

EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 14, 2009

MINUTES



Board Members Present:

Matt Boyer
Dolores Garcia
Gene Rasmussen

Staff Present:

Cathy Bean
Terena Mendonca

Guests:

Sherry Smith
Chris Hoffman

Student Representatives Present:

Adriana Palmiere, Black Oak Mine 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 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 led the group in the Salute to the Flag.

Item 4

Introduction of Guests

Dr. Barber introduced Sherry Smith, Superintendent of the El Dorado Union High School District.

Item 5

Approval of Agenda

Member Boyer made a motion, seconded by Member Garcia, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6

Public Hearing (for items not on the Agenda)

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

Item 7

Unfinished Business, Correspondence, Routing Reports, Legislation

7.1 Legislative Update – Dr. Barber reviewed current public education legislation.

7.2 CSBA nominations for Vice President and President-Elect for 2010 - No nominations were put forth.

Item 8

President's Report

President Rasmussen had no report.

Item 9

Board Member Reports

Members Boyer and Garcia had no reports.

Item 10

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Barber reported the following:

- A second Budget Forum was held for employees and we had good participation. When we have more information from the State in regards to the May Revise, we will possibly be scheduling a third forum.
- Charter SELPA continues to grow. We are in discussions with CDE regarding adding charters for 09/10 school year.
- A WASC review for Charter Community School and a Federal review for Head Start/Early Head Start were recently conducted.
- She attended the Cameron Park CSD Open House and tour.
- She attended the Pioneer Oral Interpretation Festival.
- She attended the Democrats of El Dorado County Student Essay Luncheon. The theme was “What do you think should be the top priority of the new administration and why”. All three winners attend school in the Black Oak Mine USD.
- She spoke at a Leadership Class at El Dorado Irrigation District being conducted for aspiring managers. Leaders from throughout the county take turns and speak to the group on a monthly basis.
- JOB ONE funding will disappear as of July 1, 2009. We are in discussions with the Chamber and the current JOB ONE Board to possibly transition and become the Economic Development Committee for the El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce.
- Our annual Employee Recognition will take place immediately following our May Board meeting. We will be recognizing nominees for the People’s Choice Award, Outstanding Employees, Longevity Awards, and Retirees.

10.1 Dr Barber reviewed the El Dorado County Office of Education Human Resources Transactions and Temporary County Certificates dated March 1 - 31, 2009.

10.2 Discussion – County Committee on School District Reorganization: Dr. Barber shared what the duties and powers were for the County Committee on School District Organization, and what advantages and disadvantages would be if our County Board of Education were to take over those duties. 32 County Boards of Education state-wide fulfill the County Committee duties. Bob Edwards continues to serve as Secretary to the County Committee.

Item 11

Deputy Superintendent’s Report – Educational Services

Ms. Bean reported the following:

- Our Rite of Passage WASC visitation will be May 4 & 5.
- Head Start/Early Head Start review was completed very successfully.
- Collaboration with the El Dorado Union High School District, SB70, College, County, and District for Career Technical Education.
- Working with New Morning – Counseling grant from federal funding, providing counselors in our school settings; second cycle is ending in June this year, and there are no more funding opportunities as far as we know, but we will continue to be on the look-out.
- Workforce Investment Act Opportunity - part of the federal stimulus dollars with a focus on putting at-risk students to work during the summer, with hopes all will be funded.
- Sugarloaf planning continues. Met with all program directors and Nicolas Ridout to talk about future planning. What would need to be in place in order to staff, etc. for expansion? Nicolas will continue next year, but start to phase out over the next few years. We are in the process of planning for his replacement.

11.1 Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints – Ms. Bean reported that no complaints have been submitted for the quarter.

Item 12

Associate Superintendent's Report – Administrative Services

Ms. Mendonca reported the following:

- Administrative Services has been busy working on School District Second Interim Reports. Some very difficult decisions had to be made by Superintendents and CFOs and Ms. Mendonca commended the hard work the Districts have done reducing their budgets.
- Some of the language in the State Budget was thrown together so hastily that clean-up legislation is needed. This will take three to six months to complete.
- We are expecting Title 1 and IDEA dollars from the Federal Stimulus package very soon.

