

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

**January 17, 2017**

6 pm Open Session  
El Dorado County Office of Education  
Conference Room B-2  
6767 Green Valley Road  
Placerville, CA 95667

Board Members Present

Georgianne Knight, President  
Heidi Weiland, Vice President  
Debbie Akin  
John Lane  
Ed Manansala, Executive Officer of the Board

### EDCOE Administration and Staff Present

Robbie Montalbano, Deputy Superintendent; Kevin Monsma, Associate Superintendent; David Publicover, Executive Director – Charter Alternative Programs & Extended Day; Dina Gentry, Communications Director; Angela Chance, Susan Carney

### Numerous Guests Present

Those addressing the Board identified in Item 6

### **Item**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Knight at 6:03 pm. Roll call recorded by clerk: G. Knight, H. Weiland, D. Akin, J. Lane
2. Member Weiland led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Member Weiland motioned to approve the agenda as presented; second by Member Akin; motion carries. Aye: D. Akin, G. Knight, J. Lane, H. Weiland
4. President Knight welcomed guests and introduced Mike Tucker, EDCOE legal counsel. Mr. Tucker provided an overview of the general charter petition appeal process and the intent of the law. He responded to Board member questions and stated that approval or denial of a charter petition is limited to the Charter School Act.

President Knight shared that the Board had received copies of the John Adams Academy charter petition and supporting materials, that the petition is before the Board on appeal from consideration and denial by the Buckeye Union School District, and that the Board would be considering approval or denial at a regular meeting in February 2017. She said that EDCOE administrative staff was in the process of reviewing the charter petition for its compliance with the Education Code and for the soundness of the petition's financial plan and proposed educational program to assist the Board in its determination.

5. Public Hearing: President Knight explained that the Public Hearing provides an opportunity to share thoughts on the charter school petition, to consider the level of support for the petition by parents,

teachers and employees of the school district; and to listen to the party making the appeal. Guests wishing to make a comment were asked to provide their name on a card and give to Board clerk. Mr. Tucker stated that according to Board Bylaw, public comment would be limited to 3 minutes per individual. Following President Knight's request, Board members and EDCOE administrative staff introduced themselves. Guests introduced themselves as they were called to speak. The Public Hearing opened with Public Comment at 6:09 pm.

6. Public Comment: Representing John Adams Academy, speakers Heather Brown, Sarah Phillips, and Joseph Benson gave a presentation describing the charter school's academic program. There were no questions from the Board.

John Adams Academy staff, parents and students commenting in support of the petition appeal: Ella and Addy Wallis, Craig Williams, Angel Doughty, Desiree Trembl, Dean Forman, Jason Wetsel, Sandra Noel, Karen Ellis, Kevin Nagle, Erika Ochsner, Brian Geremia, Norman Gonzalez, Amy Sellers, Amanda Wallis, Stacy Earles, Michelle Call, Desiree Harris, Amanda Wallis

Buckeye Union School District staff and parents commenting in opposition of the petition appeal: Amy Gargani, Lina Ghilarducci, Philip Scarry

With no clarifying questions asked by Board members and no comment from a number of guests in attendance, President Knight thanked guests and staff, then closed the Public Hearing at 7:35 pm.

7. Member Akin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm; second by Member Weiland; motion carries. Aye: D. Akin, G. Knight, J. Lane, H. Weiland