Eureka City Schools Board of Education
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Regular Meeting
6:30 PM
June 4, 2020
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER OF OPEN SESSION
President Johnson called the open session to order at 5:17 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 - Instructions: You can submit public comment before or during the meeting by emailing Eureka City Schools at publiccomment@eurekacityschools.org. Comments must include the agenda item number in the subject line of the email and if you want your entire comment to be read during the meeting, it MUST be under 500 words — which would take about three minutes to read. (If the comment is not under 500 words, it will not be read during the meeting.) Note: Any comments specifically related to agenda items must be received prior to the item being discussed.

No public comment on closed session Items.

C. CLOSED SESSION (Closed to Public)
President Johnson moved the meeting to closed session to discuss closed session Items C(1), C(2), and C(3).

(1) Employee Discipline, Dismissal, Release, Appoint, Accept the Resignation of 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 Real Property Negotiator Superintendent Van Vleck Regarding Jacobs Building Property Concerning Price and/or Terms of Payment (GC § 54956.8) (Interested Parties: City of Eureka / Lead Negotiator: Brian Gerving and California Highway Patrol / Lead Negotiator: NaTonya Forbes)

D. RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION
President Johnson reconvened the meeting at 6:33 p.m.
Members Present: Johnson, Ollivier, Fernandez, Duncan, Taplin, McKenna
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), or C(3). The Board will go back into Closed Session after the meeting on C(2).

F. BOARD RECOGNITION

(4) Board Recognition of Student Board Member Melina McKenna

The Board honored Melina McKenna who has represented the students on the School Board for three years. She has done a wonderful job representing Eureka High School. The Board thanked Melina for her services. Melina will receive a $500 scholarship toward her education.

G. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

(5) Approval of the Agenda

No adjustments to the Agenda.

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

H. INFORMATION

(6) Student Reports – No student reports.

(7) Superintendent’s Report – ECS recently finished the report on the Albee Stadium. It has been determined further exploration will need to be completed prior to clearing the fields for use. This will be done post-haste in preparation for the EHS/Zoe graduation ceremonies on July 31, 2020. The District is working on plans for next year and has been working closely with ETA/CSEA/Executive Council. It is a difficult process as nothing replaces face-to-face learning. There will be District-wide meetings next week to provide a status update to staff. Discussion regarding handing out diplomas at the Zoe/EHS graduations.

(8) Board Members’ Reports

McKenna updated the Board on Q4 projects from Student Government, which are wrapping up. Student Government are planning to work throughout the summer on graduation details and a possible Safe & Sober. EHS will be sending out information to families regarding pickup of
various items on June 10th. McKenna notes being on the Board has been an incredible journey. She is proud to be a part of the Board and is thankful for the opportunity. She is grateful to have received the Northern California Association Scholarship of $32,000 and is planning to study business at Humboldt State University.

Duncan notes he is very proud of Melina.

Fernandez has been attending webinars and talking with constituents. Fernandez notes he has concerns regarding systemic racism and has been trying to find a voice to speak out again that. He believes educational institutions have an opportunity to be a voice. He believes the community needs to move from tolerance to equity and social justice.

Ollivier was invited to sit in on a sex education classes at Zane and was impressed with 60 students interacting and remaining engaged. She is impressed with the curriculum and believes things there are great things going on with Distance Learning.

Taplin provided appreciation for Melina and states she will really miss her.

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Public Comments:

Sarah Chance, an ECS parent, notes concerns with distance learning for special education students. She would like the District to address the needs of all students, specifically the needs of special education students. She does not believe her student is receiving the proper instruction under her IEP. She is concerned with some of the recommendations she has heard about for the next school year.

Ruth Mitchell, District Librarian, provided a library update to the Board. She provided information on current projects and preparation for upcoming projects and the next school year. She thanked the Board for supporting the libraries.

J. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was M/S by Taplin/Fernandez to approve the following Consent Calendar items.
(9) Approval of Agreement between FF&J Architects, Inc. and Eureka City Schools: To Facilitate Process for Hazardous Material Abatement at Jacobs
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

(10) Approval of Curriculum Adoption for Grades 6-8 Amplify
Referred to the Board by:
Michael Davies-Hughes, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services

(11) Approval of Bus Fleet Inspection Service Agreements for Freshwater, Kneeland, and South Bay School Districts
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

(12) Approval of Eureka Police Department 2020-21 Memorandum of Understanding for School Resource Officer Services
Referred to the Board by:
John Leonard, Director of Student Services

(13) Approval of Individual School Bell Schedule/Instructional Minutes for 2020-2021
Referred to the Board by:
Michael Davies-Hughes, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services

(14) Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 20, 2020
Referred to the Board by:
Fred Van Vleck, Ed.D., Superintendent