Item 13

Consent Agenda

Member Garcia made a motion, seconded by Member Boyer, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items: Minutes of the Meeting held March 10, 2009; Resolution No. 2009-07, "Visiting Educators Employed Pursuant to El Dorado County Charter"; Resolution No. 2009-08 - "School Bus Driver Day"; Resolution No. 2009-09 - "Classified School Employees Week"; Resolution No. 2009-10 - "Day of the Teacher"; Resolution No. 2008-11 - "California Charter Schools Week"; Certificates of Honor for retiring employees from school districts throughout the county (list attached); revisions to the Charter SELPA Local Plan which include the addition of 10 charter schools for the 2009-10 fiscal year. In addition to the 10 charter schools, there are technical changes being proposed to the Charter SELPA Local Plan. These technical changes include revising the titles of the governance groups involved in the Plan, revising the number of CEOs participating on the Executive Committee by allowing additional members to participate, changing the title of the Charter SELPA to be the El Dorado County Charter SELPA, and adding language to the Participation Agreement to ensure consistency with the Allocation Plan. It is also understood that additional charters approved and referred by the State Board and approved by CDE to join the Charter SELPA are included within the Charter SELPA Local Plan; acknowledge the acceptance of the following donations: from Sea Escape Travel of a Beseler dichro 23dga color photo enlarger including negatrans, power transformer and lens and miscellaneous darkroom equipment including a Beseler color motor base, Singer "Time O Light", red safety light, paper dryer, paper cutter, Kodak enlarging cropper, darkroom books, manuals, lenses, and trays for a total estimated value of \$500 to the El Dorado County Office of Education Sugarloaf Fine Arts Camp, a donation from Target Take Charge of Education Program of \$39.20 to the El Dorado County Office of Education Special Services Winnie Wakeley class, and a donation from Mr. and Mrs. Linqvist of "Melissa and Doug" brand hand crafted wooden puzzles to the El Dorado County Office of Education Bliss Special Services Preschool class. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 14

School District Presentation

Sherry Smith, Superintendent of the El Dorado Union High School District, and Chris Hoffman, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum Services reported the following:

- She commended the El Dorado Union High School District Board to approve going for Measure Q Bond. \$66.3 million dollars will be used District-wide for improvements to schools.
- The Culinary Arts Education Facility, "The Foothill Grill", will be located on the El Dorado HS campus. This will be used for classroom cooking, snack bar and community use. The proposed construction schedule will be April through December 2009. Bids have gone out and were awarded to El Dorado County contractors.
- The District is also looking at Natural Resources/Land Management on the El Dorado HS Campus, as well as a Child Development Facility on Union Mine campus.
- Updates at each high school:
Ponderosa HS – gym expansion, field restrooms, science lab and performing arts renovations
El Dorado HS – library, science lab and performing arts renovations, field restrooms

Oak Ridge HS – performing arts renovations, portable classroom modernizations
Union Mine HS – covered outdoor shade structure areas for students
District-wide projects: door lock replacements, roof repairs and replacements,
HVAC/electrical/plumbing upgrades, parking and fire access improvements, safe walkways,
handicapped compliance, and communications systems (PA systems/telephones)

- Job Training Facilities and Equipment – Certification, apprenticeships, articulation standards for employment.

Ms. Smith concluded her report by thanking Dr. Barber and the Board for their support.

Item 15

Student Representative Reports

Heather Stripe from the El Dorado Union High School District reported the following: The drama club is performing the play “Fantasiks”. Prom tickets are currently being sold. STAR testing is taking place next week. 300 seniors took a field trip to El Dorado Hills theatres. Ponderosa High School students learned there will be track and field improvements taking place soon. A rally will take place this Friday to celebrate all spring sports, and the Jazz Band will be performing. A blood drive hosted by the Key Club was a success.

Adriana Palmiere from the Black Oak Mine Unified School District reported on current activities taking place in the District.

Item 16

Superintendent Policy (new)

Dr. Barber reviewed new Superintendent Policy 3520, Business and Non-Instructional Operations - Parking at the El Dorado County Office of Education.

Item 17

Closed Session (Government Code §54596.6)/Lunch

The Board convened to Closed Session at 12:20 p.m. to conference with legal counsel regarding possible pending litigation.

Item 18

Closed Session Action

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

Item 19

Adjourn

The El Dorado County Board of Education meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.