

Eureka City Schools | Board of Education

District Office - 2100 J Street - Eureka, CA 95501
(Room 116)

Regular Meeting
6:30 PM
September 15, 2021
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER OF OPEN SESSION

President Ollivier called the open session to order at 5:15 p.m.

Members Present: Duncan, Johnson, Ollivier, Taplin, Fernandez

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Van Vleck, Ziegler, Davies-Hughes, Will, Leonard, Harris

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

No public comment on closed session Items C(1) or C(3).

Byron Zinselmair provided public comment on Closed Session Item C(2). He noted concerns with teachers being mandated to teach sports. He believes the best coaches are those who are committed to the sport and the student athletes. The students deserve and expect an energetic coach who wants to teach PE. When someone is forced to coach, the student athletes and parents will notice the lack of enthusiasm. Without a personal desire to be a coach, it is too much of an ask.

C. CLOSED SESSION (Closed to Public)

President Ollivier moved the meeting to closed session to discuss closed session Items C(1), C(2), C(3) and C(4).

- (1) Employee Discipline, Dismissal, Release, Appoint, Accept the Resignation or Otherwise Affect the Employment Status of a Public Employee (GC § 54957)
- (2) Conference with Labor Negotiator Superintendent Van Vleck Regarding Eureka Teachers Association, Classified White and Blue Collar Units, and/or Unrepresented Employees (Confidential and Classified and Certificated Management) (GC § 54957.6)
- (3) Conference with Superintendent – Pending Litigation, One Case (GC § 54956.9)
- (4) Employee Evaluation: Superintendent (GC Section 54957)

D. RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION (Room 116)

President Ollivier reconvened the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Members Present: Johnson, Ollivier, Fernandez, Duncan, Taplin, Watson

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Van Vleck, Ziegler, Davies-Hughes, Will, Leonard, Harris

E. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

There was no action to report on closed session Items C(1), C(2), C(3) and C(4).

F. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

G. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

(5) Approval of the Agenda

No adjustments to the Agenda.

It was M/S by Fernandez/Ollivier to approve the Agenda. Student Board Representative: yes 1, no 0, absent 0. Governing Board: yes 5, noes 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

H. INFORMATION

(6) Student Reports – No student reports.

(7) Superintendent's Report – Van Vleck acknowledged the hard work of ECS staff during this time. Duties relating to COVID-19 have added an incredible amount of work for staff, including testing, contact tracing, short-term independent study, etc.

(8) Board Members' Reports

Watson provided an update to the Board on behalf of EHS. The clubs have been enjoying meeting every week. Student Government is handling the homecoming activities. She hopes everything is able to go forward as planned. She thanks all the teachers, especially the math teachers, as they are working really hard to reach out to students.

Ollivier notes her son is very happy to be back in-person and enjoying being at EHS.

Fernandez attended the 2/2 meeting with the City and partially attended the NHUHSD meeting regarding the Samoa Beach Academy. He has spoken to parents about the different options for in-person and independent study. He has also been speaking about the CTE programs, which are very robust. Fernandez would like a future conversation about more robust marketing relating to the CTE.

Van Vleck reviewed the measures the District has taken to market the CTE facilities and all the work that has taken place. The Annual Update will also focus on the CTE programs at the middle schools, EHS, and Zoe.

Based on this conversation, Trustee Fernandez would like to hold on agendaizing the CTE marketing conversation.

Duncan is looking forward to attending sporting events in the future. He would also like the community to hear from students who have successfully completed CTE programs.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment.

J. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was M/S by Johnson/Taplin to approve the following Consent Calendar items:

- (9) Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 26, 2021
Referred to the Board by:
Fred Van Vleck, Ed.D., Superintendent
- (10) Approval of Personnel Action Report No. 3
Referred to the Board by:
Renaë Will, Director of Personnel Services and Public Affairs
- (11) Approval of the 2021-22 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Foster Youth Regional Liaison Between the Humboldt County Office of Education and Eureka City Schools
Referred to the Board by:
John Leonard, Director of Student Services
- (12) Approval of Eureka Police Department 2021-2022 Memorandum of Understanding for School Resource Officer Services
Referred to the Board by:
John Leonard, Director of Student Services
- (13) Approval and Receipt of Grant Award Notice: Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- (14) Approval of Declaration of Equipment as Surplus and Authorization to Sell
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- (15) Approval of Resolution #21-22-004, Adopt GANN Limit for 2021-2022
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- (16) Approval of August 2021 Warrants
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

- (17) Approval of Correction to a Clerical Error on the Previously Approved Classified Management Salary Schedule
Referred to the Board by:
Renaë Will, Director of Personnel Services and Public Affairs
- (18) Approval of a P-33 Contract to hire Sarah Peters as the Project Director of the Create Humboldt Grant
Referred to the Board by:
Renaë Will, Director of Personnel Services and Public Affairs
- (19) Approval of Preschool Inclusion Grant
Referred to the Board by:
John Leonard, Director of Student Services
- (20) Approval of Updated Student Dress Code
Referred to the Board by:
John Leonard, Director of Student Services

Student Board Representative: yes 1, no 0, absent 0. Governing Board: yes 5, noes 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

K. DISCUSSION/ACTION

- (21) Approval of Transfer of Winship Easement
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

Ziegler provided information to the Board on the transfer of the Winship easement to the County of Humboldt. This is based on a previous agreement.

