

EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 9, 2008

UNADOPTED MINUTES



Board Members Present:

Matt Boyer
John Lane
Gene Rasmussen
Heidi Weiland

Staff Present:

Cathy Bean
Francie Heim
Terena Mendonca
Kaye Medellin
Jim Maher

Guests Present:

Rachel Thomson
John Herrick
Julie Simmons
Christina Graham
Meghan Jones
Anna Rose
Josh Robenholt
Kim Cover
Jackie Travillion
Samantha Davis

Student Representatives Present:

Adriana Palmiere, Black Oak Mine Unified School District
Heather Stripe, Lake Tahoe Unified School District

Also Present:

Vicki L. Barber, Ed.D., County Superintendent of Schools and Executive Officer of the Board, and Janet Maruniak, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

The El Dorado County Board of Education meeting was opened at 11:30 p.m. at the El Dorado County Office of Education, 6767 Green Valley Road, Placerville, California. Vice-President Rasmussen led the group in the Salute to the Flag.

Item 3

Administration of Oath of Office

Dr. Barber administered the Oath of Office to incumbent Board Member Gene Rasmussen, whose term expires on November 26, 2012.

Item 5

Meeting will break for El Dorado County Board of Education Retreat

Due to scheduling conflicts, the El Dorado County Board of Education Retreat was cancelled.

Item 6

Closed Session (Government Code § 54957.6)

The Board convened to Closed Session to conference with management's negotiator to discuss the parameters of negotiations.

Item 7

Closed Session Action

Vice President Rasmussen reported that no action was taken in Closed Session.

Item 8

Introduction of Guests

Dr. Barber introduced Dr. Tammy Gabel, Superintendent of Black Oak Mine Unified School District. Kaye Medellin, Executive Director of EDCOE Child Development Programs, introduced Rachel Thomson and John Herrick, Chair and Vice Chair of the Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council. Other guests introduced themselves (see “Guests Present” above).

Item 9

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Barber requested that Item 13 and Item 14 be removed from the agenda per parent request. Member Boyer made a motion, seconded by Member Weiland, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 10

Student Representative Reports

Heather Stripe from the El Dorado Union High School District reported the following:

- Canned food, Toys for Tots drives and many other activities to assist families in need over the holidays have been taking place district-wide.
- A boys football team member at Ponderosa High School has been nationally recognized for his talents on the playing field.

Adriana Palmiere from the Black Oak Mine Unified School District reported the following:

- A craft fair fundraiser was held to benefit Leadership Team.
- A walk was conducted, raising funds for children with cleft palates.
- Miscellaneous canned food drives are taking place.
- The Leadership Team has adopted a family in need for the holidays.
- Turf replacement on football field begins on March 1, 2009.

Item 11

School District Presentation

Dr. Tammy Gabel, Superintendent of the Black Oak Mine Unified School District, reported the following on current events taking place in the District:

- Transitions: New Superintendent, Director of Educational Services, Principals at Golden Sierra HS, Divide HS, and Georgetown School, Assistant Principals at Georgetown School and Northside School, and two new School Board Members.
- Construction: Phase 1 of the construction projects (due to the passage of Measure G) will be completed by January 2009. Phase I includes two new science classrooms, one new music room and one new drama/multipurpose room. Phase 2, which are modernization projects at Golden Sierra High School, are anticipated to be complete in August 2009. Phase 3, consisting of a new computer lab at Georgetown School, is also anticipated to be completed in August 2009; Phase 4 will be modernization at Northside School and the replacement of two forty-year old buildings and construction of a new multi-use building.
- Curriculum: Math adoption has been delayed due to the state budget; Mathematic Articulation – two release days, plus two professional development days focusing on mathematics; Golden Sierra High School WASC: a three-year approval was received with nine areas identified that needed improvement; an Instructional Leadership Team consisting of principals, assistant principals, teachers, and District administrative staff meets monthly.
- Dr. Gable reviewed the numerous awards and recognitions the District has received.
- Budget Challenges: District faces declining enrollment; state revenues remain uncertain, and the focus will be on generating revenue and decreasing expenditures.
- Future: Teambuilding with the new administrative team and board members.

