

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

**April 5, 2016**

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

### EDCOE Staff Present

Robbie Montalbano, Deputy Superintendent  
Mary Viegas, Executive Director, Child Development Programs  
Dina Gentry, Communications Director  
Angela Chance, IT  
Sandee Bangs, Child Development  
Kathy Miller, Child Development  
Beth Reynolds, Personnel Services

### Board Members Present

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  
Elizabeth Carlisle, BOMUSD

### **Item**

1. Meeting called to order by Vice President Knight at 12:30 pm.
2. Secretary recorded Board members present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Claire Jilbert.
4. Member Weiland motioned to approve the agenda; second by Member Akin; motion carries.  
Aye: D. Akin, G. Knight, J. Lane, H. Weiland
5. Vice President Knight asked guests to introduce themselves: Sandee Bangs, Kathy Miller, Beth Reynolds, and Kevin Monsma
6. Public comment: Sandee Bangs, an EDCOE Early Head Start teacher and Vice President of El Dorado County Teachers Association (ECTA) communicated that teachers in EDCOE programs provide the highest level of instruction and care for students. ECTA believes it is important to attract and hold onto the best and brightest teachers by providing a competitive salary and benefits package.
7. Student Reports were given:  
Ms. Carlisle shared that Georgetown School is wrapping up a clothing drive and Northside Elementary will soon hold an evening of music event. Students from Golden Sierra Junior Senior High School (GS) recently returned from spring break. "Gift to the World" is the theme of an upcoming speech contest hosted by the Georgetown Rotary Club for senior high students. Sadie's week activities began and will end with a Friday night dance. Junior High students enjoyed a positive incentive trip designed to encourage them to think about future plans. A weekend retreat at Dillon's Beach will soon be held for the senior high leadership team. Several informational meetings will be held for parents of graduating

students. Sixth grade students will be attending Open Campus days at GS. Ms. Carlisle invited Board members to attend performances of the spring play, *Mid-Summer Night's Dream*. On April 22, the school will hold a blood drive and soon all students may participate in a video creation project with \$100 top prize. A Junior High rally will be held on April 28. On April 29 a movie night will be offered for junior and senior high students. A fundraiser, "Grizzly Nights" is planned and the prom will be held the end of May.

Claire began her report by sharing a photo of Joey Fahy, an Independence High (Indo) graduate, who shared his experience of losing a friend due to driving under the influence. Joey's message resonated with many students. A Senior Dinner Night designed to unify, inform and empower the graduating class was well attended by students and parents. Several classes enjoyed field trips. Indo students recently formed a basketball team and scrimmaged El Dorado County Charter Community School in March; a rematch is upcoming. A third quarter Student Awards BBQ celebration was also held.

Continuing her report, Claire spoke about events at Union Mine HS: Testing will occur from April 11 – 22. Prom will be April 23. Scholarship Night is scheduled for May 10, Academic Awards - May 10 and Graduation - May 26. Spring sports are in full swing and the women's soccer team is holding a bowling fundraiser. Drama students will perform *Suessical*, April 28 – May 7.

El Dorado HS (ELDO) students will be taking CAASPP tests April 11 – 15. The ELDO varsity track team won first place in the April 1 Co-ed friendship meet. Drama students are preparing to present a spring musical, *Into the Woods*. Prom will be held April 30. ELDO's annual talent show rally was a huge success with student Madelynn Davis giving a speech about acceptance and kindness. The band is partnering with Markham middle school.

On behalf of Ms. Loos, Claire provided highlights of activities from the Virtual Academy, Ponderosa HS and Oak Ridge HS. Aaron Palm, Virtual Academy Director recently accepted the role of Interim Principal at Oak Ridge HS. Tara Grudin, Lead Teacher, will fill the Director position for the remainder of the school year. Later this month, students will celebrate Earth Day and will hold an annual Cake Auction. Student awards will be presented April 9.

There were many student activities at Ponderosa HS in March: Sadie's Spirit Week/Dance, Pennies for Patients (donations to support organizations fighting leukemia), elections for student council positions, Ski and Board team earned 3rd place in State competition, and many students participated in the 2016 Career Expo held at Union Mine HS. The FFA Veterinary Science team won 2<sup>nd</sup> High Team at the Modesto Junior College Field Day. Ponderosa's prom is set for April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Oak Ridge students are also very busy this spring. Several area restaurants provided food from various cultural backgrounds for students to enjoy as part of "Unity Day", which also included on-campus entertainment (mariachi band, belly dancers, etc.) ASB elections for the leadership class were held and students are being interviewed for next year's commissioner positions. Black light and neon were the theme for a Spring Rally and Spring Fling. During the Rally, there were several student performances, a relay race and basketball dunking competition. The Spring Fling was a dance 'done differently' in that food trucks were on campus and a gaming center set up in the multi-purpose room. The Music Department will perform the annual "Prism Concert" April 8 – 9. McClellan Conference Center will be the venue for this year's Junior/Senior prom, themed "Cloud Nine", April 30.

8. Superintendent Manansala introduced Lisa Garrett, Principal of Ponderosa High School (PHS) who initiated the El Dorado High School District presentation on behalf of EDUHSD Superintendent Stephen Wehr. She introduced Mike Ziegler, counselor at Union Mine HS, who is also the county-wide AVID

(Advancement Via Individual Determination) coordinator. Mr. Ziegler introduced four student participants of the AVID program at Union Mine HS – Ulysses, Caleb, Erika, and Kayla. They shared personal stories of struggle and success, then described specifics of the AVID program while Mr. Ziegler provided a “prezi” presentation. AVID is a four year program that begins with an elective class for students who are college bound. While concurrently enrolled in a college-prep course of study, students learn strategies to enhance success. Students also responded to questions by Board members.