(15) Approval of Policy Updates from CSBA - December 2019 Policies, COVID-19 Special Release Policies BP 4113.5/4213.5/4313.5, BP 6157, and Board Bylaw 9324
Referred to the Board by:
Fred Van Vleck, Ed.D., Superintendent

(16) Approval to Surplus AP US History Materials and Science Materials
Referred to the Board by:
Michael Davies-Hughes, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services

(17) Approval of Personnel Action Report No. 15
Referred to the Board by:
Renea Will, Director of Personnel Services and Public Affairs

(18) Approval of the Humboldt County Foster Youth Education Transportation Coordination Program Memorandum of Understanding-revised
Referred to the Board by:
John Leonard, Director of Student Services
K. DISCUSSION

(19) 2020-21 Eureka City Schools Proposed Budget Update
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

Paul Ziegler provided an update to the Board on the 2020-21 Budget Adoption. The State Senate and Assembly have rejected some of the budget proposals and sent a revised proposal to Governor Newsom. Ziegler provided information on the budget adoption revenue assumptions and provided a snapshot of LCFF revenue projections for 2019-20 2nd interim to the 2020-21 budget adoption. Ziegler reviewed the LCFF revenue year-over-year comparison, the unrestricted general fund reserve (3-year comparison) and restricted general fund revenue. There are many steps ahead and the District does not know what the State’s final budget will look like. The Board will provide the final budget to the Board on June 25, 2020 for approval.

Public Comment

Cheryl Churchill is an ECS parent and notes her appreciation for the preschool/TK program at Grant School. She is thankful for the wonderful experience and is impressed with the atmosphere that is conducive for learning and a safe place for growth. Her son has transitioned well to distance learning and is appreciative of the continued interactions with students and staff.

Leah Johnston provided comments on the importance of the performing arts. Johnston reviewed what performing arts offers to students in various grades. At the high school level, students continue to work on their musical/band skills and are working together to continue to create. Johnston notes there are many opportunities outside of class for students to participate in competitions. The arts are an essential part of education and students involved in the performing arts want to be involved in the process if the District is looking at cutting programs.

Kristina Smith provided information to the Board on performances that continue at EHS and interactions between the elementary/high school students. The Drama Club is honoring graduating students on their Instagram account. Smith notes the visual and performing arts are life altering and more essential than other clubs, etc. The students would like be involved if the Board is considering cutting arts programs.

Anna Smithler is a parent of a pre-K/TK classroom at Grant Elementary. She appreciates the classroom model at Grant and she believes the student will seamlessly transition to K. She notes her students has
developed a meaningful relationship with her teachers. Communication during the transition to distance learning was positive and staff have been keeping in touch, providing projects, learning opportunities, etc. She would like to see the pre-K/TK class a permanent part of ECS.

Craig Parker provided comments urging the Board to carefully negotiate with ETA, as members are nervous about what lies ahead. He urged the Board to be open and honest about discussions taking place relating to planning. He would like the Board to issue a statement again racial inequality.

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Board discussion regarding the budget and the hope of continued funding. Ziegler notes there is a lot of uncertainty with funding. In response to a question, Van Vleck notes one of the biggest concerns is transportation, moving into the next school year and how that might take place. There are a lot of questions relating to ADA and how that is handled during distance learning.

(20) Annual Report on District Instructional Norms, Site Visits, and Peer Feedback
Referred to the Board by:
Michael Davies-Hughes, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services

Davies-Hughes provided the annual report to the Board on the District on 2019-20 instructional norms, site visits, and peer feedback cycles.

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

John Leonard introduced Leah Lamattina, Coordinator of the Marshall Family Resource Center (MFRC). Lamattina congratulated Melina on serving on the Board and notes she has done an impressive job. Lamattina also notes she also serves as the Coordinator of the MFRC, the McKinney-Vento/Foster Youth Liaison (Eureka Region), is the Leader at the Humboldt Bay Homeless Ed Consortium, a member of the School Attendance Review Board (SARB), and the co-facilitator of the Parent Project.

Lamattina provided the annual update to the Board including information on staffing, how many families served this year, and referral sources. The MFRC offers many services to families including food, glasses, clothing, hygiene items, school supplies, backpacks, etc. New projects this year include a First 5 Humboldt Playgroup and a Diaper Kit Program. Most of the funding for the MFRC comes through a partnership agreement with the Department Health and Human Services. The Board notes an appreciation for Lamattina and all the work she does through the MFRC
and the other positions.

L. **CLOSED SESSION**

   No public comments on Item C(2).
   
   *Closed session continued on Item C(2).*

M. **RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION**

N. **REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

   No action to report on Item C(2).

O. **ADJOURNMENT**

   President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Micalyn Harris, Recording Secretary