

EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES – UNADOPTED

November 7, 2017
Board Room - El Dorado County Office of Education
6767 Green Valley Road, Placerville, CA 95667

Board Members Present

Debbie Akin
Rich Fischer
Georgianne Knight
John Lane
Heidi Weiland

Student Representatives Present

Autumn Fowler Vogel, EDUHSD
John MacLatchie, BOMUSD
Paytin Thrift, EDCOE Charter Alternative Programs

EDCOE Administration Present

Robbie Montalbano, Deputy Superintendent
Kevin Monsma, Deputy Superintendent

Guests Present

EDCOE staff – Coleen Johnson, Mary Viegas, Dina Gentry, Joel Butler, Susan Carney; Superintendent Eric Bonniksen, Principal Patrick Paturel, Mrs. Schubert, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Haagenson, and students Kaitlyn H., Tyler L., Owen B., Connor W., Joshua P. and Jacob B. of Placerville Union 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 Lane.
3. Member Weiland motioned to approve the agenda as presented; second by Member Akin; motion carries. Aye: D. Akin, R. Fischer, G. Knight, J. Lane, H. Weiland
4. EDCOE staff and Board members introduced themselves.
5. Student Reports:
In addition to sharing highlights of Homecoming, Halloween, and athletic activities occurring at each high school, Ms. Vogel reported that Oak Ridge will be hosting a district-wide Marching Band Showcase November 6 and a “Healthy Mind, Happy Life Concert” November 7th. At Ponderosa, a Kids Can Food Drive is underway and a Bruin Bash Night Rally will be held November 6 to kick off the basketball season. The AVID program at Union Mine will be hosting a potluck for all AVID students and will recognize AVID seniors for their achievements. November 13 – 17 will be Safe Schools Ambassador Week at Union Mine. Ms. Vogel also shared Ms. Haynie’s report on Independence High School and the Virtual Academy. Students of the Virtual Academy enjoyed Halloween spirit week and are looking forward to a field trip to Folsom Lake College (FLC), El Dorado Center. There is also excitement about Spanish 401 and College Success classes, to be taught by a FLC professor on the VA campus, coming in the spring. In October, students of Independence HS enjoyed an ‘end of quarter’ awards ceremony and wrapped up Red Ribbon Week with a Wheels of Freedom performance by an X-games contestant and student at UC San Diego, promoting a healthy lifestyle and ethics code against bullying. Students participated in field trips to performances of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* at UC Davis and *Take Me to the River* at the Harris Center, Folsom.

Ms. Thrift, provided highlights of recent EDCOE Charter Community School program activities. Charter College and Career Prep students hosted first grade students from Indian Creek School for a fun Fall Festival and will be serving an annual Thanksgiving Feast on November 17 for EDCOE staff. High school students enrolled in the Charter Connections Academy and Charter University Prep began

working through Career Exploration curriculum, participated in PSAT testing, and enjoyed an 'Old Hollywood' dance. Board members were invited to the Charter Home Study Academy Annual Craft Faire, November 16, where students display, describe and offer for sell items they have created as individual student projects. Several students of the Adult Education program earned high school diplomas and Gary Sutherland, Principal, was recognized as ACSA's Adult Education Administrator of the Year at a recent ACSA state conference. Staff of the Extended Day program recently participated in health and safety, behavior strategies, and curriculum enhancement trainings.

Reporting for Golden Sierra Junior/Senior High School via Skype, senior John MacLatchie shared details about student achievements in various competitions including cross country, girls' volleyball, bass fishing and the forestry challenge. He spoke about a number of new clubs on campus available to students, highlighting the Interact Club for the many great things they are doing. He also described the new "4 x 4" class structure, stating that students are adjusting well for the most part. There are challenges with the new structure in AP classes. He mentioned that the transition should be easier for next year's incoming Freshmen. High school students will be participating in testing soon.

