

EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES – UNADOPTED

February 7, 2017

12:30 pm – Open Session
El Dorado County Office of Education
6767 Green Valley Road
Placerville, CA 95667

Board Members Present

Georgianne Knight
Heidi Weiland
Debbie Akin
John Lane

Ed Manansala, Executive Officer of the Board

EDCOE Administration Present

Robbie Montalbano, Deputy Superintendent
Kevin Monsma, Associate Superintendent
Dina Gentry, Communications Director
Coleen Johnson, Executive Director Personnel Director
Gigi Marchini, Director of Program & District Support
Andrew Florio and Joel Butler, IT Support
David Girard, EDCOE Legal Counsel
Susan Carney, Recording Secretary

Student Representatives Present

Anna Marie Repetto, EDUHSD
Ian Lightfoot, EDUHSD
Kendra Conard, LTUSD via skype

Guests Present

Norman Gonzales, John Adams Academy
John Goodell, Goodell, Porter, Sanchez & Bright, LLP
Sierra Sage students: Evelyn, Carla, Joanna
Ronald Durst, ROP Charter HS lead instructor
Belinda Contreras, Color Guard Commandant

Item

1. President Knight called the meeting to order at 12:28 pm.
2. Secretary recorded Board members present.
3. A Color Guard from the Rite of Passage Charter High School – Sierra Sage Academy presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Following a request from Member Weiland that wording of Item 10.6 be changed to reflect that the process of setting the Superintendent's salary is included in the Resolution, Member Weiland motioned to approve the agenda; second by Member Akin; motion carries. Aye: D. Akin, J. Lane, G. Knight, H. Weiland
5. Director Marchini introduced herself and Rite of Passage HS staff and students. Trustees, EDCOE staff, guests, and student representatives introduced themselves.
6. Student Reports:
Miss Repetto reported for El Dorado, Oak Ridge, Ponderosa and Union Mine high schools. Each school competed in the County Academic Decathlon, are preparing for spring sports tryouts and held first of the year dances. At El Dorado, the ASB Leadership and Manos a la Obra club hosted Cougar Fiesta, a dance highlighting Latino students and culture. An event was held for incoming freshmen and students interested in attending EDHS. Oak Ridge students donated 300 new books to Oak Ridge Elementary;

the girls' varsity basketball team is having an excellent season and the drama department is auditioning for the spring play. At Ponderosa, a prom for special education students was held, FFA students hosted a drive-thru BBQ fundraising event, and they are initiating a 'Pennies for Patients' fundraiser. The Union Mine drama department recently completed casting for their spring play, "*Beauty and the Beast*". The varsity girls' basketball team is 7-0 in their league. Union Mine hosted an open house/8th grade night. Students are also visiting middle schools to promote FFA, which will be offered in 2017-18 school year.

Reporting for the Virtual Academy and Independence High School, Ian highlighted several events. Virtual Academy student leadership is planning a fan day, St. Patrick's Day activities, a Character Day, Easter Egg Hunt, Prom, earth day activities, a midterm stress activity, a canned food and clothing drive, and an end of school activity. Independence High School English students participated in the district-wide competition of the 2017 Poetry Out Loud initiative, working with teacher Jack Carman. The initiative generated interest and excitement towards poetry among the entire student body --congratulations to senior Jesus Jimenez on his win! Seven students are participating in sports at Union Mine and Oak Ridge. Students are encouraged to enroll in College Readiness 101 under the Advanced Education program at FLC, El Dorado Center. The program allows high school students to earn credits by taking a college course while still in high school. He also mentioned that 17 students attended a screening of "*Hidden Figures*" as an extra credit activity. The importance of mentoring was depicted in the movie, and at Independence, mentorship is reflected in the positive results of the latest CA Healthy Kids survey.

Miss Conard joined the meeting via Skype to share reports of schools in South Lake Tahoe. South Tahoe High School students began the new semester after seven snow days. The Gatsby themed winter formal dance was well attended. Showing of the "*Great Gatsby*" movie had to be rescheduled due to snow. Students are participating in a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. They are also recognizing support staff and bus drivers with office decorations, valentines and cookies. The winter dance will be held March 3. Athletic teams are wrapping up winter seasons the end of February. A web social was held at South Tahoe Middle School and student leadership is planning a school dance. A new class focusing on hospitality is being offered at Mt. Tallac Continuation High School.

7. Director Marchini gave a brief overview of the Rite of Passage Charter High School program, stating that she is proud of the work being accomplished at the three ROPCHS campuses. Instructors have been implementing Road to Success curriculum -- students are wrapping up a unit on perseverance. She introduced Belinda Contreras, Director of Group Living at ROPCHS, and Rod Durst, coach and counselor for ROPCHS. Lt. Colonel Contreras shared a presentation about the California Cadet Corps, a program sponsored by the California National Guard. She introduced students Evelyn, Joanna and Carla who gave testimonies of adolescent experiences and shared that being a part of the Corp has had a positive impact in their lives. Each expressed pride in being a part of the Color Guard.
8. No public comment.
9. Member Lane motioned to approve Consent Items consisting of: January 3, 2017 Board meeting minutes; January 17, 2017 Special Board meeting minutes; Request by EDCOE Charter University Prep program to take 8th and 9th grade students on field trip to Europe (London/Paris/Edinburgh), April 6-17, 2017; Request by EDCOE Charter Career Prep/Community School Robotics Team (11th and 12th grade students) to attend the State Championships Vex Robotics Competition, Engineering and Computer Design, San Jose State University, February 24 – 25, 2017; Request by Rite of Passage Charter High School – Sierra Sage Academy to operate a California Cadet Corps (CACC) program; Donation to Special Services programs; Disposal of surplus property as listed; Resolution No. 2017-02*, "Early

Retirement Program (Golden Handshake) for local miscellaneous members eligible to retire in the Lake Tahoe Unified School District”; second by Member Weiland; motion carries.

