

EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES – UNADOPTED

October 3, 2017
Board Room - El Dorado County Office of Education
6767 Green Valley Road, Placerville, CA 95667

Board Members Present
Debbie Akin
Georgianne Knight
Heidi Weiland

Student Representatives Present
Autumn Fowler Vogel, EDUHSD
Emily Haynie, EDUHSD
Celeste Holmes, LTUSD
Paytin Thrift, EDCOE Charter

EDCOE Administration Present
Dr. Ed Manansala, Superintendent
Robbie Montalbano, Deputy Superintendent
Kevin Monsma, Deputy Superintendent
Coleen Johnson, Mary Viegas

Guests Present

EDCOE staff - Dina Gentry, Sean Frame, Joel Butler, Beth Reynolds, Suzie Bettencourt, Pamela Matthews, Hope Culp, Tammy Wagner; and Superintendent Pat Atkins, Principal Kim Little and students Kacie Melcon, Sierra Miller, Allie Nagle, and Isabelle Hutto of Pollock Pines School District

1. Board President Knight called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm; Secretary recorded members present.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Akin.
3. Member Weiland motioned to approve the agenda as presented; second by Member Akin; motion carries. Aye: D. Akin, H. Weiland, G. Knight
4. EDCOE staff, Board members, and guests introduced themselves.
5. Student Reports:
Ms. Vogel, ASB Vice President at Ponderosa High School, reported that Ponderosa, Oak Ridge, El Dorado and Union Mine high school students participated in school rallies, homecoming festivities, class elections and PSAT and NMSQTs. She added that El Dorado hosted a fall music concert; Union Mine hosted a College Fair and adopted the Rattlesnake as a new mascot; Oak Ridge students are preparing for Club Day; and Ponderosa and El Dorado joined to present the half-time show during the annual Gold Pan football game.

Ms. Thrift, a senior at Charter University Prep, provided an informative report for EDCOE's Charter Community School programs. Charter Career Prep and Community School programs were combined to create 'College and Career Prep', a new 7-12th grade program, located on the EDCOE campus. Students are provided with hands-on learning opportunities in relevant careers and are guided towards taking college classes. Ms. Thrift also shared that enrollments are strong at Charter Connections Academy, Charter University Prep and Charter Home Study Academy – each program offering unique learning opportunities. The Extended Day program, currently serving approximately 2,400 students, opened new sites this fall at Valley View Elementary and Rising Sun Montessori. The Adult Education program is helping many adults earn high school diplomas or job certifications. 'Cares', a high quality alternative education option for at-risk 7-9th grade students, is being provided at Markham and Herbert Green middle schools and El Dorado High School.

Ms. Haynie, a junior at EDUHSD Virtual Academy, spoke about Student Leadership activities including a casual winter dance, Spirit Week, college prep and career testing, and Toys for Tots fundraisers. She also mentioned that various student clubs are off to a good start. At Independence High School, the first cohort of 15 senior girls have started Soroptimist International's *Career Readiness and Success* curriculum series; a number of students enjoyed the annual Point Reyes National Seashore science immersion field trip; and the first Site Council meeting for the 17-18 school year was well attended by parents, students and staff.

Reporting for South Tahoe High School via Skype, senior Celeste Holmes shared details about ASB activities and upcoming projects. Homecoming was a big event for the community with a rally, parade, dance and football game all well attended. "Think Pink" will be the theme for the last home football game, a Friday the 13th movie night is being planned, and Haunted Hallways and a Halloween dance will be held at the end of the month.

6. Superintendent Atkins thanked the Board for the opportunity to highlight successes of the Pollock Pines School District. He spoke briefly about the Sierra Ridge Interact Club (SRIC), introduced Kim Little, Principal of Sierra Ridge Middle School, and proudly acknowledged the four SRIC board members joining the meeting as students who are very dedicated to the school and community. Principal Little spoke about the SRIC's goal of connecting students, ages 12 to 18, and shared that the SRIC has received numerous service and achievement awards from Rotary International. In addition to narrating a power point presentation, students provided information about ongoing projects at the school, in the community, and internationally. Ms. Little expressed that working with SRIC members gives her a perspective of what students think about school and needs of the community.
7. Beth Reynolds, an EDCOE classified employee and president of CSEA, spoke about the value of CSEA member employees, mentioning that some employees feel they are now being forced to prove their worth. She asked that consideration be given to increasing salaries of employees, particularly those earning just above the minimum wage. She also expressed that CSEA was discouraged by the recent ECTA settlement. Public Comment closed at 1:10 pm.
8. Member Weiland motioned to approve Consent Items consisting of September 5, 2017 Board meeting minutes; Resolution 2017-14 "Early Retirement Program (Golden Handshake) for local miscellaneous members eligible to retire in the Buckeye Union School District"; Certificate of Honor for Karen Farley as requested by Placerville Union School District; Disposal of Surplus Property as listed; and acknowledgment of donations to Sierra Ridge Academy; second by Member Akin; motion carries.
Aye: D. Akin, H. Weiland, G. Knight
9. Action Items:
 - 9.1 President Knight asked Member Akin to provide information relative to the second reading and adoption of revised Board Policy 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures, Board Policy 1312.4 Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures, and Board Bylaw 9270 Conflict of Interest. Member Akin thanked Member Weiland for her work with CSBA resulting in sample policies written for County Offices of Education. She then reported that the ad hoc committee considered EDCOE staff input in developing the aforementioned policies brought for first reading in September; and that with no revisions made, the policies are now being presented for final approval. Member Akin motioned to adopt Board Policy 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures, Board Policy 1312.4 Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures, and Board Bylaw 9270 Conflict of Interest as presented; second by Member Weiland; motion carries.
Aye: D. Akin, H. Weiland, G. Knight
 - 9.2 Member Akin provided a brief explanation of Resolution 2017-12 Conflict of Interest Code, noting the Resolution is being presented in accordance with Board Bylaw 9270 Conflict of Interest. Member Weiland motioned to adopt Resolution 2017-12 Conflict of Interest Code; second by Member Akin; motion carries. Aye: D. Akin, H. Weiland, G. Knight

