Call to Order  The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by President Dennis Cullen in Room B-1 at the Emigrant Trail Educational Center.

Members Present  J. Dennis Cullen  
Dave Campbell  
Tom Griffin  
Dean Smith  
Cindy Stetler  

Special Order of Business  Due to additional information which came to the District for review after the Board Agenda had been published, one addition to the agenda was requested. It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to add to the agenda Presentations and Hearings Item 1, “Presentation from the El Dorado County Health Division, Children’s Health Initiative.” Motion unanimously carried.

Adoption of Agenda  It was moved by Mrs. Stetler, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion unanimously carried.

Approval of Minutes  It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 9, 2008. Motion unanimously carried.

Public Comment  There were no public comments.

Presentations and Hearings  
Presentation - Children’s Health Initiative  Vicki Cowley, Health Education Coordinator, El Dorado County Health Services Department, Public Health Division, informed Board members that a grant for oral health work which will provide free dental treatment for children with identified needs has been received from the state through the Children’s Health Initiative (CHI). Fourth grade students will be targeted for this grant; parental permission is required for participation. Screening will be provided at the school site by a licensed professional. Based on screening results, each student will be referred for one of three free treatments:

- Normal Screen – Student receives Fluoride Varnish application through the CHI.
- Identified as Requiring Treatment – Student referred to Smiles for Kids Day for a free day of treatment.
- Identified as Requiring Additional Treatment after Smiles for Kids Day – Student will be “adopted” by a dentist until treatment is completed.
In addition, any parent/guardian who has a child who does not have insurance or who has difficulty accessing dental services for his/her child can receive assistance obtaining health care insurance from CHI.

Following Ms. Cowley’s presentation, it was moved by Mrs. Stetler, seconded by Mr. Smith, to provide the opportunity for students in our district to participate in the Children’s Health Initiative grant program for oral health. Motion unanimously carried.

Finance and Business

Adoption - It was moved by Mrs. Stetler, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 200-2009-08 delegating authority to the Superintendent to approve warrants in exceptional situations. Motion carried with five Ayes and zero Noes.

Approval - It was moved by Mrs. Stetler, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve a Change Order from TMC Construction for the Playground Safety Surfacing Project in the amount of $1,426.42. Motion unanimously carried.

Approval - It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve an Agreement for Professional Services with Larry Talbert for E-Rate Consulting Services for December 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009. Motion unanimously carried.

Board Policies and Administration

Adoption - It was moved by Mrs. Stetler, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-2009-09, authorizing the Superintendent, the Clerk of the Board, and the Chief Fiscal Officer to sign orders of the Board. Motion unanimously carried.

Adoption - It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-2009-10, Approving Submittal of Application for Funding Small School District and County Office of Education Bus Replacement Program, Fiscal Year 2008-09. Motion unanimously carried.

Review - Board members reviewed the Facility Inspection Program Reports for all district sites.
Certification - It was the unanimous consensus of the board to certify the Williams Act Uniform Complaint Procedures Quarterly Report for the period of October 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008.

Approval - It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Stetler, to approve the Sierra Ridge Parent Teacher Club Bylaws for the 2008-2009 School Year. Motion unanimously carried.

Personnel

Approval - It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the employment of Rebekah Boatman, Media Technician, 6.0 hours per day, effective December 19, 2008 (Pinewood). Motion unanimously carried.

Approval - It was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the employment of Greg Head, Custodian, 8.0 hours per day, effective January 2, 2009. Motion unanimously carried.

Staff Reports and Announcements

The Principals had submitted written reports of activities and programs at their sites.

Superintendent’s Reports, Announcements, and Communications

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- Snowy Weather – The decision not to cancel school on our first days of snowy weather was a good one. Even though there is reduced attendance on these days, the main factor considered in reaching a decision is whether we can safely transport students.
- Enrollment – District enrollment is up, with Pinewood at 408 and Sierra Ridge at 345. This is an increase of nine students at Sierra Ridge and two at Pinewood since December’s Board meeting.
- Paperless Board Meetings – The general consensus of district office staff is that it would not be cost effective to convert to paperless board meetings, due to the high cost of the equipment that would have to be purchased. In addition, it is likely that paperless board packets would also require an increase in staff preparation time. This is not an in-depth study; however, it appears that paperless meetings are not cost effective for small volume production.
- Donated Dictionaries – Pollock Pines-Camino Rotary Club members presented dictionaries to each third grade student at Pinewood today. This is a very special event for both the students and Rotary Club members.
2009 Governor’s Budget Workshop – Districts are advised to reduce spending and to eliminate and/or not fill vacant positions. Categorical and other flexibility is proposed to help deal with the loss of funding. The Governor has also proposed permitting schools to drop from a minimum of 180 days of instruction to 175 days as a means of legally reducing state expenditures.

General Obligation Bonds – Information regarding Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc. and Dale Scott & Company, two firms specializing in bond campaigns, was distributed to Board members. An architect firm is used to determine a district’s needs and provide estimates of their projected costs. It was the general consensus of Board members to proceed with a needs assessment for the district. Information regarding architectural firms and guidelines for the use of funds from general obligation bonds were also requested.

EDCSBA Annual Awards Dinner – State Superintendent Jack O’Connell will speak at the EDCSBA Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, January 22.

Board Members’ Reports and Communications

Future Board Agenda Topics
Two future board agenda topics were determined:

- District Needs Assessment
- District Goals Update

Other Board Member Reports
Mr. Griffin reminded Board members of the Brown Act Workshop scheduled for February 26, 2009, at the El Dorado County Office of Education.

Consent Agenda
It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mrs. Stetler, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with three Ayes, zero Noes, and two Abstentions (Mr. Campbell and Mr. Smith).

1. Approval of Warrants

Closed Session
At the hour of 8:22 p.m., Mr. Cullen concluded the open portion of the meeting. After a short recess, the Board reconvened in closed session at 8:27 p.m. regarding the Superintendent’s Evaluation.

Actions from Closed Session
At 9:09 p.m. the Board returned to open session, at which time it was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to handle the discrepancy regarding twelve-month classified employee vacation hours that were mistakenly miscalculated by offering a one time only, cash out payment to reconcile the discrepancy. Motion unanimously carried.
Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Stetler, to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Spencer
District Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board

APPROVED:

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J. Dennis Cullen, President

DATE: _________________