Item 12

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing was opened at 1:29 p.m., and with no public comment, closed at 1:30 p.m.

Item 13

Closed Session – Expulsion Appeal Hearing – Student No. 01-BD – El Dorado Union High School District

This item was removed from the agenda.

Item 14

Closed Session Action

This item was removed from the agenda.

Item 15

Unfinished Business, Correspondence, Routing Reports, Legislation

15.1 Legislative Update

15.2 El Dorado County School Boards Association Meeting Recap

- Annual Awards Dinner is Thursday, January 22, 2009, 5:30 p.m., Cold Springs Country Club
- A Brown Act Training will be conducted by David Girard on Thursday, February 26, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at the El Dorado County Office of Education in Conference Room B-2.

Item 16

Election of Officers for 2009

Education Code §1009 requires that a member of the County Board of Education be elected President and a member be elected Vice President at the first meeting on or after the last Friday in November. Education Code §1011 requires regular meetings of the Board to be held at such time as it may determine, but not less than once per month. The El Dorado County School Boards Association requests that a representative be elected to serve on the Council of Representatives.

- A. Member Weiland nominated Member Rasmussen to serve as President of the El Dorado County Board of Education for the year 2009. The motion was seconded by Member Boyer and carried unanimously.
- B. Member Weiland nominated Member Lane to serve as Vice President of the El Dorado County Board of Education for the year 2009. The nomination was seconded by Member Boyer, and passed by unanimous vote.
- C. Member Weiland nominated Member Boyer as the El Dorado County Board of Education Representative to serve on the El Dorado County School Boards Association Council of Representatives for the year 2009. The nomination was seconded by Member Lane, and passed by unanimous vote.
- D. Discussion was held to set a regular meeting date and time for 2009 for the El Dorado County Board of Education. Member Lane made a motion, seconded by Member Rasmussen, to hold the meetings at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.
Motion carried unanimously.

Item 17

President's Report

There was no President's report.

Item 18

Board Member Reports

Members Boyer, Lane and Rasmussen had no report. Member Weiland reported she is assisting in the preparation of letters being sent out requesting charitable contributions for the Sugarloaf Station Foundation.

The El Dorado Arts Council is looking at rescheduling the date of their annual fundraiser to better enhance fundraising efforts.

Item 19

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Barber reported the following:

- Gold Oak Union School District and Lake Tahoe Unified School District bond measures passed. Black Oak Mine Unified, Buckeye Union, and Mother Lode Union School Districts will have new Board Members taking office.
- Charter SELPA continues to progress. There have been some questions regarding admitting new charters to the Charter. The State Board of Education clearly stated we could add additional charters, and we have had several communications with CDE regarding this topic. Seven more charters have submitted applications to join our Charter.
- The Vision Coalition recognized students from schools in the El Dorado Hills area.
- She spoke at the Small School Districts Association luncheon at the annual CSBA Conference in San Diego, CA.
- She presented to the State Board of Education on ASAM for juvenile court, community schools and community day schools. State Board approved the conceptual framework.
- A budget forum was conducted by Vicki, Francie Heim, Terena Mendonca, and Bill McGuire from SIA for our School Districts. We will also be conducting a budget forum for EDCOE employees on January 14, 2009, from 3:30 – 5 and 5:30 – 7 to keep employees apprised of the current state budget situation.
- EDCOE is assisting the El Dorado County Toys for Tots program with registrations. Our elementary schools have made applications available in school offices for families to complete. Applications are then forwarded to EDCOE for data input. We very much appreciate the assistance from our Districts in making this program a success.
- December 11 is the El Dorado Forum/Chamber of Commerce luncheon/auction with proceeds benefitting the food basket program for families in our Child Development programs.

Item 19.1

Dr. Barber reviewed the El Dorado County Office of Education Human Resources Transactions and Temporary County Certificates dated November 1 through 30, 2008.

