



Eureka City Schools | Board of Education
District Office - 2100 J Street - Eureka, CA 95501
Frances H. Taplin Board Room

Regular Meeting
6:30 PM
December 15, 2022
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER OF OPEN SESSION

President Ollivier called the open session to order at 4:32 p.m.

Members Present: Duncan, Ollivier, Rebholtz

Members Absent: Pardoe, Johnson

Staff Present: Van Vleck, Ziegler, Storts, Claussen, 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(7).

- (1) Public Employment (Gov. Code §54957) - See Personnel Action Report Consent Agenda Item No. M(20)
- (2) Public Employee Appointment (Gov. Code §54957) - See Personnel Action Report Consent Agenda Item No. M(20)
- (3) Public Employee Discipline, Dismissal, Release, Complaint, Accept the Resignation of a Public Employee (GC § 54957)
- (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)

- (5) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Two Cases (GC § 54956.9) - Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(2)
- (6) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(1)) Kristina Christiansen vs. Eureka City Schools, et al. – Humboldt County Superior Court (CV2200815)
- (7) Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code §54957) Title: Superintendent

D. RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION (Board Room)

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

Members Present: Duncan, Ollivier, Rebholtz

Members Absent: Pardoe, Johnson, Smith

Staff Present: Van Vleck, Ziegler, Storts, Claussen, Harris

E. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

There was no action to report on closed session items.

F. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – Alice Birney Elementary School

Students from the Student Council at Alice Birney Elementary School led the Board in the pledge of allegiance. Students also shared a video showing a day in the life of a student at Alice Birney Elementary School.

G. Board Recognition

- (8) Apple Pin Award - Melanie Williams | Alice Birney Elementary

The Board presented an Apple Pin award to Melanie Williams for her dedication to the students at Alice Birney Elementary.

- (9) Recognition of Students who Received a Perfect Score on California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

Gary Storts, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, provided awards to ECS students who received a perfect score on the CAASPP assessment. The students and their respective 2021-2022 schools are

Evasofia Jenkins	Zane	7th	ELA
Kate Vasquez	Zane	7th	ELA
Jesse Smith	Grant	4th	Math
Sophia Grimmett	Winship	8th	Math

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H. OATH OF OFFICE

- (10) Oath of Office Taken by Trustees to Area 1 - Lisa Ollivier and Area 5 - Jessica Rebholtz (Note: Due to a scheduling conflict, the incoming Trustee for Area 3, Rebecca Pardoe, will take the Oath of Office on January 12, 2023)

Executive Assistant Harris issued the Oath of Office to Trustee Lisa Ollivier - Area 1, and Trustee Jessica Rebholtz – Area 5.

I. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING BUSINESS

- (11) Election of Board President for December 2022 through December 2023

It was M/S by Ollivier/Rebholtz to elect **Mike Duncan** as the Board President for December 2022 through December 2023. Student Board Representative: aye 0, no 0, absent 1. Governing Board: ayes 3, noes 0, absent 2 (Johnson, Pardoe). Motion carried.

Note: Outgoing President, Lisa Ollivier, switched seats with Incoming President, Mike Duncan.

- (12) Election of Board Clerk for December 2022 through December 2023

Superintendent Van Vleck confirmed Trustee Johnson is willing to service as Clerk for December 2022 through December 2023.

It was M/S by Duncan/Ollivier to elect **Susan Johnson** as the Board President for December 2022 through December 2023. Student Board Representative: aye 0, no 0, absent 1. Governing Board: ayes 3, noes 0, absent 2 (Johnson, Pardoe). Motion carried.

- (13) Approval of Board Meeting Dates and Times for January 2023 through December 2023

The Board discussed the proposed Board meeting dates for 2023. All dates approved as presented.

It was M/S by Ollivier/Duncan to adopt the 2023 Board meeting dates, as presented. Student Board Representative: aye 0, no 0, absent 1. Governing Board: ayes 3, noes 0, absent 2 (Johnson, Pardoe). Motion carried.

- (14) Annual Review of Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment

Annual review.

- (15) Annual Review of Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 6145
Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities

Annual review.

J. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

- (16) Approval of the Agenda

No adjustments to the Agenda.

It was M/S by Ollivier/Rebholtz to approve the Agenda. Student Board Representative: aye 0, no 0, absent 1. Governing Board: yes 3, noes 0, absent (Pardoe, Johnson). Motion carried.

K. INFORMATION

- (17) Student Reports – No student report.

- (18) Superintendent's Report – Van Vleck notes it was wonderful to be able to recognize the students tonight for the perfect CAASP scores. He also enjoyed eating lunch with students at Washington School. He attended CSBA with the Board and enjoyed attending various classes.

- (19) Board Members' Reports

Ollivier attended the CSBA Conference and appreciated the learning opportunities and networking. She is looking forward to attending future lunches at school sites.

Rebholtz attended the lunch with students at Washington and CSBA. She got to learn a lot and networked with other new Board members. She attended the Literacy Night at Grant with Superintendent Van Vleck and the events at Washington.

Duncan also attended the CSBA AEC and notes it was very informative. There are hundreds of classes to choose from and lots of good conversation and networking opportunities. He is looking forward to being the Board President this year.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Lisa Jouaneh, a teacher at Winship, addressed the Board and notes the concerns voiced by students at the last meeting are deeply and widely felt. She invited the Board to attend an upcoming ETA Rep Council meeting. This is an opportunity for new trustees to meet ETA Leadership and old Trustees continue to foster positive relations. If willing/able to attend, please reach out. She thanked the Board for their services to the students/community.

