

**Eureka City Schools | Board of Education**

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

**Regular Meeting**

6:30 PM

**June 2, 2022**

**MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER OF OPEN SESSION**

President Ollivier called the open session to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Van Vleck, Ziegler, Storts, Will, Leonard, Harris

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

No public comment on closed session items.

**C. CLOSED SESSION (Closed to Public) (Room 118)**

President Ollivier moved the meeting to closed session to discuss closed session Items C(1) through C(4).

- (1) Employee Discipline, Dismissal, Release, Accept the Resignation of a Public Employee (GC § 54957)
- (2) Public Employment (Gov. Code §54957) - See Personnel Action Report Consent Agenda Item No. L(11)
- (3) Public Employee Appointment (Gov. Code §54957) - See Personnel Action Report Consent Agenda Item No. L(11)
- (4) 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)

**D. BOARD RECESS TO EMPLOYEE RECEPTION (Room 114)**

The Governing Board recessed to District Office, Room 114, to attend the employee reception for employee of the year recognitions and classified retiree recognitions.

**E. RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION (Room 116)**

President Ollivier reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Watson

Staff Present: Van Vleck, Ziegler, Storts, Will, Leonard, Harris

**F. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

There was no action to report on closed session items.

**G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – Grant Elementary School**

Students from Grant Elementary School led the Board in the pledge of allegiance.

**H. BOARD RECOGNITION**

~~(5) Board Recognition of Student Board Member Amaya Watson~~

(6) Certificated Employee of the Year, Administrator of the Year, and  
Classified Retiree Recognition

The Board recognized the site's Certificated Employees of the Year and  
the District Certificated Employee of the Year (Jeanne Wilhelm),  
Administrator of the Year (Dan Pires), and classified retirees.

**I. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

(7) Approval of the Agenda

No adjustments to the Agenda.

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

**J. INFORMATION**

(8) Student Reports – No student reports.

(9) Superintendent's Report – Van Vleck notes the Board will be recognizing  
Trustee Fran Taplin on June 23, 2022. So far, the Board has received two  
completed applications for the Trustee Area 5 position and three pending  
applications. The Board interview will take place on June 9, 2022.

(10) Board Members' Reports

Duncan ran into past student Board member, Mileena McKenna, who is  
doing well. Duncan notes he is very heavy-hearted over the recent school  
shooting and notes the importance of keeping the students and staff safe.  
Ollivier has been involved with FFA and is looking forward to summer.

Taplin has appreciated working with the District. She attended Eureka  
City Schools and taught here for 31 years. She has enjoyed the people  
she has worked with the children she taught. It has been a pleasure  
working with Cabinet and ECS Staff.



**K. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Ruth Mitchell provided a library update to the Board. She reviewed updates from the libraries at Washington, Winship, and Grant. She thanked Tech and Maintenance for the new presentation screen at EHS. Mitchell introduced the new Teacher Librarian, Savannah Polizzi who will be taking over after she retired this year. She thanked the Board for their support and urged funding for the libraries.

Julie Fanucchi addressed the Board as an ECS teacher and parent. She has taught for ECS for 17 years and has been a parent for all of those years. With the changing world, and the lack of training, she is not confident in her abilities to keep her students safe. She needs to know what to do in an active shooter situation. Just like teaching needs to evolve, so do the safety policies and plans. She requested active shooter training and risk assessment for next year.

Byron Zinselmair thanked Mario, Susan, and Mike for meeting with ETA. He notes he was able to share his personality in the personal meetings and appreciated the opportunity to connect. The meetings showed the authenticity and genuineness of the Board members. He is hopeful the interest based bargaining will allow the teachers and the Board to connect in a positive way.

**L. CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was M/S by Fernandez/Duncan to approve the following Consent Calendar items:

- (11) Approval of Personnel Report No.15  
Referred to the Board by:  
Renaë Will, Director of Personnel Services and Public Affairs
- (12) Approval of Agreement with Bottom Line Utility Solutions  
Referred to the Board by:  
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- (13) Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 19, 2022  
Referred to the Board by:  
Fred Van Vleck, Ed.D., Superintendent
- (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 IXL Learning Agreement  
Referred to the Board by:  
Gary Storts, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services
- (16) Approval of Policy Updates from CSBA - December 2021 and Revisions to BB 9400

Referred to the Board by:  
Fred Van Vleck, Ed.D., Superintendent

- (17) Approval of 2022-2023 Agreement for Legal Services with Lozano Smith  
Referred to the Board by:  
Fred Van Vleck, Ed.D., Superintendent

- (18) Approval of Short Term Positions - Painter Assistant/Summer Maintenance (4 positions) and Grounds Maintenance Specialist (3 positions)  
Referred to the Board by:  
Renaë Will, Director of Personnel Services and Public Affairs

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

#### **M. DISCUSSION/ACTION**

- (19) Annual Declaration of Need for Teachers with Emergency Permits and Limited Assignment Permits  
Referred to the Board by:  
Renaë Will, Director of Personnel Services and Public Affairs

Will notes this is an annual item and this declaration must be on-file in advance in case the District has to hire someone on an emergency permit.

