

EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 10, 2009



MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Matt Boyer
Dolores Garcia
John Lane
Gene Rasmussen
Heidi Weiland

Staff Present:

Cathy Bean
Terena Mendonca
Kaye Medellin
Susanne Milton

Guests:

Susan Simpkin
*Students from Mother Lode
Union School District Anti-
bullying Spirit Team

Student Representatives Present:

Adriana Palmiere, Black Oak Mine Unified School District
Heather Stripe, El Dorado Union High School District
Laura Sears, Lake Tahoe Unified 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 was called to order by President Rasmussen at 11:30 a.m. at the El Dorado County Office of Education, 6767 Green Valley Road, Placerville, California. President Rasmussen requested Member Garcia lead the group in the Salute to the Flag.

Item 4

Closed Session (Government Code § 54596.9, §54957.6)

The El Dorado County Board of Education convened to Closed Session to conference with management's negotiator to discuss the parameters of negotiations, and to conference with legal counsel in regards to pending litigation.

Item 5

Closed Session Action

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

Item 6

Introduction of Guests

Dr. Barber introduced Susan Simpkin, who then introduced students from the Mother Lode Union School District.

Item 7

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Barber requested that Item 17.2 – "Head Start/Early Head Start Grant Application" be removed from the Consent Agenda to be heard separately. With Item 17.2 removed, Member Weiland made a motion, seconded by Member Garcia, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8

Student Representative Reports

Heather Stripe from the El Dorado Union High School District reported the following:

- Mr. Ponderosa contest took place and proceeds (over \$3500) went to the Susan G. Koman Foundation, El Dorado;
- Ponderosa ski team members advanced to state finals;
- Leadership held a special education dinner/dance, assisting students with social interaction;

- Spring sports have begun;
- Ponderosa High School won the Academic Decathlon for the 17th year in a row.

Adriana Palmiere from the Black Oak Mine Unified School District reported the following:

- Wrestling tournament at Del Oro High School;
- Drama Class, Hocus Pocus;
- Preparing for STAR testing;
- The Concert on March 25;
- A spring blood drive will take place on April 3;
- Senior graduation activities are being finalized.

Laura Sears from the Lake Tahoe Unified School District reported the following:

- Winter formal on Saturday – theme “Blizzard of Oz”;
- Spring sports beginning;
- SAT Test prep class.

Item 9

School District Presentation

Susan Simpkin, District Counselor, Mother Lode Union School District, and the Anti-bullying Spirit Team!

Ms. Simpkin shared that the Mother Lode Union School District applied for and received a \$10,000 grant to be used for anti-bullying training for students and staff. Students shared how they have participated on different committees to keep students engaged and communication open.

Item 10

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing was opened at 12:39 p.m., and with no public comment, closed at 12:40 p.m.

Item 11

Unfinished Business, Correspondence, Routing Reports, Legislation

11.1 Legislative Update – Dr. Barber reviewed current education legislation.

11.2 Correspondence from California Retired Teachers Association – Dr. Barber explained that it is the practice of the El Dorado County Office of Education to assist the El Dorado Chapter of CRTA in giving them the names only of certificated retirees each year.

Item 12

President’s Report

President Rasmussen had no report.

Item 13

Board Member Reports

Members Boyer and Garcia had no report. Member Lane coaches his first game of the season today for the Ponderosa High School Girls softball team. Member Weiland reported that Sugarloaf Station Foundation is gearing up for the first general session meeting. The El Dorado Arts Council is hoping to partner with the Chamber Education Council for the Annual Art Auction next year. The Arts Council is also sponsoring the Coloma Blues Event on June 6. She is also assisting in the coordination of two events to benefit the Meagher House at Gold Bug Mine.

Item 14

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Barber reported the following:

- Chamber Education Council Wine Tasting/Art Auction takes place on Friday, May 8, 2009. Tickets are \$10 each.
- A Brown Act Training was conducted on January 26, 2009.
- El Dorado County School District Superintendents held their Annual Retreat. EDCOE Services to Districts were discussed. Bob Wells, Executive Director from ACSA, participated in a round table discussion on current educational issues.

- Superintendents participated in a Save our Schools Rally in Sacramento, CA. Initiatives on the ballot on May 19, 2009.
- We continue to have interest in our Charter SELPA. We have over twenty charters that plan to apply to us next school year. Applications are being reviewed and ten will be recommended to be admitted to the Charter, as well as a list of those who would be admitted if the State allows us to admit more.
- We are starting to hear about Naturally Occurring Asbestos issues again in the El Dorado Hills area.
- She attended the ERDI Symposium again and sat on four different panels.

14.1 Dr. Barber reviewed the El Dorado County Office of Education Human Resources Transactions and Temporary County Certificates dated February 1 through 28, 2009.

Item 15

Deputy Superintendent's Report – Educational Services

Ms. Bean reported the following:

- She shared summary information in regards to the EDCOE ASAM programs academic achievement indicators. These schools selected the indicators they wanted to track, and the subjects were readiness, academic growth, and readiness to return to a comprehensive high school. However, unless the students stay with us for 90 days or more, it is difficult to track. In the next few years, the State Committee has made a recommendation that would minimize the selection options for criteria. The three basic categories will be attendance, academic achievement (STAR or CAHSEE), and transition into comprehensive high school or work force.
- The WASC team is visiting this week to conduct a review of Charter Community School programs. The team will visit the Rite of Passage program May 5 and 6, 2009.
- The Middle/High School Articulation meeting was held yesterday. Math, Science, P.E., and Music were discussed.
- The Head Start/Early Head Start federal review dates are March 23 through 27, 2009. The grant is on this agenda for approval for submittal at the end of March.

