

EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING MINUTES - **UNADPOTED**

January 2, 2018

Board Room – El Dorado County Office of Education
6767 Green Valley Road, Placerville, CA 95667

Student Representatives Present

Autumn Fowler Vogel, EDUHSD

EDCOE Administration Present

Robbie Montalbano, Deputy Superintendent
Kevin Monsma, Deputy Superintendent

Guests Present

EDCOE staff: Susan Carney, Dina Gentry, Kimberly Stewart
Crowe and Horwath, LLP: Joe Trone
Democratic Party of El Dorado: Nelson Enos and Millie Enos

Board Trustees Present

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

1. Board President Knight called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm. Secretary recorded trustees present.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Fischer.
3. Trustee Weiland motioned to approve the agenda as presented; second by Trustee Akin; motion carries.
Aye: G. Knight, R. Fischer, D. Akin, J. Lane, H. Weiland
4. EDCOE Staff, Board trustees, a student representative, and guests introduced themselves.
5. Student Reports:

Ms. Fowler Vogel, a junior at Ponderosa High School, reported that all high schools finished up two weeks of school in December with finals and are now enjoying a three week break. Most high schools enjoyed winter dances, basketball, and soccer games. Students are also looking forward to Sadie Hawkins and Prom coming up in the spring.

6. Public Comment:

Nelson Enos explained that he serves on the Education Policy Committee for the Democratic Party of El Dorado County. Their purpose is to improve education in California, working with policy makers to ensure that students' needs are addressed. The Committee is seeking input with regard to local needs, concerns, or suggestions. Mr. Enos invited Board trustees to share their insights and provide the Committee with direction in forming new policies. President Knight suggested that Mr. Enos send information to Board trustees or the Superintendent's Office and thanked him for attending the meeting.

7. Vice President Fischer motioned to approve Consent Items consisting of December 5, 2017 Board meeting minutes; 2016-2017 School Accountability Report Card drafts for Blue Ridge School, Golden Ridge School, Rite of Passage Charter High School, Special Education Programs, Charter Community School, Home Study Academy, and Charter Alternative Programs; operation of Sugarloaf Fine Arts Camps (July 15-21 and July 22-28, 2018); and disposal of obsolete instruction materials and textbooks; second by Trustee Akin; motion carries. Aye: G. Knight, R. Fischer, D. Akin, J. Lane, H. Weiland

8. Action Items:

8.1 Pursuant to Education Code § 41020.3, the County Superintendent of Schools presented the EDCOE Annual Independent Audit Report submitted by Crowe and Horwath, LLP for the Board's review. Deputy Superintendent Montalbano introduced Joe Trone of Crowe and Horwath, LLP and expressed her appreciation for a pleasant transition with the new auditing firm. Mr. Trone complimented Deputy Superintendent Montalbano, Diane Lacombe, and her team for their assistance throughout the process. Mr. Trone shared required communication items and then summarized the report stating that EDCOE received an unmodified opinion and there are no areas of deficiencies or non-compliance. EDCOE is considered a low-risk auditee.

Trustee Akin motioned to accept the 2016-2017 EDCOE Audit Report as submitted; second by Trustee Weiland; motion carries. Aye: G. Knight, R. Fischer, D. Akin, J. Lane, H. Weiland

8.2 Trustees conducted a second reading of revised Board Policy 0460: Local Control and Accountability Plan. President Knight thanked Superintendent Manansala and Legal Counsel Mike Tucker for aligning the policy language with the corresponding Superintendent's Policy. Vice President Fischer motioned to adopt Board Policy 0460: Local Control and Accountability Plan; second by Trustee Akin; motion carries. Aye: G. Knight, R. Fischer, D. Akin, J. Lane, H. Weiland

8.3 After a brief discussion of the annual Board calendar, it was determined that no changes would be made to the calendar approved at the December 5th, 2017 Board meeting. The Board governance workshop will be held, as planned, on March 6, 2018. President Knight requested that Board trustees email her or Superintendent Manansala with any topics of interest to be included in the workshop.