Aye: D. Akin, J. Lane, G. Knight, H. Weiland

- 10.1 Superintendent Manansala explained that to make certain a thorough review is conducted; staff is requesting a 30-day extension to the deadline by which the Board must decide whether to approve or deny the John Adams Academy - El Dorado Hills Charter School Petition. He informed the Board that JAA agreed to the 30-day extension. Member Weiland motioned to approve a 30-day extension to the deadline of the Board’s decision; second by Member Akin; motion carries.

Aye: D. Akin, J. Lane, G. Knight, H. Weiland

- 10.2 Pursuant to Education Code § 41020.3, the County Superintendent of Schools presented the EDCOE Annual Independent Audit Report submitted by Goodell, Porter, Sanchez & Bright, LLP for the Board’s review. Deputy Superintendent Montalbano introduced John Goodell of Goodell, Porter, Sanchez & Bright, LLP and thanked him for many years of outstanding service as auditor for EDCOE and several school districts in the County. Member Lane and Mr. Girard commented on Mr. Goodell’s cautious, thoughtful, and professional approach. Mr. Goodell presented the governance letter and conducted the audit report review, stating EDCOE received an unmodified opinion. Following brief discussion, Member Akin motioned to accept the June 30, 2016 EDCOE Annual Financial Report as submitted; second by Member Knight; motion carries. Aye: D. Akin, J. Lane, G. Knight, H. Weiland

- 10.3 For purposes of negotiations with the El Dorado County Office of Education Classified School Employees Association (CSEA), the 2016-2017 Initial Proposal was presented.

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- 10.5 President Knight thanked the ad hoc committee and Mr. Girard for work in preparing the Resolution and asked Member Weiland to summarize the ad hoc committee’s recommendation. Member Weiland reported that the committee met with Mr. Girard to prepare a resolution that sets the process, bifurcates the superintendent’s salary schedule from that of senior administrative staff, and clarifies that the superintendent is eligible to move from step to step on the salary schedule January of each year. Mr. Girard assisted in discussion. Superintendent Manansala thanked the Board. Member Akin motioned to approve Resolution 2017-01 as presented; second by Member Weiland; motion carries.

Aye: D. Akin, J. Lane, G. Knight, H. Weiland

- 10.6 Presentation by committee recommending placement of Superintendent on salary schedule. Following recommendation by the ad hoc committee of the Board that Superintendent Manansala be placed on the salary schedule adopted in Resolution 2017-01, Member Weiland motioned that the Board place Dr. Manansala on Step 5 of the Salary Schedule; second by Member Akin; motion carries.

Aye: D. Akin, J. Lane, G. Knight, H. Weiland

11. Member Akin commented that the EDCSBA Awards Dinner was not listed on the agenda and spoke about the process of nominating trustees of district governing boards for awards. She attended the January 23, 2107 meeting of EDCSBA Council of Representative and gave a brief update. She stated that Nancy Brownell did a great job of presenting on the LCAP process.

Member Weiland attended a joint CCBE and CSBA Board member training. She is preparing for the CSBA Board of Directors meeting. As editor of ‘Director-at-large’ emails, Member Weiland asked if members had received the communication.

No report by Member Lane.

President Knight requested a meeting with EDCOE staff to set up a board study session in order cover Superintendent Manansala's four priority areas. She is looking forward to participating in the student speech competition sponsored by the El Dorado Hills Rotary and the Miller's Hill speech contest. President Knight mentioned she will not be attending the March 7th Board meeting.

- 12.1 Superintendent Manansala highlighted a number of things. Attorney Mike Tucker did an excellent job presenting at an ACSA Legal Topics breakfast. Ed gave a training on the LCAP rubric at recent CCSESA board and general membership meetings. He spoke about the unique privilege of announcing Oak Ridge High School winning the County Academic Decathlon in that Ponderosa High School has won the competition for the past 24 years. He is very proud of the work being done in the County. Superintendent Manansala shared that Don Ashton, County CAO, invited him to participate in a meeting with a Brazilian science innovation company looking to doing business in El Dorado County. It was good to see community leaders coming together. He thanked Ms. Gentry for preparing a presentation capturing EDCOE's side.
 - 12.2 Deputy Superintendent Montalbano informed the Board that at the end of October, Goodell, Porter, Sanchez & Bright, LLP notified EDCOE they will no longer provide audits. An RFP for a new auditing firm was sent out, interviews conducted and a new firm selected.
 - 12.3 Associate Superintendent Monsma gave kudos to Kathy Daniels, EDCOE facilities director for the great job of dealing with effects of recent rain and snow. He announced the Charter Robotics team won the regional completion and is going to the State Championships later this month. Doug Booker is the teacher. Associate Superintendent Monsma provided the Board with a finalized copy of EDCOE program SARCS. He informed the Board that the SBE Dashboard should be available next week, and available to the public the beginning of March. He shared that he is very excited about a project with PIVOT Rural Learning Network, which will be evaluated through June. EDCOE's transportation department will be piloting a program through May -- devices, which will track from station to station and will provide updates and work orders on service automatically.
- Brief discussion followed President Knight's inquiry regarding the new accountability system rollout.
13. Information items were presented.
 14. At 2 pm, Member Weiland motioned to adjourn the meeting; second by Member Akin; motion carries.
Aye: D. Akin, J. Lane, G. Knight, H. Weiland