



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

Regular Meeting
6:30 PM
February 15, 2024
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER OF OPEN SESSION

President Johnson called the open session to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Duncan, Johnson, Ollivier, Pardoe, Rebholtz

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Storts, Ziegler, Johnson, Will, Claussen, Harris

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Thomas Stewart provided public comment to the Board on closed session Item C(4). He addressed the Board regarding his concerns with selling the Jacobs property. During the Town Hall Meeting with the City of Eureka, there was conversation about properties in Eureka that can house housing units. He is upset about the actions of the Board. Without the community there is no public in public schools. He believes this is a scandal and that the Town Hall Meeting through the City of Eureka was also a charade. School Boards should lead by example, not by money. He would like the Board to back out of the agreement and do what is best for the community.

Mr. Stewart provided documents he would like to provide to the Board and President Johnson notes Executive Assistant Micalyn Harris will email those to the Board after the meeting.

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

President Johnson moved the meeting to closed session to discuss closed session items.

- (1) Public Employment (Gov. Code §54957) - See Personnel Action Report
Consent Agenda Item No. J(10)

- (2) Public Employee Discipline, Dismissal, Release, Complaint, Accept the Resignation of a Public Employee (GC § 54957)
- (3) Conference with Labor Negotiator Superintendent Storts Regarding Eureka Teachers Association, Classified White and Blue Collar Units, and/or Unrepresented Employees (Confidential and Classified and Certificated Management) (GC § 54957.6)
- (4) Conference with Real Property Negotiator Superintendent Storts Regarding Jacobs Building Jacobs Building and 3553 I Street Properties Concerning Price and/or Terms of Payment (GC § 54956.8) (Negotiating Party: AMG Communities-Jacobs, LLC)
- (5) Consideration of Stipulated Expulsion [EC Sec 48900 a(1), 48900 a(2), and 48900(k)] [Student #23-24-553; Resolution #23-24-026]

D. RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION (Room 116)

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

Members Present: Duncan, Johnson, Ollivier, Pardoe, Rebholtz, Salas

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Storts, Ziegler, Johnson, Will, Claussen, Harris

E. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

On Closed Session Item C(5), the Board took action to approve Resolution #23-24-026, the Stipulated Expulsion for Student #23-24-553 pursuant to Education Code Sections 48900 a(1), 48900 a(2), and 48900(k). On this item, Board members Johnson, Ollivier, Duncan, Rebholtz, and Pardoe, voted yes. No trustees were absent.

F. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – Winship Middle School

Choir students from Winship Middle School performed and presented to the Board and also led the Board in the pledge of allegiance.

G. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

- (6) Approval of the Agenda

Superintendent Storts requested that Consent Item J(14) - *Approval of Revised Classified and Classified Management Salary Schedules Effective January 1, 2024 Due to the Increase in Minimum Wage* be moved off of the Consent Calendar and on to Discussion/Action. The item will now be K(14).

It was M/S by Johnson/Duncan to approve the Agenda with K(14) to J(14). Student Board Representative: yes 1, no 0, absent 0. Governing Board: yes 5, no 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

H. INFORMATION

(7) Student Reports

Ava Jones provided an FFA update to the Board. The Annual FFA Dinner & Auction went well and Jones thanked the Board for their support. Jones provided an overview of the different FFA teams and some of the different events. She also conveyed information on future events and students who recently won award at the state level. The FFA students are fundraising for the floral program. Madison provided information on the floral fundraiser and sign up sheets were provided to the Board.

(8) Superintendent's Report – Storts updated the Board on recent activities including a collaborative meeting with the athletic director at CalPoly, Dr. Pettit. Upcoming events include student athlete activities and collaboration on future kids' camps. He also met with a Rotary member regarding an early literacy program that will start through the after-school programs. He visited many school sites and has enjoyed getting into the classrooms and participating in the learning walks. Storts shared some of the student responses to the check-in questions. He will be attending a Dual Enrollment Conference next week, along with staff from College of the Redwoods.

(9) Board Members' Reports

Salas provided an update to the Board on events at Washington, Winzler Children's Center, Winship, and EHS. The first NCS game for the girls' basketball team is tomorrow and planning for the winter formal is in full swing.

Pardoe enjoyed attending the recent basketball game. She also enjoyed hearing students from Limited Edition at EHS sing at General Hospital on Valentine's Day.

Rebholtz continues volunteering at the schools and enjoys it. Tomorrow is the last day to order spirit wear at Grant. She is excited about tomorrow's basketball game.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment.

J. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- (10) Approval of Personnel Action Report No. 10
Referred to the Board by:
Renaë Will, Executive Director of Personnel Services and Public Affairs

- (11) Approval of January 2024 Warrants
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- (12) Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 1, 2024
Referred to the Board by:
Gary Storts, Superintendent
- (13) Approval and Receipt of Grant Award Notice: 2023-24 Agricultural Career Technical Education Incentive Grant
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- ~~(14) Approval of Revised Classified and Classified Management Salary Schedules Effective January 1, 2024 Due to the Increase in Minimum Wage
Referred to the Board by:
Renaë Will, Executive Director of Personnel Services and Public Affairs
Item Moved to Discussion/Action During Adjustment to Agenda~~
- (15) Approval of Revised Classified Job Description for Senior Secretary and New Classified Position for Central Kitchen Operations Manager
Referred to the Board by:
Renaë Will, Executive Director of Personnel Services and Public Affairs
- (16) Approval of New Classified Non-Represented Job Description and Salary Schedule for an Occupational Therapist
Referred to the Board by:
Renaë Will, Executive Director of Personnel Services and Public Affairs
- (17) Approval of Eureka City Schools Comprehensive Site Safety Plans (CSSP)
Referred to the Board by:
Gary Storts, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services
- (18) Approval of Agreement between Eureka City Schools (ECS) and Hunter Communications
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- (19) Approval for Student Services Staff to Travel Out-of-State to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Children, Youth, and Young Adult Mental Health Summit 2024
Referred to the Board by:
Lisa Claussen, Director of Student Services
- (20) Approval of Grant Intent to Apply: California Serves Grant Program for Eureka High School
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

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

K. DISCUSSION/ACTION

- (14) Approval of Revised Classified and Classified Management Salary Schedules Effective January 1, 2024 Due to the Increase in Minimum Wage
Referred to the Board by:
Rena Will, Executive Director of Personnel Services and Public Affairs
Item Moved from Consent to Discussion/Action During Adjustment to Agenda

Will addressed the Board regarding this item and notes the original request included both the classified and classified management salary schedule. However, she learned she cannot adjust the classified calendar salary schedule without negotiation. Employees are all being paid minimum wage. That is why she is requesting the Board approve the revised Classified Management Salary Schedule and take not other action on this item.

It was M/S by Duncan/Johnson to approve the revised Classified Management Salary Schedule effective January 1, 2024 due to the increase in minimum wage. Student Board Representative: aye 1, no 0, absent 0. Governing Board: ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

- (21) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Eureka City Schools Community Schools Services and True North Organizing Network
Referred to the Board by:
Lisa Claussen, Director of Student Services

Claussen notes this MOU involves a partnership with True North, who will provide services at EHS and Zoe. The Board is invited to attend the Equity Series Belonging Circles training on Friday, March 8th at HCOE.

It was M/S by Johnson/Duncan to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Eureka City Schools Community Schools Services and True North Organizing Network. Student Board Representative: aye 1, no 0, absent 0. Governing Board: ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

- (22) Receipt of the 2022-2023 Independent Audit Report
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

James Marta, James Marta & Company, LLP provided an overview to the Board on the 2022-2023 Independent Audit Report.

It was M/S by Ollivier/Duncan to receive and accept the 2022-2023 Independent Audit Report. Student Board Representative: aye 1, no 0, absent 0. Governing Board: ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

- (23) Receipt of the Measure S 2022–2023 Bond Financial and Performance Audit Report
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

James Marta, James Marta & Company, LLP provided an overview to the Board on the Measure S 2022-2023 Bond Financial and Performance Audit.

It was M/S by Johnson/Rebholtz to receive and accept the Measure S 2022–2023 Bond Financial and Performance Audit Report. Student Board Representative: aye 1, no 0, absent 0. Governing Board: ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

- (24) Receipt of the Measure T 2022–2023 Bond Financial and Performance Audit Report
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

James Marta, James Marta & Company, LLP provided an overview to the Board on the Measure T 2022-2023 Bond Financial and Performance Audit.

It was M/S by Duncan/Ollivier to receive and accept the Measure T 2022–2023 Bond Financial and Performance Audit Report. Student Board Representative: aye 1, no 0, absent 0. Governing Board: ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

- (25) Board's Nomination for the 2024 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election
Referred to the Board by:
Gary Storts, Superintendent

It was M/S by Duncan/Rebholtz to approve Lisa Olliver as the Board's Nomination for the 2024 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election. Student Board Representative: aye 1, no 0, absent 0. Governing Board: ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0. Motion carried.

L. DISCUSSION

- (26) Presentation to Eureka City Schools Governing Board for the Eureka Teachers Association's Sunshine of Initial Proposal for the Agreement Between the Board of Education of Eureka City Schools and the Eureka Teachers Association/CTA/NEA Agreement for 2024-2027
Referred to the Board by:
Renaë Will, Executive Director of Personnel Services and Public Affairs

Matt Muldoon, ETA Bargaining Chair, presented the Articles to Sunshine on behalf of ETA to ECS. ETA will be sunshining Articles 4, 9, 11, 13, 15, 19, 23, 24, and 28. Muldoon notes teacher safety is a very important topic, as there are issues for a number of elementary teachers right now.

