

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, August 19, 2020**

*Adopted*

**Members Present via Zoom Webinar:** Beth Albiani, President; Crystal Martinez-Alire, Clerk; Nancy Chaires Espinoza, Carmine Forcina, Chet Madison, Sr., Anthony Perez, and Bobbie Singh-Allen

**Others Present via Zoom Webinar:** Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent; Robert Pierce and Mark Cerutti, Deputy Superintendents; David Reilly, Associate Superintendent; Bindy Grewal and Craig Murray, Assistant Superintendents; Shannon Hayes, Chief Financial Officer; Steve Mate, Chief Technology Officer, Susan Larson, Executive Director; Xanthi Pinkerton, Director of Communications

**OPEN SESSION VIA ZOOM** – Ms. Albiani called the special board meeting to order, via Zoom, at 8:32 a.m. and provided a welcome to Elk Grove Unified School District’s special board meeting through the Zoom Webinar platform.

Ms. Albiani informed everyone that Legislative Bodies including School Districts are now permitted to hold board meetings telephonically or by other electronic means because on March 17, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-29-20, suspending certain provisions of the California Ralph M. Brown Act. In addition, consistent with the March 19, 2020 Statewide Shelter in Place Order issued by the Governor, Executive Order N-33-20, the Sacramento County Shelter at Home Orders issued on March 19, 2020 and April 7, 2020, and the Center for Disease Control’s (CDC’s) social distancing guidelines which discourage public gatherings, this Board meeting was conducted via the Zoom Webinar platform.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance** – Robert Pierce, Deputy Superintendent of Business Services and Facilities, led the pledge of allegiance.
- II. Opening & Review of the Day** – Superintendent Hoffman provided an overview of the day.
- III. 2020-21 Budget Review/Priorities** - Ms. Albiani called on Xanthi Pinkerton to read public comments submitted through the District’s Google Public Comment Form regarding this item; there were none.

Shannon Hayes provided the Board with a report on the 2020-21 budget and to review the list of funded priorities and priorities still pending approved funding.

On March 17, 2020 the Board approved 2020-21 Funding Priorities that were associated with positions and/or programs that involved positions. The list of previously approved 2020-21 items is attached for your reference.

What remains from the Funding Priorities are programs and/or services that were not directly associated with positions or FTE in the amount of \$4 million. Cabinet has reviewed the programs/services and proposes recommending funding the remaining 2020-21 Funding Priorities. The remaining priorities are recommended to be funded one-time through both unrestricted general fund and CARES Act funds.

Board members held a discussion and provided feedback.

*At 9:37 a.m. Ms. Albiani called for a break and reconvened the meeting at 9:53 a.m.*

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**IV. Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan** - Ms. Albiani called on Xanthi Pinkerton to read public comments submitted through the District's Google Public Comment Form regarding this item: Comments from Jeremiah Miller, AFSCME Leadership & Business Agent, Ken Martin, Carol, Lori Hebenstreit, Anonymous shared their concerns and requested that the District consider the ideas submitted by AFSME Leadership.

Mark Cerutti, Superintendent Hoffman and staff provided the Board with an update on the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCP).

Board members provided input on items for the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan and thanked staff for the report.

*At 12:15 p.m. Ms. Albiani called for a lunch break and Ms. Singh-Allen and Dr. Martinez-Alire left the meeting. Ms. Albiani reconvened the meeting at 12:49 p.m.*

**V. Progress Report on Race and Educational Equity** - Ms. Albiani called on Xanthi Pinkerton to read public comments submitted through the District's Google Public Comment Form regarding this item: there were none.

Mathew Espinosa shared a progress report on the District's response and outcomes to concerns of race and educational equity within EGUSD. The August Race and Educational Equity Progress Report highlighted actions and activities for the 2020-2021 school year, emphasizing a focus on racial justice throughout the six foundations of the EGUSD Educational Equity Strategic Plan

Board members provided feedback and thanked Mr. Espinosa for the report.

**VI. Safety and Security Update** – This item was pulled from the agenda and will be brought back to a future meeting.

**VII. Adjournment** – 2:24 p.m.

Submitted by: Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent

Approved by:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Beth Albiani, Board President