Vice President Knight thanked students for their inspiring stories and invited them to return to share future successes. Members Weiland and Akin added congratulations. Member Weiland also mentioned that Mr. Ziegler was recently recognized as Co-Administrator of the Year by ACSA Region II, in addition to receiving a Distinguished Service Award from the El Dorado County ACSA Charter.

Principal Garret then introduced Andrea Adams, PHS Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor. Three Members of the Ponderosa FFA Chapter introduced themselves and spoke about the FFA program and gave a slide presentations describing a ‘3 ring’ model – classroom instruction including Ag Biology, Ag Business, Ag Science, Ag Mechanics, Floral Design, and ROP Animal Health (one of a few classes in the State where students can test for Veterinarian Assistant certification). Jason Sousa earned first place in a recent FFA competition as part of the Veterinary Science team. He has applied for and is a State finalist for the FFA Proficiency Award. Katy Gough began FFA in her junior year, raising rabbits last year; now raising a pig and guide dog. Natanya Ackerly, a chapter officer, also spoke about attending the National FFA convention and public speaking aspects of FFA. Vice President Knight complimented the students on their public speaking skills, mentioning how great programs in our schools are – preparing students for the future and launching careers.

9. Following introduction by Superintendent Manansala, Mary Viegas, Executive Director, EDCOE Child Development Programs, provided the Board with information regarding classroom sites and enrollment in EDCOE’s Head Start, Early Head Start and State Preschool programs. Comprehensive services provided in the Head Start program include: School readiness, health, nutrition, disabilities, mental health and family engagement. Ms. Viegas also spoke about the infant/toddler program as it relates to pregnant and teen mother support and education provided by EDCOE. EDCOE employees 152 staff in Child Development Programs -- including Food Service. Ms. Viegas thanked the Board for their support of Child Development Programs. Superintendent Manansala mentioned Ms. Viegas has been with EDCOE four months. Member Knight asked about the federal grant. A one-page summary will be provided.
10. Member Weiland motioned to approve Consent items consisting of March 1, 2016, Board meeting minutes; acknowledgement of donation to Special Services programs; 2016-2017 EDCOE Program Calendars; Certificates of Honor for retiring certificated and classified employees of the El Dorado Union High School and Placerville Union School Districts; Resolution 2016-01, National Charter Schools Week; Resolution 2016-02, California Day of the Teacher; and Resolution 2016-03, Classified School Employees Week; second by Member Lane; motion carries. Aye: D. Akin, G. Knight, J. Lane, H. Weiland
11. Members discussed holding two meetings in June and going dark in July. Member Lane motioned to hold the regular June meeting on June 7, 2016 and the second June meeting will be noticed for 9 am, June 8, 2016; second by Member Weiland; motion carries. Aye: D. Akin, G. Knight, J. Lane, H. Weiland
12. Member Weiland reported that she attended the CSBA Board of Directors meeting and the CSBA Legislative Action Day—speaking with Assemblyman Bigelow and Senator Gaines regarding the reserve cap, State budget, teacher shortage and early childhood education. She also commented the EDCSBA

Awards Dinner was a success with a good turnout enjoying the showcase of school districts. Guest speaker, Rachel Rosenthal, President, Folsom Lake College, spoke on the relationship between K-12 education and community colleges. Member Weiland said the WASC accreditation visit to the Rite of Passage Charter School was a wonderful trip. She and President Fischer accompanied Gigi Marchini, EDCOE Director of Program and District Support and remarked there has been a huge shift in the program with class sizes down and quality programs being offered. Also, with a new principal on board, there is a sense of partnership. Member Weiland also helped facilitate a community meeting with board members and administration of the Tehama County Office of Education as they are looking to fill the county superintendent vacancy.

No reports from Members Akin, Lane, and Knight. Member Lane left the meeting at 1:50 pm.

13. Dr. Manansala combined Superintendent and Associate Superintendent Reports by first acknowledging the commitment to do good work by staff of the Child Development Programs. He also spoke about significant changes in leadership within school districts in the county. Lisa Fontana will soon become Superintendent of Inyo County Office of Education and Dr. Manansala will be attending the Pioneer USD Board meeting to provide support. EDCOE will assist with the Gold Oak USD superintendent search and will work to ensure the transition goes well. Pollock Pines and Silver Fork districts are also going through change as Superintendent Monsma will be joining EDCOE as Associate Superintendent, Educational Services. Dr. Manansala shared highlights of Superintendent Monsma's accomplishments and spoke about his leadership expertise. In the second area of Dr. Manansala's report, he expressed that with significant changes in EDOCE's Cabinet his desire is to maintain positive momentum as EDCOE goes through the next two critical years. Thirdly, Dr. Manansala acknowledged Sandee and Beth who serve on negotiating teams and spoke about creating a positive culture at EDCOE. He believes as Associate Superintendent, Kevin will contribute to EDCOE's continued success.

Member Weiland shared a story about Superintendent Monsma and his willingness to go the extra mile for students and families. Vice President Knight reiterated the good work and resources EDCOE provides to districts.

Deputy Superintendent Montalbano offered to answer questions relative to Administrative Services and the Personnel Services report provided.

14. Information Items were reviewed
15. Member Weiland motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 pm; second by Member Akin; motion carries. Aye: D. Akin, G. Knight, H. Weiland