6. Following instruction by Deputy Superintendent Monsma, Placerville Union School District Superintendent Eric Bonniksen thanked the Board for the opportunity to share what students in the District's STEM program are doing with coding and robotics. He introduced Mrs. Haagenson, a TK teacher, who spoke about the technology grant received and the hands on opportunities for young students to learn coding concepts. She and Kaitlyn H. provided a demonstration using Cubeto. Fifth grade students Tyler and Owen shared an interactive coding demonstration using robots. They described the process of using block code and programming the robots to communicate and perform various activities. Mrs. Schubert described the elective Robotics class at Markham Middle School. Students Connor, Joshua and Jacob provided details of an upcoming Robotics competition and narrated a power point of 'missions'. Each student described their robot and project, mentioning a core value of Robotics Competitions is working as a team.

Board members asked questions and expressed appreciation for the presentations. Superintendent Bonniksen then shared a video about PUSD schools that EDCOE's communication department helped create.

7. Following a short break, the Board reconvened at 1:24. No public comment.
8. Member Akin motioned to approve Consent Items consisting of October 3, 2017 Board meeting minutes and acknowledgement of donations to the Community Observatory; second by Member Weiland; motion carries. Aye: D. Akin, R. Fischer, G. Knight, J. Lane, H. Weiland
9. Action Items:
President Knight opened discussion about the process of policy review and approval, in particular, consideration of policies described as optional by CSBA. She also sought guidance from the Board as to the ad hoc committee's role and responsibility in instances where the Superintendent has adopted a policy that may parallel a Board policy. Following discussion, the Board asked that the CSBA sample LCAP policy BP 0460 for County Offices of Education, EDCOE Superintendent Policy 0460 – LCAP, and notes from legal counsel be provided to Board members, and that a draft Local Control Accountability Plan Board Policy be brought for first reading at the December 5th meeting.
10. Board Member Reports:
Board President Knight spoke about a celebration at William Brooks Elementary School, celebrating selection as a National Blue Ribbon School. She also wanted Board members to be thinking about meeting dates, times, locations and governance sessions for the upcoming annual organizational meeting.

Member Weiland shared a comment received from parents of Schnell School students—they really love the Extended Day program at the school. A parent concern was brought forward concerning the lack of local STEM camps. Member Weiland mentioned the focus on STEM and STEAM at Union Mine High

School, and asked that consideration be given to providing additional learning opportunities to students interested in STEM programs. She also commented on ModernStates.org – a program providing people of any age an opportunity to take college level classes. The idea being that everyone interested would be able to complete the first two years of college. Free instructional materials are provided, along with the ability to transfer credits to a number of colleges in the US. She is preparing for the CSBA Board of Directors meeting and her reelection, noting the 2018 CSBA Annual Education Conference will be held in San Francisco.

As the Board's representative to EDCSBA, Member Akin spoke about CSBA's Masters in Governance program and attempts to bring the training to El Dorado County. She also mentioned upcoming EDCSBA meetings, noting that guest speakers will address current issues including mental health.

Member Fischer spoke about voter registration in high schools, expanding on inquiries he made to student representatives. He shared concerns about civic engagement with young people. Member Weiland mentioned ICivics.org. Member Fischer also shared concerns about the effects of changes in DACA in the LTUSD.

Member Lane provided no report.

11. Superintendents' Reports:

Deputy Superintendent Montalbano described the reports provided.

Deputy Superintendent Monsma reported on the CA Dashboard's upcoming release in November. A hot topic is accountability. Differentiated assistance modules are being considered. EDCOE will be hosting a CCDR conference involving legislators and education policy makers December 14-15. He also spoke about a CDE visit to several of our special services program sites. Being considered 'programs of excellence', EDCOE's SELPA and Charter SELPA programs were contacted by CDE regarding assistance to other programs needing technical assistance support.

12. Information Items were reviewed.

13. Board President Knight adjourned the meeting at 2:16 pm.