Regular Board Meeting
Board of Trustees
August 9, 2011

Call to Order   The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Dennis Cullen in Room B-1 at the Emigrant Trail Educational Center.

Members Present  Dennis Cullen
                 Michael Bird
                 Dave Campbell
                 Tom Griffin
                 Susan McVey

Adoption of Agenda  It was moved by Mrs. McVey, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to adopt the agenda. Motion unanimously carried.

Public Comment  There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda  It was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. McVey, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion unanimously carried.

1) Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 21, 2011
2) Approval of Quarterly Report on Investments for the period ending June 30, 2011
4) Review of Facility Inspection Program Reports for all district sites

Approval of Warrants  It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mrs. McVey to approve the warrants. Motion carried with four Ayes, zero Noes, and one Abstention (Mr. Campbell).

Presentations, Hearings, and Discussion

Public Hearing - Tier III State Categorical Flexibility  President Cullen opened the Public Hearing for Tier III State Categorical Flexibility. CFO Martin reviewed with Board members the 2011-12 estimated funds available for flexibility and the current designated purpose for the funds in each eligible categorical program. All flexed funds will be tracked internally and will be used to offset state cuts for unrestricted general fund
educational purposes or allocated to the original categorical program purpose, as determined by the Board. Board action is required to accept Tier III flexibility and make available to the district the option to utilize the flexed funds as a means of mitigating revenue cuts and to maximize educational stability across all district programs. Input from the public was invited; however, there were no comments or questions, and the Public Hearing was closed.

Report - Effects of the Adopted State Budget on the District Budget

CFO Sean Martin reported on the requirements and amendments included in Education Trailer Bill, AB 114, which became effective with the adoption of the State Budget, and the way in which these will be implemented by the El Dorado County Office of Education. Mr. Martin reviewed with the Board the major provisions of the Budget Bill and the Education Trailer Bill affecting K-12 education.

State revenues fell $500 million short of targeted projections in the month of July alone. If they fall more than $2 billion short of targeted projections, the state will impose additional cuts to public education of up to $1.9 billion including:

- Revenue limit reductions proportional to the amount of the revenue shortfall ranging from zero to 4% of the undeficited revenue limit
  - If the full revenue limit reduction is implemented, the average maximum cut would be about $250 per ADA for elementary school districts – which would be a cut of $170,000 for our district.

- A $248 million cut to school transportation
  - A 50% cut to transportation for our district would be $143,000 or $210 per ADA.
  - Additionally, under the current Ed Code the district is required to have transportation expenditures meeting the full transportation award amount or be subject to a dollar-for-dollar cut to the remaining funding.

If the additional cuts are implemented, local school boards are authorized to negotiate the reduction of the school year by seven days to a minimum of 168 instructional days.

Mr. Martin concluded with the following reminders:

- Funding is still at 2007-08 levels.
- Our current deficit is nearly 20%.
- Apportionment deferrals are continued.
The unaudited actuals report for 2010-11 will be reported in September; the 2010-11 audit report and 2011-12 1st interim budget, which includes the changes from the adopted budget, carryover funds from the prior year, and revised staffing and expense accounts will be presented at the December board meeting.

Finance and Business

Approval - Tier III State Categorical Flexibility

It was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Bird, to approve Tier III State Categorical Flexibility for 2011-12 funds. Motion unanimously carried.

Board Policies and Administration

Deletion - Board Policy 4021

It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the deletion of Board Policy 4021, “Tobacco-Free District.” This policy has been replaced by Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3513.3, “Tobacco-Free Schools,” and Board Policy 5131.62, “Tobacco,” adopted June 21, 2011.

First Reading - Amended Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5145.7

“Sexual Harassment,” were presented for a first reading. There was no action required at this meeting. The Board Policy and Administrative Regulation will be presented for adoption at the regular board meeting in September.

First Reading - Board Policy, Administrative Regulation, and Exhibit 6158

“Independent Study,” were presented for a first reading. There was no action required at this meeting. The Board Policy, Administrative Regulation, and Exhibit, which replace former Board Policy, Administrative Regulation, and Exhibit 6175, will be presented for adoption at the regular board meeting in September.

Personnel

It was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. McVey, to approve the following personnel items:

Approval - Assignment of Richard Armstrong III

Assignment of Richard Armstrong III to teach math pursuant to Education Code Section 44263 and to teach physical education pursuant to Education Code Section 44258.3 for the 2011-2012 school year

Approval - Assignment of Leeann Stewart

Assignment of Leeann Stewart to teach history pursuant to Education Code Section 44263
Motion unanimously carried.

Staff Reports and Announcements

The Principals, M&O/Food Service Supervisor, and Transportation Supervisor had submitted written reports of activities and programs at their sites.

In addition, Mr. Malicote reported that 72 kindergartners are enrolled for the first day of school, and a very successful Kindergarten Roundup was held this morning.

Mr. Callaghan reported that Steve and Barb Simpson attended a summer training program, “Agriculture in the Classroom,” in Coloma.

Mr. Karnitz reported that the painting of the Emigrant Trail Educational Center roof has been approved by the manufacturer. Work will begin tomorrow to pressure wash and sand the roof to remove the old paint before it is repainted. The project should be completed in two - three weeks.

Superintendent’s Reports, Announcements, and Communications

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- Positive Communication – A meeting with Mr. Malicote and the parents of a new student with many physical and educational challenges resulted in a positive outcome with the parents stating that they feel we are there for the kids. This is evidence we are making positive strides in our communication with parents.
- Enrollment – The total anticipated enrollment for the district is currently 715 students.
- Staff Development Training – On Monday, Pinewood and Sierra Ridge teachers received training on the Odyssey Program. Today, all teachers met in the Emigrant Trail Staff Development Centre for training on online attendance. Eventually, parents will be able to log online as well and view their students’ attendance, grades, and discipline records.
- Barbeque – The District Welcome-Back Barbeque will begin at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow.
- Cookies – Cookies and bottles of water were delivered to each staff member over the weekend; cookies were also distributed to board members.
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- First Day of School – Thursday, August 11, will be the first day of school. The focus will be on valeting at Pinewood where the most traffic congestion is expected.
- Board Workshop – A Board Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, August 27, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 N.

Board Members’ Reports and Communications

Future Board Meeting Topics

No future board meeting topics were suggested.

Other Board Members Reports

President Cullen brought to the attention of board members a letter from CSBA regarding a call for nominations for Directors-at-Large.

Board members discussed the upcoming CSBA Annual Education Conference which will be held in San Diego this year. The discussion included the cost of attendance and the number of board members who will be attending with the superintendent. President Cullen stated that he strongly supports professional development for board members as well as district staff. Final decisions will be made before the deadline for the early registration discount.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Bird, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Monsma
District Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board

APPROVED:

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J. Dennis Cullen, President

DATE: ________________