Item 16

Associate Superintendent's Report – Administrative Services

Ms. Mendonca reported the following:

- The most frustrating issue in regards to our state budget is the level of the unknown, and it is very hard to continue to roll out good quality programs because of this. Tier 1 – no cuts, no flexibility; Tier 2 – cuts 15% in the current year, and 5% in the next year, no flexibility, such as Foster Youth Services and AB 1200 dollars; Tier 3 – 15% in the current year, and 5% in the next year with flexibility. There are more questions than answers, and we anticipate clean-up language coming soon for clarification purposes.
- The second budget forum for employees takes place tomorrow, March 11, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.
- She continues to explore the development of a county-wide Tran-pool.

Item 17

Consent Agenda

With Item No. 17.2 removed from the Consent Agenda, Member Boyer made a motion, seconded by Member Weiland, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items: minutes of the meeting held February 10, 2009; El Dorado County Office of Education Charter Home Study Academy I request to take seventh-grade students on an overnight field trip to the Folsom Zoo from May 1 through May 2, 2009; Resolution No. 2009-04 - Support of Applications for Eligibility Determination and Funding Authorization to Sign Applications and Associated Documents for Funding Under the School Facility Program; Resolution No. 2009-05 – Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution authorizing the El Dorado County Office of Education to file an application to the Office of Emergency Services for federal financial assistance under P. L. 93-2888 as amended by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, and/or state financial assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act; the Amended El Dorado/Amador County Indian Education Parent Committee for Title VII, Part A, By-laws that were approved by the Parent Committee on January 19, 2009; and Disposition of Surplus Property (list attached). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 17.2

2009-2010 Head Start and Early Head Start Grant Application

The County Superintendent has been notified that Head Start and Early Head Start funds will be available in the 2009-2010 program year as follows:

Basic Grant	\$ 4,100,086
Inkind	\$ 1,025,026
Total	\$ 5,125,112

The program grant application requires El Dorado County Board of Education approval. The amounts include Federal funding and a 20% Inkind contribution.

Kaye Medellin and Susanne Milton gave an update on the Head Start /Early Head Start grant which is due to the Department of Health and Human Services Department, Head Start Bureau, on April 1, 2009. Approval is being requested for the 09-10 grant application and the program Self Assessment.

The three-year grant is developed with input from the Community Needs Assessment, program Self Assessment findings, community partners, staff and parent input. A thorough Community Needs Assessment is conducted between November and January. Findings from the Community Needs Assessments assist program in determining needs and site locations for services. Goals and objectives are developed to provide program focus and direction.

The Self Assessment process involves collecting data from a variety of sources to determine if systems and services are working effectively. Data is collected with assistance from staff, parents, policy council, community partners and program administration. Findings are then compiled and with the assistance of the Region IX Training and Technical Assistance staff member, areas for improvement are noted and strategies are developed to strengthen identified areas.

Following discussion, Member Weiland made the motion, seconded by Member Garcia, to approve the 2009-2010 Head Start and Early Head Start Grant application. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 18

Review of Second Interim Fiscal Report and Organizational Chart

Education Code Section 1240(j) requires that twice a year the El Dorado County Board of Education review and the County Superintendent certify that the El Dorado County Office of Education will be able to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. The supporting reports, including budget revisions posted through January 31, 2009, and the Organizational Charter were presented to the Board for review by Ms. Mendonca. Dr. Barber certified that the El Dorado County Office of Education will be able to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Item 19

Resolution No. 2009-06 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS)

Due to new information received after the meeting agenda was posted, Dr. Barber requested that the County Board of Education not take any action on Resolution No. 2009-06 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (Trans) at this time. It will be brought to the April 14, 2009, meeting for discussion and review.

Item 20

Public Hearing and Adoption of the Annual Service Delivery Plan and Annual Budget Plan for El Dorado County Western Slope SELPA and El Dorado County Charter SELPA

SELPAs are required to hold a public hearing on the 2008-09 Annual Budget and Service Plans. El Dorado County serves as the administrative unit for the El Dorado County Western Slope SELPA and the El Dorado County Charter SELPA. The materials provided include descriptions of the programs operated and the Annual Summary Budget information for both SELPAs.

The El Dorado County Board of Education reviewed the Annual Service Delivery Plan and Annual Budget Plan for 2008-09 for both SELPAs. Following the review, the Public Hearing was opened at 2:59 p.m., and with no public comment, closed at 3:00 p.m. Member Boyer made a motion, seconded by Member Garcia, to adopt the Annual Service Delivery

Plan and Annual Budget Plan for 2008-09 for both El Dorado County SELPA and El Dorado County Charter SELPA for submission to the California Department of Education. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 21

Board Policies (new)

The El Dorado County Board of Education is revising Board Policies. The following new Board Policies are being brought forward for a second reading and adoption:

6000 Instruction

6173 Education for Homeless Children

6174 Education for English Learners

The El Dorado County Board of Education conducted a second reading of the above-referenced new Board Policies. Member Garcia made a motion, seconded by Member Weiland, to adopt the policies as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 22

Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting of the County Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009.

Item 23

Adjournment

The El Dorado County Board of Education meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Adopted and Entered
Into the Minutes

Respectfully Submitted,

L. Eugene Rasmussen, Vice President
El Dorado County Board of Education

Vicki L. Barber, Ed.D., Secretary
and Executive Officer of the Board