Muldoon notes excitement that Superintendent Storts will be sitting at the table and no attorneys will be involved.

- (27) Presentation to Eureka City Schools Governing Board for the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and Its Redwood Chapter #88 Blue and White Collar Units Sunshine of Initial Proposal for the Agreement Between the Board of Education of Eureka City Schools and CSEA Redwood Chapter #88 Agreement for 2024-2027

Referred to the Board by:

Renae Will, Executive Director of Personnel Services and Public Affairs

Tina Traylor, President of CSEA Redwood #88, presented the Articles to Sunshine on behalf of CSEA to ECS. CSEA will be sunshining Articles 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 16, 22, Appendix C1 and C2.

- (28) Presentation to Eureka City Schools Governing Board of Eureka City Schools' Sunshine of Initial Proposal for the Agreement Between the Board of Education of Eureka City Schools and the Eureka Teachers Association/CTA/NEA Agreement for 2024-2027 and Public Hearing (Opportunity for Public Comment)

Referred to the Board by:

Renae Will, Executive Director of Personnel Services and Public Affairs

Will notes the process of Board approval is being conducted differently than in the past. The sunshine occurs at this meeting and adoption will take place at the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 14, 2024. Negotiations will begin after the proposals are officially adopted.

Will presented the Articles to Sunshine on behalf of ECS to ETA. ECS will be sunshining Articles 1, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 19, 21, 23, 24, 27, and 28.

- (29) Presentation to Eureka City Schools Governing Board of Eureka City Schools' Sunshine of Initial Proposal for the Agreement Between the Board of Education of Eureka City Schools and CSEA Redwood Chapter #88 Agreement for 2024-2027 and Public Hearing (Opportunity for Public Comment)

Referred to the Board by:

Renae Will, Executive Director of Personnel Services and Public Affairs

Will presented the Articles to Sunshine on behalf of ECS to CSEA. ECS will be sunshining Articles 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, and 16.

- (30) Eureka City Schools Early Childhood Annual Report

Referred to the Board by:

Lisa Claussen, Director of Student Services

Elizabeth Rice, Director of Winzler Children's Center, provided the annual update to the Board.

- (31) Social and Emotional Supports Mid-Year Updates on California Community Schools Partnership Project (CCSPP) with Eureka City Schools
Referred to the Board by:
Lisa Claussen, Director of Student Services

Ronda Evans, Director of Community Schools, provided the implementation plan to the Board. She provided information on the California Community School Framework, the involved grants, and reviewed the details of each goal.

- (32) Report on Technology Infrastructure
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

Marcel van Dissel, Director of Information Technology, provided the annual update to the Board on technology around the District. He provided a review of the infrastructure, e-rate, computers and peripherals, software projects, other notable projects, and phone system.

- (33) Mid-Year Local Control Accountability Plan Report
Referred to the Board by:
Jennifer Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

Johnson provided the mid-year LCAP update to the Board. This is a new requirement. She provided background information to the Board, information on fundings, and reviewed the LCAP goals.

- (34) Eureka City Schools Instructional Coaches Annual Report and Update
Referred to the Board by:
Jennifer Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

Johnson presented the annual update on ECS instructional coaches to the Board. She reviewed the coaching team, some of the different professional development opportunities, and the overall value of instructional coaches. The focus is on a student-centered coaching model and Johnson reviewed the core practices.

- (35) Visible Learning 6x6 Update
Referred to the Board by:
Jennifer Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

Johnson provided an update to the Board the Visible Learning 6x6 classroom visit updates. This year 2 of the Visible Learning training through Corwin. The current focus is on Teacher Clarity. She reviewed the learning intention, success criteria, professional development, and different takeaways. She also reviewed the 6x6 classroom data and the process implemented for classroom visits around the district.

M. CLOSED SESSION

Closed session did not continue.

N. RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION

Not applicable. Closed session did not continue.

O. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

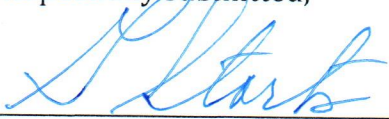
Not applicable. Closed session did not continue.

P. INFORMATIONAL ONLY ITEMS

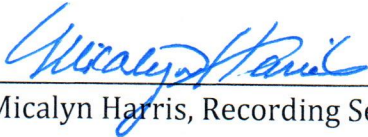
Q. ADJOURNMENT

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gary Storts, Superintendent
Secretary of the Board of Education



Micalyn Harris, Recording Secretary