

# EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## MEETING MINUTES - UNADOPTED

**October 2, 2018**

South Tahoe Middle School – Library  
2940 Lake Tahoe Blvd, South Lake Tahoe, CA

### Student Representatives Present

Amanda Massera, EDUHSD Alternative Sites  
Kierstin Parker, EDUHSD Comprehensive Sites  
Dainelle Nicolay, EDCOE Charter Alternative Programs

### LTUSD Guests Present

Dr. James Tarwater  
Dr. Bob Grant  
Bonnie Turnbull  
John Simons  
Jodi Dayberry  
Gretchen Chavarria

### Board Members Present

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

### EDCOE Administration Present

Robbie Montalbano, Deputy Superintendent  
Kevin Monsma, Deputy Superintendent

### EDCOE Staff Present

Dina Gentry  
Kim Stewart

1. President Knight called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Akin.
3. Trustee Akin motioned to approve the agenda as presented; second by Vice President Fischer; Ayes: G. Knight, D. Akin, R. Fischer; Noes: none; motion carries.
4. Trustees, EDCOE staff, and guests introduced themselves.
5. Principal John Simons spoke about a variety of programs and services offered at South Tahoe Middle School. He discussed wraparound services and the focus on becoming a High Reliability School. Principal Simons also invited trustees to attend the AVID Showcase in May.
6. Board Members, EDCOE staff, and Lake Tahoe Unified School District personnel toured South Tahoe Middle School facilities and classrooms.
7. Student Representatives' Reports

Ms. Massera provided a report for EDUHSD Alternative Sites, sharing information about Homecoming, PSATs, advanced education opportunities with Folsom Lake College, and a new positivity program in place at Virtual Academy.

Ms. Parker shared information about the EDUHSD Comprehensive Sites. Schools are preparing for Homecoming events, community service opportunities, and educational programs involving healthy strategies for students.

Ms. Nicolay reported on behalf of EDCOE Charter Alternative Programs. Upcoming events include the Fall Festival, new STEM courses, and collaboration with Folsom Lake College.

## 8. District Presentation

Dr. James Tarwater, Superintendent, and Bob Grant, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator for the Lake Tahoe Unified School District presented an overview of the District to the Board. Dr. Tarwater was appreciative that Trustees traveled to South Lake Tahoe for the meeting. He discussed a variety of challenges facing the schools and community, and the importance of wraparound services.

Dr. Grant discussed the whole-child approach, with a focus on creating pathways to college and career. Each school in the District has a theme, such as Performing Arts or Environmental Science. He noted the partnership with Lake Tahoe Community College which provides opportunities for dual enrollment.

Board Members asked questions about the community and commended LTUSD for their innovation and whole-child focus.

## 9. Public Comment

Jodi Dayberry, teacher and science coordinator for LTUSD, spoke about the commitment of the teachers' association, which has allowed the District flexibility to bring in additional supports for students in need. She noted the importance of engaging students early on, with theme-based schools and a variety of course offerings.

10. Vice President Fischer motioned to approve Consent Items including September 4, 2018 Governance Workshop minutes, September 4, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes, EDCOE Temporary County Certificate Report, disposition of surplus property, letter of congratulations to Natalie Miller, and Resolution 2018-11: The "Gann" Limit; second by Trustee Akin; Ayes: G. Knight, D. Akin, R. Fischer; Noes: none; motion carries.

## 11. Board Member Reports

President Knight thanked LTUSD for a wonderful visit. She also asked trustees to report on the CCBE Conference at the November meeting

Vice President Fischer praised STMS and LTUSD for their commitment to students. The innovative programs and whole-child focus are encouraging to see.

Trustee Akin similarly expressed gratitude to STMS LTUSD for hosting the meeting. She noted the enthusiasm among the students, staff, and administration and thanked everyone for their efforts.

## 12. Superintendents' Reports

Superintendent Manansala commented on LTUSD's ability to inspire students and provide a limitless ceiling of opportunities. He commended Dr. Tarwater for his knowledge of his community and the boldness of the approach in dealing with challenges. He appreciated the teamwork and pride behind all of the programs.

Deputy Superintendent Montalbano echoed the thank you to LTUSD staff for an outstanding visit. .

Deputy Superintendent Monsma stated that he always enjoys visiting LTUSD. He commented on the engagement of the students, and invited further collaboration and partnerships to provide supports and to share the good work going on in the District.

13. Information items were shared.

14. President Knight adjourned the meeting at 12:01 PM.