Leah Harden, a teacher at Washington School, notes the Board has stopped by her class but not for very long. She invited the Board to visit her classroom and hopes they will stay for a longer period of time. Harden believes teachers no longer feel safe in classrooms due to student behaviors. Teachers need help. She places the blame for the current situation on the Board, not the staff or admin at Washington. She notes concern with physical/violent behaviors at schools. She asked the Board to invest in staff, hire aides with a living wage and hold parents accountable.

M. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- (20) Approval of Personnel Action Report No. 7
Referred to the Board by:
Renaë Will, Executive Director of Personnel Services of Public Affairs
- (21) Approval of Change Order No. 5: EHS Gymnasium Project
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- (22) Approval of Pre-Qualified Contractors and Sub-Contractors
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- (23) Approval of Budget Development Calendar
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- (24) Approval of November 2022 Warrants
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- (25) Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting on November 17, 2022
Referred to the Board by:
Fred Van Vleck, Ed.D., Superintendent
- (26) Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Northern Humboldt Union High School District and Eureka City Schools for Community Grant Technical Support
Referred to the Board by:
Fred Van Vleck, Ed.D., Superintendent
- (27) Approval of Annual Board Member Stipend Payments for Board Meetings Attended in 2022
Referred to the Board by:
Fred Van Vleck, Ed.D., Superintendent

- (28) Approval of Grant Intent to Apply: 2022 Kitchen Infrastructure and Training (KIT) Funds
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- (29) Approval and Receipt of Grant Award Notice: 2022-23 Agricultural Career Technical Education Incentive Grant
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

Student Board Representative: aye 0, no 0, absent 1. Governing Board: yes 3, noes 0, absent 2 (Johnson, Pardoe). Motion carried.

N. DISCUSSION/ACTION

- (30) 2022-23 First Interim Report
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

Ziegler presented to the Board on the 2022-2023 First Interim Report. He requested the Board take action and certify the First Interim Report as positive. Ziegler reviewed the timeline for the budget process, key considerations including revenue (LCFF comparison, one-time funds/other funding sources, ongoing funding streams), reserves, economy (projected COLA, inflation), staffing levels (current 477 FTE vs. 409 FTE since 2020, number includes vacancies), enrollment/ADA, and the Governor's 2023-2024 budget.

It was M/S by Ollivier/Rebholtz to approve the 2022-23 First Interim Report with a positive certification. Student Board Representative: aye 0, no 0, absent 1. Governing Board: yes 3, noes 0, absent 2 (Johnson, Pardoe). Motion carried.

- (31) Approval of the Envision Learning Professional Development Agreement 'Portrait of a Graduate'
Referred to the Board by:
Gary Storts, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

Storts presented to the Board on the Portrait of a Graduate, which creates a vision outside of the day-to-day whirlwind. This process is a long-term plan taking the vision of the strategic plan, community effort, and the process (plan, activate, create, adopt). The District has interviewed and received proposals from numerous agencies. Out of the proposals received/reviewed, the proposal from Envision Learning is the proposal staff recommends be adopted by the Board.

It was M/S by Duncan/Rebholtz to approve the Envision Learning Professional Development Agreement 'Portrait of a Graduate'. Student Board

Representative: aye 0, no 0, absent 1. Governing Board: yes 3, noes 0, absent 2 (Johnson, Pardoe). Motion carried.

O. DISCUSSION

- (32) Annual Report on Student Data Related to Placement and Advancement in the Mathematics Courses at Eureka High School

Referred to the Board by:

Gary Storts, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

Storts notes this is an annual item. He provided a review of the legal requirements for math placement, measures for placement/process, placement testing, placement test scores, and data for course offerings.

- (33) Fountas and Pinnell: Early Literacy

Referred to the Board by:

Gary Storts, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

Storts provided an early literacy update to the Board on Fountas & Pinnell (F&P) Classroom. This curriculum was adopted by the Board based on staff recommendations in 2019-2020. Storts reviewed the F&P Text Level Gradient and the Trimester 1 Snapshot. The data is concerning and a recent report by EdReport, who did a panel review of the F&P curriculum, notes concerns with the curriculum. He suggested the Board look at resources such as a *Podcast: Sold a Story* that reviews the issues with F&P. The District is looking at all options and are positioning for changes in 2023-2024. Unfortunately, many Districts adopted F&P and are now finding the problems with the adoption. The conversation is how and how much to supplement, given a future new curriculum. The Board conveyed an urgency to address this and ECS staff are working hard to get it right. ECS currently has 44 teachers, 25 instructional aides, and 8 literacy techs, attending the "Getting Reading Right" program.

Public Comment

Jocelyn Gibbons echoes the concerns and notes the importance of books children are reading. She provided two examples and notes children should be reading books with more language and structure. She believes some texts are dumbed-down and lifeless. She would like students to be reading rich texts, not simple books. She would like to see the "arts" back in Language Arts.

P. CLOSED SESSION

Closed session did not continue.

Q. RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION

Not applicable. Closed session did not continue.

R. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Not applicable. Closed session did not continue.

S. INFORMATIONAL ONLY ITEMS

(34) Information Only: January 2023 - Review of CDE Calendar of Events

T. ADJOURNMENT

President Duncan adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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



Micalyn Harris, Recording Secretary