

EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING MINUTES - UNADOPTED

April 13, 2018

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

EDCOE Administration Present

Dr. Ed Manansala, Superintendent
Kevin Monsma, Deputy Superintendent

Board Trustees Present

Georgianne Knight, President
Debbie Akin
John Knight
Heidi Weiland (arrived at 9:08 AM)

Guests Present

EDCOE Staff: Kimberly Stewart

John Adams Academy: Joseph Benson, Executive Director; Jordan Zacharia, Principal

1. President Knight called the meeting to order at 9:05am. The Secretary recorded trustees present.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Lane.
3. Trustee Akin motioned to approve the agenda as presented; second by Trustee Lane; motion carries. Aye: G Knight, D. Akin, J. Lane, H. Weiland
4. Board trustees, EDCOE Staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

6. **Public Hearing: John Adams Academy Charter Petition Amendment – Material Revision**

A public hearing regarding the John Adams Academy Charter Petition Amendment was opened at 9:13 AM. President Knight provided an overview of the petition amendment process. She then invited representatives from John Adams Academy to speak to the Board.

Executive Director Joseph Benson thanked the Board for holding the Special Meeting. He also thanked EDCOE staff for their work in reviewing the material revision. He stated that the John Adams Academy (JAA) has had a successful year at their temporary site on Town Center Boulevard, within the Buckeye Union School District. Through the due diligence process, it has been determined that the current location is not feasible as a permanent location, due to extensive renovation costs and traffic concerns.

The building at 1102 Investment Boulevard in El Dorado Hills is a more suitable facility, with improved traffic flow, ample parking, outdoor play spaces, and a multi-purpose room. The site can accommodate approximately 900 students and is expected to be open in the Fall with approximately 450 students. Principal Zacharia shared additional information and student anecdotes from the school year.

Mr. Benson explained that the new school site is located just across district boundaries, in the Latrobe School District. Through this process, therefore, he has met with Latrobe Superintendent, Natalie Miller and Latrobe Board President, Scot Yarnell. He indicated that JAA has maintained communication with Latrobe throughout this process and meetings have been productive and cordial.

Board members asked questions and thanked Mr. Benson and Mr. Zacharia. President Knight invited JAA to provide a student presentation to the Board at a future meeting and inquired about a site visit to the new facility. President Knight closed the hearing at 9:29 AM.

7. Action Item

7.1. Discussion/Approval: John Adams Academy Charter Petition Amendment – Material Revision

Trustee Akin thanked EDCOE staff for their thorough recommendation report. Trustee Weiland agreed and added that she also appreciated the fiscal oversight that EDCOE would provide for JAA. Trustee Weiland moved to approve the material revision as presented by John Adams Academy, second by Trustee Lane. Roll call vote. Trustees voting aye: G. Knight, D. Akin, J. Lane, H. Weiland. Trustees voting no: none. Motion carries.

Trustee Weiland moved to adopt administrative findings as presented by EDCOE staff; second by President Knight. Roll call vote. Trustees voting aye: G. Knight, D. Akin, J. Lane, H. Weiland. Trustees voting no: none. Motion carries.

Trustees agreed to table a vote on Resolution 2018-06 until the May 1st Board meeting.

8. Dr. Manansala thanked the Board for attending the Special Board meeting. President Knight adjourned the meeting at 9:35 AM.

Georgianne Knight, President
El Dorado County Board of Education

Dr. Ed Manansala, Superintendent
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