

ADOPTED MINUTES
El Dorado Union High School District
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Board Meeting
October 10, 2023

Submit to
Board _____

A. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1. Call to Order

This meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Board President Jessica Rodgers in the El Dorado Union High School District Board Room.

The meeting was opened for public comment on Closed Session agenda items. As there were no requests to address the Board, Mrs. Rodgers closed this portion of the meeting and the Board adjourned for Closed Session discussion on the following agenda items (*GC 54957.7, 54954.5*):

- a. Consider appeal of student records: two cases. *
- b. Consider approval of three expulsions. *
- c. Consider approval of one stipulation for suspended expulsion. *
- d. Consider approval of one stipulation for expulsion. *
- e. Waiver from Physical Education Requirement: one case. *
- f. Discuss actions for certificated and classified personnel listed in the consent agenda related to personnel action. (*GC 54954.5, 54957*)
- g. Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Resignation (*GC22714; 44929; 44929.21; 44934; 44949; 44951; 44953; 44954; 44955; 45192; 44195; 87488*)
- h. Conference with labor negotiators (agency negotiators for the Board are Deputy Superintendent Christopher Moore, Assistant Superintendent Tony DeVille, and Assistant Superintendent Robert Whittenberg) to discuss with the Board represented employees: Discussion related to Proposals from CSEA. (*GC 3547 {a}*)
- i. Conference with labor negotiators (agency negotiators for the Board are Deputy Superintendent Christopher Moore, Assistant Superintendent Tony DeVille, and Assistant Superintendent Robert Whittenberg) to discuss with the Board represented employees: Discussion related to Proposals from Faculty Association. (*GC 3547 {a}*)
- j. Legal Counsel, Ongoing Litigation, subject to Government Code section 54956.9, regarding proposed settlement of claims related to e-cigarettes and vaping issues.

* Any action will be taken in public session during the Student Services and Innovation section of the public portion of the Board Meeting. All appropriate actions will be taken to preserve the confidentiality and legal rights to privacy of the students. (*EC 35146, 48918[c]*).

The Board reconvened Open Session at 5:39 p.m. in the El Dorado Union High School District Board Room.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Timothy Cary.

3. Attendance

Board Members

Lori M. Veerkamp
 Jessica K. Rodgers
 Timothy M. Cary
 David J. Del Rio

D.O. Staff

Ron Carruth, Superintendent/Secretary to the Board
 Tony DeVille, Assistant Superintendent
 Robert Whittenberg, Assistant Superintendent
 Pam Bartlett, Senior Director
 Chuck Palmer, Senior Director

Student Board Member

Claire Patterson

Association Representatives

Teri Whiting
 Eric Larsen

4. Requests to change the agenda and approval of agenda.

Mr. Cary moved to approve the agenda as presented except for tabling item I.1. until after second Closed Session. Mr. Del Rio seconded. Motion carried (4-0).

Cary: Aye
Del Rio: Aye
Rodgers: Aye
Van Komen: Not Present
Veerkamp: Aye

5. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Veerkamp moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Del Rio seconded. Motion carried (4-0).

Cary: Aye
Del Rio: Aye
Rodgers: Aye
Van Komen: Not Present
Veerkamp: Aye

1. Approval of Minutes of September 12, 2023 Board Meeting.
2. Approval of Commercial Warrants Report (copy for viewing available at District Office).
3. Approval of Routine Certificated Personnel Action.
4. Approval of Routine Classified Personnel Action.
5. Donations Received.
6. Approval/Ratification of Various Contracts (9/4/23 to 10/2/23).
7. Ratification of Budget Transfers (9/12/23 to 10/3/23).
8. Developer Fees Report (7/1/23 to 8/31/23).
9. Permission to Dispose of Obsolete/Unusable Furniture, Equipment and Textbooks.
10. Williams Act Uniform Complaint Procedures Quarterly Report (July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023).
11. Limited Open Enrollment 2024-2025.
12. SchoolWorks Professional Service Agreement 2023-2024.

13. El Dorado High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: AVID College Tours, UC Merced and UC Santa Cruz, November 7-8, 2023.
14. Independence High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: Science Camp, Point Reyes, CA, October 24-27, 2023.
15. Oak Ridge High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: Forestry Challenge, Scotts Valley, CA, October 11-14, 2023.
16. Oak Ridge High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: Speech and Debate Tournament, Glenview, IL, November 17-20, 2023.
17. Oak Ridge High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: CIF State Cross Country Championships, Fresno, CA, November 24-25, 2023.
18. Pacific Crest Academy Overnight Instructional Trip Request: Forestry Challenge, Scotts Valley, CA, October 11-14, 2023.
19. Union Mine High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: Forestry Challenge, Leoni Meadows, CA, October 25-28, 2023.
20. Union Mine High School Overnight Instructional Trip Request: Cal Poly State Finals Field Day, San Luis Obispo, CA, May 2-4, 2024.
21. Approval of Out-of-State Travel Request: Valcom Technical Training in Washington.

