describing the process and asking if one or more Board members would be available to participate. Gigi Marchini, Director of Program and District Support, offered to assist with preparation for the site visit and interviews. President Fischer and Member Weiland plan to attend the site visit on March 29, 2016.
12. Member Knight expressed that she is looking forward to judging the Latrobe School District's student speech competition and the El Dorado Hills Rotary Club speech contest for high school students where winners earn scholarships. She also stated that conference attendees often express interest in EDCOE's Charter SELPA and its oversight and governance, and asked if a presentation might be given at an upcoming CCBE or CSBA conference. Member Knight spoke about being contacted by members of a group interested in bringing a college campus to El Dorado County.

Member Akin described an outstanding CSBA training she and Member Knight recently attended and shared books and resource materials with Board members. She also noted that CSBA has updated their Charter School Handbook and that the Effective Governance Guide was printed by EDCOE should additional copies be desired.

Member Weiland was pleased to report that as CCBE representative, she was able to greet both district and county office of education board members at the first joint training of its type – resulting from the collaborative work of CSBA and CCBE. She suggested that more offerings and changes will be forthcoming from CSBA. She offered to share the Adequacy Report. In the coming weeks, Member Weiland will be working on next year's CCBE conference.

No report from Member Lane or President Fischer.

13. Superintendent Manansala shared happenings and celebrations since his January 5th appointment. His focus is working through transition at EDCOE, working with school districts, and community engagement. He mentioned a very positive focus of Cabinet meetings. At the district level, he stated the importance of advocating and supporting superintendents and leaders. He shared experiences of first time meetings as County Superintendent with the Boys and Girls Club Board, First 5 Commission of El Dorado County, Placerville Chamber of Commerce, and Placerville Kiwanis. He also enjoyed Boys and Girls Club Heroes Night and a MORE fundraiser. By attending the CCSESA board of directors meeting as a guest, he was able to learn about the structure of the organization prior to joining the CCSESA quarterly meeting. He reported that he feels EDCOE is in a good place at the state level.

Deputy Montalbano provided Board members an opportunity to comment on items listed under her report.

In his report regarding the Child Development program, Superintendent Manansala mentioned the tragic loss of a preschool student. The EDCOE team has been providing support to students, staff and the family.

14. Information Items were reviewed. Member Akin stated she would not attending the March regular meeting and President Fischer notified the Board that he would be absent from the May regular meeting.
15. Member Weiland motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 pm; second by Member Akin; motion carries.
Aye: D. Akin, R. Fischer, G. Knight, J. Lane, H. Weiland