

# EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 13, 2009



## MINUTES

### Board Members

Dolores Garcia  
John Lane  
Gene Rasmussen  
Heidi Weiland

### Staff Present:

Cathy Bean  
Terena Mendonca  
Jeremy Meyers  
Betsy Christ  
Kaye Medellin  
Dave Publicover  
Tom Newcomb

### Guests Present:

Dick Williams  
Steve Volmer  
Penny Hallpenny  
Jennifer Postel  
Student No. 01-BD  
Mother of Student No. 01-BD  
Father of Student No. 01-BD

### Student Representatives Present:

Adriana Palmiere, Black Oak Mine Unified School District  
Laura Sears, Lake Tahoe Unified School District  
Heather Stripe, El Dorado Union High School District

### Also Present:

Vicki L. Barber, Ed.D., County Superintendent and Executive Officer of the Board, and Janet Maruniak, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

The El Dorado County Board of Education meeting was opened at 9:02 a.m. at the El Dorado County Office of Education, 6767 Green Valley Road, Placerville, California. President Rasmussen led the group in the Salute to the Flag.

Item 3

### **Administration of Oath of Office**

Dr. Barber administered the Oath of Office to incumbent Board Member Dolores Garcia, whose term expires on November 26, 2012.

Item 4

### **Secretary Will Record Members Present**

Members present were recorded.

Item 5

### **Meeting will break for El Dorado County Board of Education Retreat**

The El Dorado County Board of Education began their Retreat at 9:07 a.m.

Item 6

### **Closed Session (Government Code § 54957.6)**

The El Dorado County Board of Education went to Closed Session at 11:30 a.m. to conference with management's negotiator to discuss the parameters of negotiations.

Item 7

### **Closed Session Action**

President Rasmussen reported that no action was taken in Closed Session.

Item 8

**Introduction of Guests**

Dr. Barber introduced Dick Williams, Superintendent of the Gold Oak and Pioneer Union School Districts.

Item 9

**Approval of Agenda**

Laura Sears from the Lake Tahoe Unified School District, Adriana Palmiere, from the Black Oak Mine Unified School District, and Heather Stripe from the El Dorado Union High School District reported on current events taking place in their respective Districts.

Item 11

**School District Presentation**

Dick Williams, Superintendent of the Gold Oak Union and Pioneer Union School Districts, reported the following:

- He is in his 4<sup>th</sup> year of doing a double Superintendency. He has been with the Pioneer USD since 1986; he is in his 4<sup>th</sup> year at Gold Oak. All is going well at both districts.
- At Gold Oak, he is proud of taking a budget that was qualified and turning it around into a much better place than it was four years ago. Staff relationships are doing better as well.
- The Gold Oak Arts Charter School is doing great. The staff works very well together and the parents from that school have very different expectations than public school parents.
- Dr. Jerry Kosh, the new principal at Pleasant Valley Middle School is very connected with students and staff. This has been a very positive change for the school.
- Gold Oak and Pioneer School Boards work well together, but, as all of us are nervous about the state budget crisis.
- Pioneer will be celebrating the 33<sup>rd</sup> year of the Pioneer Oral Interpretation Festival, as well as the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the unification of the District. Mountain Creek School has applied for a Distinguished School Award. Grizzly Pines School is doing just great, with 33 students, two teachers, and one “do-it-all” staff member. These students thrive in a family oriented atmosphere.
- The District is looking forward to having a licensed preschool up and running at Pioneer School again in the near future.

Item 12

**Public Hearing**

The Public Hearing was opened at 1:10 p.m., and with no public comment, closed at 1:11 p.m.

Item 13

**Closed Session – Expulsion Appeal Hearing – Student No. 01-BD – El Dorado Union High School District**

The El Dorado County Board of Education convened to Closed Session at 1:17 p.m. for the Expulsion Appeal Hearing for Student No. 01-BD – El Dorado Union High School District.

Item 14

**Closed Session Action**

President Rasmussen reported that by a unanimous decision, the El Dorado County Board of Education voted to uphold the decision of the El Dorado Union High School District Board of Trustees in the expulsion of Student No. 01-BD

Item 15

**Unfinished Business, Correspondence, Routing Reports, Legislation**

15.1 Legislative Update – Dr. Barber reviewed current legislation in regards to public education issues.

15.2 Member Garcia and Member Weiland will attend the El Dorado County School Boards Association Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, January 22, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. at Cold Springs Country Club.