9.3 Board President Knight asked for clarification of the “Gann Limit”. Following an explanation by Deputy Superintendent Montalbano of “Gann Limit” calculations and requirements resulting from passage of Proposition 13, Member Weiland motioned to adopt Resolution 2017-13, the “Gann Limit” (maximum appropriation limitations as defined in Government Code Sections 7900-7914); second by Board President Knight; motion carries. Aye: D. Akin, H. Weiland, G. Knight

9.4 EDCOE program reports of progress on California Dashboard Local Indicators were provided for the Board’s review in advance of the meeting. Deputy Superintendent Monsma provided background information and next steps regarding the process. He spoke about Williams Uniform Complaints – stating that teachers are fully credentialed, all students have books, and there are no complaints regarding classroom environments or facilities. He also described the accountability process and how academic standards, parent engagement, and school climate ideals of EDCOE’s Blue Ridge School, Golden Ridge School, Rite of Passage, Charter Alternative programs, Foster Youth and Expelled Youth programs are being met. All program priorities are rolled into one report of progress that is reflected in EDCOE’s LCAP.

Following brief discussion, Member Akin motioned to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to approve EDCOE program reports of progress on California Dashboard Local Indicators as presented; second by Member Weiland; motion carries. Aye: D. Akin, H. Weiland, G. Knight

10. Board Member Reports:

Member Akin reported that the recent CCBE conference was well done and commended Member Weiland, Superintendent Manansala and EDCOE legal counsel for the presentations and panel discussions they led. She shared a four-page overview of a presentation given by the Director of California Homeless Youth Project which she was most impacted by. Member Akin expressed appreciation to EDCOE for its support of the Board by providing opportunities for training. She then spoke briefly about October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Member Weiland provided CCBE Conference attendance information and shared that she has spent many hours with fairly new county board of education members, providing assistance in counties where relationships between superintendents and board members are not good. She expressed gratitude for EDCOE’s leadership and collaboration. As a member of the CSBA Board of Directors, she is wrapping up preparations for the upcoming CSBA conference and is working on the next Director-at-Large newsletter. She mentioned the CSBA Road Show and a grass roots advocacy movement now underway.

Board President Knight commented that she is very glad to be back in the United States after a wonderful trip to Europe. She spoke about attending the Valley View Montessori Charter School kickoff event and ribbon cutting ceremony of the John Adams Academy in El Dorado Hills. She expressed interest in learning more about charter school authorizations and the role of the Board as an appellate body.

11. Superintendents’ Reports:

Dr. Manansala reflected on areas EDCOE touches, from students in our Charter Alternative programs to the community *Cops and Rodders* event – thanking Dina Gentry for helping with the *Kidz Zone*. He shared that William Brooks School, Buckeye USD, became a National Blue Ribbon School, and commented on their focus of social/emotional learning. He mentioned that a cross section of leaders from throughout the county are participating in a multi-year Leadership Academy. He provided a superintendent’s perspective of the CCBE Conference. Along with Cabinet, he attended a meet and greet with employees recently held in So. Lake Tahoe. Dr. Manansala shared that salaries at EDCOE have improved 15.88% over the past four years, noting the good collaborative partnership between the ETCA group and EDCOE administration is very much appreciated.

Deputy Superintendent Montalbano noted she had no report other than the Personnel Services Report provided.

Deputy Superintendent Monsma reported that the new CA Dashboard should be available December 1st, following rollout to school districts in November. He provided details about Local Indicators, Differentiated Technical Assistance, and the more collaborative approach to addressing areas of need. He also spoke about building capacity in schools and internally at EDCOE. EDCOE's Roslynne Manansala-Smith, Tamara Clay, Becca Kaldunski and Jill Morton are being trained and will be looking at a capacity building system. He and Gigi Marchini recently presented to six SELPAs on the LCAP process and will follow up with additional training regarding the interaction of the Dashboard and school plans. He then responded to questions and concerns from Board Members regarding indicators and accountability models relative to special education and ELL students, mentioning ongoing Federal compliance pieces.

12. Information Items were reviewed.
13. Board President Knight moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:17; second by Member Weiland; motion carries. Aye: D. Akin, H. Weiland, G. Knight