

## EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - UNADOPTED

**October 23, 2019**

11:00 am – Open Session  
EL Dorado County SELPA Conference Room  
4355 Golden Center Drive, Suite B  
Placerville, CA 95667

Board Members Present

Heidi Weiland, President  
Debbie Akin  
Georgianne Knight  
Ed Manansala, Executive Officer of the Board

Guests Present

Michelle Call, Nina Shouse, Clarisse Fanning, Meghan Muyanja, Jana Myers, Vanessa Proze, DeNeal Taylor, Carlos Ynisuez, Julie Giordano, Philip Christiansen, Lindsay Turner, Nancy Jonas, Tom Jonas, Tamara Anderson, Theodore Weldon, Jullius Gaité, Joseph Benson, Maureen Freer, Norman Gonzales, Carol Welch, Kim Stewart

EDCOE Administration Present

Robbie Montalbano, Deputy Superintendent  
Kevin Monsma, Deputy Superintendent

Item

1. President Weiland called the meeting to order at 11:07. She asked for a moment of silence in honor of fallen Deputy Brian Ishmael.
2. Trustee Akin motioned to approve the agenda as presented; second by Trustee Knight. Ayes: D. Akin, G. Knight, H. Weiland. Noes: none. Motion carries.
3. There was no public comment.
4. Michael Tucker, Legal Counsel to the Board reviewed the process for charter school renewal petitions, noting that no decision will be made during this meeting. There will be an opportunity for the Board to review EDCOE's evaluation of the Charter renewal and how it adheres to legal requirements.
5. President Weiland opened a public hearing at 11:12 AM, pursuant to Education Code §47605(b) and 47607(a)(2), to consider the level of support for the renewal charter of John Adams Academy – El Dorado Hills (JAA). Proposed renewal is for 5 years, expiring on June 30, 2025.

Norman Gonzales, Director of Outreach and Compliance for JAA opened his presentation with an acknowledgement of Deputy Brian Ishmael. He thanked the Board and EDCOE staff for their past support, and provided brief highlights including the move to a permanent location, increased enrollment and parent involvement, school lunch program implementation.

Assistant Headmaster, Meghan Muyanja, discussed staffing, curriculum and testing data. School culture is one where students are empowered to be in charge of their own learning.

Executive Director, Joseph Benson, discussed enrollment, facilities, and noted the sound financial position of the charter. He thanked the Board and the Superintendent's staff for their support of the program.

Mr. Gonzales reported the admissions preferences for the charter, which gives priority to children and grandchildren of employees, children of board members, siblings of existing enrolled scholars, transfers from other JAA locations, and residents of the Buckeye Union School District.

Student Shane B. shared that JAA separates itself from other schools by creating a culture of servant leadership, a focus on the study of humanities, and allowing student to stand out as individuals.

Student Mia S. shared her appreciation for learning logic and rhetoric. She enjoys the warm and welcoming atmosphere.

Teacher Michelle Call is grateful for the new permanent facility. The campus and students are happy to be involved in deep learning.

JAA parent, Carol Welch, sees families working together to support the school and create community. She shared personal stories of her student's positive experience.

Trustees asked questions about collaboration with other school districts, parent onboarding, expulsions, extracurricular activities, and the LCAP.

President Weiland thanked guests for attending and closed the public hearing at 12:09 PM.

6. President Weiland adjourned the meeting at 12:09 PM.