It was M/S by Johnson/Fran to approve the Annual Declaration of Need for Teachers with Emergency Permits and Limited Assignment Permits.  
Student Board Representative: yes 0, no 0, absent 1. Governing Board: ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

#### **N. DISCUSSION**

- (20) Local Control Accountability Draft Plan Update  
Referred to the Board by:  
Gary Storts, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

Storts provided the Board with the Local Control Accountability Draft Plan Update. The full LCAP will be available for a public preview on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Successes include retaining high quality staff, middle school courses, Zoe Barnum graduation rates, etc. Identified needs include the CAASP scores. He notes Jennifer Johnson is coming over as the Director of Curriculum and Assessment, which will positively impact student learning.

- (21) Eureka City Schools Student Achievement Plan  
Referred to the Board by:  
Gary Storts, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services



Storts presented to the Board on the District's student achievement plan. He reviewed a comparison over time on the CAASP data, including ELA and math scores for the state, Humboldt County, and ECS. He notes there is work to be done, which is why the District is implementing a student achievement call. Staff have completed the CALL Survey through WestEd and Storts reviewed the recommendations based on the results of the survey.

- (22) Discussion on Recommendation for Middle School Math Curriculum Adoption, Big Ideas  
Referred to the Board by:  
Gary Storts, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

Storts presented to the Board on the Big Ideas math curriculum. The process for this recommendation and adoption is different than the regular curriculum recommendation process. The current adopted curriculum was compared with Big Ideas mathematics, rather than a comparison of two new curriculums. Storts provided a recap of the Big Ideas curriculum including customized assignments and assessments, feedback received, and teacher evaluations. This is the first review and it will come back to the Board at the next Board meeting on Consent.

- (23) Marshall Family Resource Center Annual Report  
Referred to the Board by:  
John Leonard, Director of Student Services

Leonard introduced Keri Lockhard, the Coordinator for the Marshall Family Resource. Lockhard presented the Marshall Family Resource Center Annual Report to the Board. She reviewed the locations for the Marshall Family Resource Center (at the DO and Lincoln), staffing, the Coordinator's roles/responsibilities, process for referrals, services requests, COVID-19 response and support, etc.

- (24) Governor's May Revise  
Referred to the Board by:  
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

Ziegler provided an overview to the Board on the Governor's May Revise. The final budget will be passed on June 15, 2022.

- (25) 2022-23 Eureka City Schools Proposed Budget Update  
Referred to the Board by:  
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

Ziegler provided an update to the Board on the District's 2022-23 proposed budget. He provided a comparison of the LCFF revenue projections, general fund comparisons, recap of one-time funding, and other funding. The budget will come back to the Board on June 23, 2022.

- (26) Elementary Furniture Update  
Referred to the Board by:  
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

The District is implementing the standard classroom furniture within the elementary classrooms in line with the Fountas and Pinnell curriculum. The furniture is expected to arrive the week of July 17, 2022. In terms of surplus the current equipment, the District will be reaching out to families to determine if items are needed/useful, then, with any equipment remaining, reach out to local schools, and then to the community.

- (27) Update Regarding the California Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten and Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program  
Referred to the Board by:  
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

Ziegler provided an update to the Board on the PK/TK grant. The application was turned in at the end of April, and the District has 30 days to provide their documents, which are due June 17, 2022. If the District does not qualify for the hardship funds, it is likely the District will not qualify for the grant funding. The second round would be in April 2023.

**O. CLOSED SESSION**

Closed session did not continue.

**P. RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION**

Not applicable. Closed session did not continue.

**Q. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Not applicable. Closed session did not continue.

**R. INFORMATIONAL ONLY ITEMS**

- (28) Information Only: July & August 2022 - Review of CDE Calendar of Events

**S. ADJOURNMENT**

President Ollivier adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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



Micalyn Harris, Recording Secretary



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| <b><i>Renae Will to introduce Retirees</i></b> |                                    |              |
| Kevin Ralston                                  | Jean Spurgin - Sr. Food Svc Worker | 16 yrs w/ECS |
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| Paul Ziegler                                   | Dan Pires, Dir - Ops/Trans/Risk    | 26 yrs w/ECS |

**Renae Will - to introduce Certificated**

| <b><u>Certificated Employee of the Year Nominees</u></b> |  |  |
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| <b><i>Elizabeth Rice - Winzler</i></b>                   |  |  |
| Nancy Frey   |  |  |
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| <b><i>Kristin Sobilo - Alice Birney</i></b>              |  |  |
| Holly Wilson   |  |  |
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| <b><i>Kristi Puzs - Grant</i></b>                        |  |  |
| Emily Kinder   |  |  |
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| <b><i>Quincy Brownfield - Lafayette</i></b>              |  |  |
| Heather Gaiera   |  |  |
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| <b><i>Teri Silvers - Washington</i></b>                  |  |  |
| Roseann Buchner  |  |  |
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| <b><i>Teri Waterhouse - Winship</i></b>                  |  |  |
| Emily Lancaster  |  |  |
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| <b><i>Tammi Wagner - Zane</i></b>                        |  |  |
| Paige Boone  |  |  |
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| <b><i>Jennifer Johnson - Eureka High School</i></b>      |  |  |
| Dave Stevens   |  |  |
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| <b><i>Brad Albee - Zoe Barnum</i></b>                    |  |  |
| Jeanne Wilhelm   |  |  |

**Renae Will to introduce teacher of the year**

**Paul Ziegler**