Item 20

Deputy Superintendent's Report – Educational Services

Ms. Bean reported the following:

- The Title VII Indian Education federal review was conducted in November. The reviewer was very complimentary of our program, with only two minor issues suggested for improvement.
- Middle/High School articulation day is taking place on March 9, 2009.
- As part of the First Five funded Preschool/Kindergarten transition planning project, Dr. Joni Samples presented “Finding the Connections Between the Preschool Learning Foundations and Kindergarten Standards” in Lake Tahoe on December 4, 2008. This was the same presentation as was shared with our Western Slope teachers in October and was met with the same positive response.
- SB 70 grant – Career Technical Education Opportunity for Teachers – As we have discussed in the past, our El Dorado Center of Folsom Lake College has received a Career Technical Education Grant of approximately \$450,000 to develop a “school to work” program focused on middle and high school teachers. The particular industry sectors identified in the grant are agriculture/natural resources, hospitality/tourism and recreation. Interested teachers will be offered hands-on experience through summer externships with local businesses/agencies in the identified industries and then develop lessons/modules that expose student to career possibilities in these industries. An application will be submitted for the next “roll-out” of funding from CDE.

Item 21

Deputy Superintendent's Report/Associate Superintendent's Report – Administrative Services

Ms. Heim and Ms. Mendonca reported the following:

- The transition is going well, with Terena taking on the full leadership role in December with Francie providing background and training.
- A Budget Workshop/Public Forum will be conducted on January 14, 2009, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., and 5:30 – 7 p.m. for EDCOE employees.

21.1 Ms. Heim reviewed the Investment Portfolio Report for Quarter Ending September 30, 2008.

Item 22

Consent Agenda

Member Weiland made a motion, seconded by Member Lane, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items: November 4, 2008, meeting minutes; Acknowledgement of Acceptance of Donations from the following: \$50 from Mr. and Mrs. Evens to purchase Round Table Pizza for a class party in the Special Services SH class, and \$25 from David R. Datwyler, D.D.S., on behalf of student Victoria Ondracek, to the Charter Parent Teacher Association; Certificate of Honor for Bert Rugg, retiring employee from the El Dorado County Office of Education; Resolution No. 2008-25 – Authorization of Designated Personnel to Sign Contract Documents for El Dorado County Office of Education Programs and Services for Fiscal Year 08-09; Charter Home Study Academy III request to take eight students on an all-expenses-paid three-day field trip to “Chip Camps” at the University of California, Santa Barbara, from January 9-11, 2009, and Charter Home Study Academy III request to take thirty junior and senior students on a field trip to Europe from April 2-13, 2009; Approval of the Head Start/Early Head Start Program Area Plans in the following component areas: Program Design and Management, Child Health and Development, Disabilities and Services, and Family Community Partnerships; approval of the request to destroy records (list attached); ratification of the Superintendent’s amendment to the SELPA Local Plan; and approval of the request for Disposition of Surplus Property (list attached). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 23

Report on Teacher Assignments

Education Code § 44258.9 provides that teacher assignments and verification of the legality of those assignments be reported to the local governing board in a public meeting by December 15 each year. The Report on Teacher Assignments for the El Dorado County Office of Education was presented to the Board. Member Weiland made a motion, seconded by Member Lane, to accept the Annual Report on Teacher Assignments. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 24

Review First Period Interim Report and Organizational Chart

Education Code § 1240 (j) requires that, twice a year, the Board review, and the County Superintendent certify, whether the El Dorado County Office of Education will be able to meet its financial obligations for the fiscal year. The supporting reports, which include budget revisions made to the adopted budget and Organizational Chart, were presented by Francie Heim, Terena Mendonca, and Jim Maher for Board review.

Item 25

Board Policies (new)

The El Dorado County Board of Education conducted a second reading and review of Board Policy 6171 – Title I Programs (new). Member Weiland made a motion, seconded by Member Lane, to approve Board Policy 6171 – (Instruction) Title I Programs. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 26

2008-2009 EDCOE Program Accomplishments

Dr. Barber reviewed the El Dorado County Office of Education Program Accomplishments.

Item 27

Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting of the County Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009. The Annual Board Retreat will take place immediately prior to the Board Meeting.

Item 28

Adjournment

The El Dorado County Board of Education meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.