It was M/S by Johnson/Taplin to approve the Transfer of Winship Easement. Student Board Representative: aye 1, no 0, absent 0. Governing Board: ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

- (22) Corp Yard Solar Project Contract Amendment
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

The Board is asked to approve an amendment to the September 20, 2020 Energy Services Contract with Willdan that additionally approves the installation of a Battery Energy Storage System and controller at Eureka City Schools' Corp Yard. This would add battery storage to the scope of the project.

It was M/S by Duncan/Fernandez to approve the Corp Yard Solar Project Contract Amendment. Student Board Representative: aye 1, no 0, absent 0. Governing Board: ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

- (23) Certification of the 2020-2021 Unaudited Actuals
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

Ziegler provided information to the Board on the 2021-2021 unaudited actuals. He provided information on the funding sources including the restricted and unrestricted funds, reserves, expenditures, ongoing costs of special education, deadlines/restrictions for one-time funding, etc. It is requested the Board to approve and certify the 2020-2021 unaudited actuals, as presented.

It was M/S by Johnson/Taplin to approve and certify of the 2020-2021 Unaudited Actuals. Student Board Representative: aye 1, no 0, absent 0. Governing Board: ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

L. DISCUSSION

- (24) Summer Maintenance Project Report
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

Director of Maintenance and Facilities, Charley Batini, notes the maintenance staff is very dedicated and thanked the Board and staff for their support. He also appreciates the management support. There have been many personnel changes, as several high-level employees retired and are missed. ECS hired from within for several positions and hired new quality staff for the newly open positions. He provided an update to the Board on summer maintenance and is thankful the maintenance team completes quality work.

- (25) Report on Independent Study
Referred to the Board by:
Michael Davies-Hughes, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services

Davies-Hughes provided a report to the Board on AB 130 and the independent study program. He reviewed the independent study requirements, including notice requirements, updated Board policies, requirements for daily live/synchronous instruction, course access provisions, written learning agreements, documentation, short-term independent study, etc. Challenges including staffing, programs equivalent to in-person instruction, and documentation requirements.

- (26) Report on Summer School
Referred to the Board by:
Michael Davies-Hughes, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services

Davies-Hughes provided information to the Board on the recent summer school programs. There were two separate three-week sessions for

elementary and middle school age students and a total of 335 students were served. For high school aged students, there was one four-week session, and 165 students were served. This was a wonderful opportunity for students.

(27) Report Out From Strategic Plan Outcomes for 2019-2020

Referred to the Board by:

Michael Davies-Hughes, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services

Davies-Hughes provided a report out to the Board on the Strategic Plan Outcomes for 2019-2020. A Strategic Plan (SP) was not developed in 2021 and this report is on the outcomes of the previous plan, i.e. 2019-2020. There fifteen priorities in the SP and Davies-Hughes provided information on the purpose and structure, alignment between the SP and the LCAP, and priority area outcomes for various priority areas.

(28) Enrollment Update

Referred to the Board by:

John Leonard, Director of Student Services

Leonard provided information on enrollment, which is currently 3,596 students. This is an increase of 84 students from this time last year, and 78 of those new students are in elementary school.

(29) District Practice on Contracts (Amounts) Brought to the Board for Approval

Referred to the Board by:

Fred Van Vleck, Ed.D., Superintendent

Van Vleck discussed past and current practice on contracts brought to the Board as an individual item for approval. Currently, staff works to bring contracts over \$5,000 to the Board. The Board provided direction to staff to bring all contracts over \$10,000 as an individual item to the Board for approval.

M. PUBLIC HEARING

(30) Public Hearing: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

No public comment

(31) Public Hearing: Revision to the 2021-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Eureka City Schools Governing Board and California School Employees Association/CSEA Redwood Chapter #88 White & Blue Collar Units

No public comment.

N. CLOSED SESSION

- (32) Conference with Labor Negotiator Superintendent Van Vleck Regarding Eureka Teachers Association, Classified White and Blue Collar Units, and/or Unrepresented Employees (Confidential and Classified and Certificated Management) (GC § 54957.6)

Closed session did not continue.

O. RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION

Not applicable. Closed session did not continue.

P. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Not applicable. Closed session did not continue.

Q. DISCUSSION/ACTION (continued)

- (33) Resolution #21-22-005 Regarding Sufficiency of instructional Materials - Education Code 60119 and Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials, as Required by CCR, Title 5, Section 9531
Referred to the Board by:
Michael Davies-Hughes, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services

It was M/S by Fernandez/Duncan to approve Resolution #21-22-005 Regarding Sufficiency of instructional Materials - Education Code 60119 and Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials, as Required by CCR, Title 5, Section 9531. Student Board Representative: aye 1, no 0, absent 0. Governing Board: ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

- (34) Revision to the 2021-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Eureka City Schools Governing Board and California School Employees Association/CSEA Redwood Chapter #88 White & Blue Collar Units
Referred to the Board by:
Rena Will, Director of Personnel Services and Public Affairs

It was M/S by Johnson/Duncan to approve the revision to the 2021-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Eureka City Schools Governing Board and California School Employees Association/CSEA Redwood Chapter #88 White & Blue Collar Units Student Board Representative: aye 1, no 0, absent 0. Governing Board: ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

R. INFORMATIONAL ONLY ITEMS

- (35) Review Only: Proposed Board Meeting Dates (2022)
- (36) Information Only: October 2021 - Review of CDE Calendar of Events

S. ADJOURNMENT

President Ollivier adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Fred Van Vleck, Ed.D.
Secretary of the Board of Education



Micalyn Harris, Recording Secretary