Item 16

**President's Report**

President Rasmussen had no report.

Item 17

**Board Member Reports**

Members Garcia and Lane had no report. Member Weiland reported that discussions have been taking place with the El Dorado Arts Council to possibly partner with EDCOE and the Chamber of Commerce for the Annual Chamber Education Council Art Auction fundraiser next year.

Item 18

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Barber reported the following:

- The Academic Decathlon is scheduled for Saturday, February 7, 2009, at Union Mine High School.
- She and District Superintendents from the El Dorado Hills area met with the newly elected Assemblywoman Allison Huber.
- She attended the M.O.R.E. Annual Awards luncheon.
- We have finalized a Memorandum of Understanding with El Dorado County Probation and Special Education that will serve to document that both programs will work collaboratively to implement the education program, sharing a vision of an educational system that is based on youth and emerging adults receiving a comprehensive educational program addressing the needs of each student. The agreement will take effect in July 2009.
- The Budget Forum for EDCOE employees takes place January 14, 2009. We will be video-conferencing to Lake Tahoe to accommodate employees working in that area

18.1 Dr. Barber reviewed the El Dorado County Office of Education Human Resources Transactions and Temporary County Certificates dated December 1 through 31, 2008.

Item 19

**Deputy Superintendent's Report – Educational Services**

Ms. Bean reported the following:

- Elizabeth Blakemore will now serve in the capacity of the Child Abuse Prevention Council Coordinator. She continues in her role as Local Planning Council Coordinator.
- 2009 is the Year of Astronomy. The Community Observatory Docents are meeting with school principals to “adopt- a-school” so schools can utilize the Observatory to its best capacity.
- Our entire county consolidated programs monitoring will be undergoing a CPM review of all state-run programs in the 2009-10 school year. Kate Doyle is leading us through the completion of the appropriate documents.
- Both our Charter Community School as well as Rite of Passage Charter High School are up for an accreditation review this year. We anticipate these reviews to be completed by the end of April or early May.

Item 20

**Associate Superintendent's Report – Administrative Services**

Ms. Mendonca reported the following:

- EDCOE is in the process of completing school district first interim reviews. We prepared Districts by letting them know that budget cuts are coming, but we couldn't be specific with them as far as the amount that will be cut. We may qualify two, or three districts, and when you fold in the impacts of the

mid-year cuts, the Second Interims will be very serious. There is great concern with the Governor's proposal, and the state has few solutions.

- We are hosting a Budget Forum for employees on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, at 3:30 and 5:30. We are teleconferencing for those employees located in the Lake Tahoe area, and it will also be posted on our website.

Item 21

**Consent Agenda**

Member Weiland made a motion, seconded by Member Lane, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items: December 9, 2008, Meeting Minutes; Resolution No. 2009-01 - Approval of Behavioral Intervention Plans [Hughes Bill] Mandated Cost Claim Settlement and Agreement to Waive Future Claims; El Dorado County Office of Education Rules and Regulations for the Purchase of Standard Supplies and Equipment; Authorization to operate the Sugarloaf Fine Arts Camp from July 12 – 25, 2009; Resolution No. 2009-02 - Classified Employees Early Retirement Program (Golden Handshake) Buckeye Union School District; and Resolution No. 2009-03 - Approval of Behavioral Intervention Plans [Hughes Bill] Mandated Cost Claim Settlement and Agreement to Waive Future Claims for El Dorado County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 22

**Board Policies**

The El Dorado County Board of Education is revising Board Policies. The County Board conducted a first reading and review of revised Board Policy 2800, Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council Authority, and will bring this policy back to the February 10, 2009, Board meeting for a second reading and adoption.

2000 Administration

2800 Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council "Policy Council" Authority (revised)

Item 23

**El Dorado County Office of Education Independent Audit, 2007-2008 and Executive Summary**

Pursuant to Education Code § 41020.3, Dr. Barber presented the EDCOE independent audit report submitted by Goodell, Porter & Fredericks, LLP, for County Board acceptance. Dr. Barber noted that there were no exceptions in the Audit. Member Garcia made a motion, seconded by Member Weiland, to accept the 2007-2008 EDCOE Audit Report submitted by Goodell, Porter & Fredericks.

Item 24

**Next Meeting Date**

The next regular meeting of the County Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2009.

Item 25

**Adjournment**

The El Dorado County Board of Education meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.