9. Board Trustee Reports:

Trustee Weiland reported that the recent CSBA conference went well and she had received excellent feedback. Next year's conference will be held in San Francisco and the first planning meeting will be held on January 25th. She is entering a busy season with CSBA and CCBE, serving on the Board of Directors for each, as the Chair of the 2018 CSBA Conference, and coordinating the CCBE Leadership retreat. She will not be able to attend the February 6th Board meeting, because she will be attending the NSBA Advocacy Institute in Washington DC during that time.

Trustee Akin provided no report.

Vice President Fischer provided no report.

President Knight shared copies of thank you letters, which had been sent to last month's presenters. She also showed EDCOE note cards, which are available for hand-written thank yous if needed. President Knight hopes to work with EDCOE staff to develop a Board Orientation Handbook for new Board

trustees. Trustee Akin suggested the EDCOE website as an excellent resource. She also noted that CSBA may have a framework already in place to use in creating a handbook, and she feels it is important to include essential facts, such as ADA and budget summaries. Vice President Fischer stated that the handbook should be kept simple, and focus on the very basics of Board meetings, consent agendas, motions, and Robert's Rules of Order.

Trustee Lane provided no report.

10. Superintendents' Reports:

10.1 Superintendent Manansala reported on the success of the California Collaborative on District Reform (CCDR) Symposium held at EDCOE in December. Over fifty participants representing the State Board of Education, the California Department of Education, philanthropists, and practitioners participated. The focus of the symposium was the differentiated system of support and the pivotal role to be played by County Offices of Education (COE). This was the first time the CCDR had gathered at a COE, and he has received positive feedback about the hospitality experienced at EDCOE as well as the overall organization, preparation, and content of the symposium. He thanked EDCOE staff, especially Kim Walker, Deputy Superintendent Montalbano, Deputy Superintendent Monsma, and Associate Superintendent David Toston.

Superintendent Manansala attended the December meeting of the Taxpayer's Association of El Dorado County, presenting information on the state of education. The Association expressed appreciation for the direction EDCOE is heading.

The Academic Decathlon will be held on January 31st and February 3rd at Union Mine High School and trustees are encouraged to attend.

Superintendent Manansala visited Indian Diggings School last month and met with Superintendent/Principal Grant Coffin. Trustees were invited to visit Indian Diggings as an excellent example of a necessary small school.

Superintendent Manansala feels privileged to be invited to a retreat with educational leaders led by Michael Fullan. The meeting will be held February 5-6, 2018, so he will be unable to attend the upcoming February 6th Board meeting.

The last few months have been very busy and Superintendent Manansala shared a culminating event that occurred during the annual gift basket auction which benefits families with children in EDCOE's Child Development programs. He was reminded that families have great hope in the education system and EDCOE can have a huge impact on individuals.

Superintendent Manansala responded to questions and comments from trustees.

10.2 Deputy Superintendent Montalbano stated that the Personnel Services Transactions and Temporary County Certificate Reports from December 2017 included nothing unusual. She is anticipating the release of Governor Brown's budget next week.

10.3 Deputy Superintendent Monsma reported that Gigi Marchini is the new Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Accountability, following the retirement of Angie Lind.

Following the release of the California Dashboard data, EDCOE has started the process of providing differentiated assistance to three eligible school districts in the County. A collaborative method has been created to allow EDCOE staff to come alongside, support, and coach districts as needed. Deputy Superintendent Monsma is also encouraged to have two additional school districts proactively requesting support in areas of potential concern. He discussed the significance of the strong, positive relationships between EDCOE and school districts. As a result, EDCOE is positioned to efficiently and effectively partner with districts through this process.

Deputy Superintendent Monsma answered trustee questions, providing additional details about EDCOE's model of support and the potential to serve as a resource to COEs statewide.

11. Information items were reviewed.
12. Board President Knight adjourned the meeting at 1:42 pm.

Georgianne Knight, President
El Dorado County Board of Education

Dr. Ed Manansala, Superintendent
El Dorado County Office of Education