B. SUPERINTENDENT’S OPENING UPDATES

Superintendent Carruth welcomed everyone this evening. He acknowledged that Deputy Superintendent Christopher Moore recently suffered a major medical challenge. Thoughts and prayers are with him as he fights to recover.

C. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Reports from Student Representatives:
 - a. Gizelle Zamora and Makayla Hendren reported on student activities at El Dorado High School.
 - b. Ethan Farrell reported on student activities at Oak Ridge High School.
 - c. Bella Erwin reported on student activities at Ponderosa High School.
 - d. Kensington Dunbar and Vanessa Santana reported on student activities at Union Mine High School.
 - e. Lilah Smith-Morton reported on student activities at Pacific Crest Academy and Independence High School.
2. Teaching and Learning.

Mrs. Leslie Redkey introduced Mr. Erik Yoder who gave a presentation to the Board of Trustees regarding Illuminate DnA.
3. Classified Recognition: Supporting Students.

Mr. Tony DeVille recognized Mrs. Teri Whiting for her work in the District.

D. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was shared via email with the Board of Trustees for their review.

E. INVITATION TO BARGAINING UNIT PRESIDENTS/DESIGNEES AND/OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD (GC54954.3)

1. Mrs. Teri Whiting, President of CSEA, thanked everyone for the recognition tonight as a classified employee. She shared that negotiations began on September 22, 2023 and their next

meeting will be held in early November. Lastly, she shared that her heart and thoughts are going out to the Moore family as they fight this medical battle.

2. Mr. Eric Larsen, Faculty Association President, commented how much Christopher Moore has done for the District and his thoughts go out to his family.

F. SUPERINTENDENT’S - ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no action/discussion items under this session.

G. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no action/discussion items under this session.

H. BUSINESS SERVICES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no action/discussion items under this session.

I. STUDENT SERVICES AND INNOVATION – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Consideration of Student Disciplinary Matters Relating to Expulsion and/or Readmission.
(GC 54954.5[h]; EC 35146, 48918[c])

The Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Administrative Panel’s recommendation for the Stipulated Suspended Expulsion and Rehabilitation Plan regarding the Stipulated Suspended Expulsion of student # 23-2.

Mrs. Veerkamp moved to approve the motion. Mr. Cary seconded. Motion carried (4-0).

Cary: Aye
Del Rio: Aye
Rodgers: Aye
Van Komen: Not Present
Veerkamp: Aye

The Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Administrative Panel’s recommendation for the Expulsion of student # 23-3, Student # 23-4, and Student # 23-5.

Mrs. Veerkamp moved to approve the motion. Mrs. Rodgers seconded. Motion carried (4-0).

Cary: Aye
Del Rio: Aye
Rodgers: Aye
Van Komen: Not Present
Veerkamp: Aye

The Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Administrative Panel’s recommendation for the Stipulated Expulsion and Rehabilitation Plan of student # 23-6.

Mrs. Veerkamp moved to approve the motion. Mr. Del Rio seconded. Motion carried (4-0).

Cary: Aye
Del Rio: Aye
Rodgers: Aye
Van Komen: Not Present
Veerkamp: Aye

2. Legal Counsel, Ongoing Litigation, subject to Government Code section 54956.9, regarding proposed settlement of claims related to e-cigarettes and vaping issues.

Senior Director Chuck Palmer reported that the El Dorado Union High School District sued Altria Inc., parent company of JUUL Labs, Inc., and others, for damages suffered by the district resulting from the youth vaping epidemic. El Dorado Union High School District alleged that Altria's design, manufacture, production, advertisement, marketing, distribution, and sale of its products overtly and purposely targeted kids, leading to substantial increase in youth use of vaping and e-cigarette devices, which required El Dorado Union High School District to expend money and resources on addressing student use on campuses. The proposed settlement heard in closed session resolves the claims against Altria Inc. and its agents.

Mr. Cary moved to approve the proposed settlement agreement heard in Closed Session to resolve the claim against Altria Inc. Mrs. Veerkamp seconded. Motion carried (4-0).

Cary: Aye
Del Rio: Aye
Rodgers: Aye
Van Komen: Not Present
Veerkamp: Aye

J. HUMAN RESOURCES – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no action/discussion items under this session.

K. OTHER – ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no action/discussion items under this session.

L. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY BOARD AND CABINET, IF NEEDED

There were no action/discussion items under this session.

M. CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Rodgers closed Open Session at 6:47 p.m. and the Board adjourned for Closed Session discussion on the previously listed agenda items. (GC 54957.7, 54954.5)

N. OPEN SESSION

This session was recorded under section I.1.

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Rodgers adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Ron Carruth
 Secretary to the Board of Trustees