

Eureka Schools Foundation
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Operating Committee
Wednesday, May 14, 2008

**Next meeting:
June 11, 2008, 5:30pm, at the Eureka Schools District Office.**

The Operating Committee of the Board of Directors of the Eureka Schools Foundation, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, held its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 5:30pm at the Eureka Schools District Office, 5455 Eureka Road, Granite Bay, California.

Attendance:

Judi Gavia, President, called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

Present at the meeting, constituting a quorum of the Operating Committee, were Judi Gavia, Julie McAvoy, Greg Sazima, Denise Zboralske, Trevor Sanders, Kim Nash, Colleen Israel, and ex-officio member Superintendent Bob Schultz and Board of Trustees Representative Lori Dangberg..

Also present were Tiffany Jones, Cheryl Nelson, Kate Gould, Julie Scotti and Marisa Schorer.

Minutes:

Greg Sazima noted a change to make in the April minutes. We are going to change the Overview Committee Report, item #2 (Funding), recommendation to read:

Recommendation: Instead of “Block Grants” to each school, ESF could create a free, district-wide foreign language program, a curriculum that parents have requested. The EUSD has proposed a Foreign Language Advisory Group with plans to contribute to ESF’s Foreign Language Program.

The highlighted area above is wording that was added.

Motion: After Colleen Israel made a motion to approve and accept the April minutes as changed, it was seconded by Greg Sazima and approved by the Board.

Treasurer’s Report:

Denise Zboralske reported that the audit has been completed by Perry-Smith LLP. One minor accounting control deficiency was identified and has been rectified. Denise distributed the letter from Perry-Smith LLP, as well as the audit report, their disclaimer and our financial statements for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006.

Denise reported that we have \$544,825 available to spend on the children of EUSD. We have \$351,730 in our Fidelity General Account, \$105,159 in our Fidelity Annual Giving Account, \$332,068 in our Wells Fargo general Account and \$13,414 in our Wells Fargo Annual Giving Account. We have \$358,341 in our Endowment Account

and \$42,454 currently available for grants. She distributed the Profit and Loss statement for each event, as well as the Treasurer's report.

Superintendent's Report:

Bob Schultz distributed an information sheet detailing the EUSD School Board's decision on recent key issues. He discussed their decision to close Excelsior and Eureka, and convert Greenhills, Oakhills and Maidu to K-5 schools and convert Cavitt and Olympus to 6-8. This proposal also includes moving portables to Greenhills, Maidu, Cavitt and Olympus and there will be no change in school boundaries. All these changes will result in an annual savings of \$900,000 in general education funding in 2009-2010.

The EUSD Board voted to proceed with the development of a petition for a charter school. The Board also approved a variety of recommendations of the Long Range Planning Task Force: revising the existing District Curriculum Plan, developing Foreign Language, Special Education and Budget advisory groups, developing a process to educate the community regarding the economic impact of good public schools, strengthening coordination and the alignment of parent support groups with the District priorities and increasing awareness regarding the instructional and financial impact of non-sick absences.

Bob reported that 34 people applied to be the new EUSD Superintendent. Nine will be interviewed on May 16 and 17 by the Board of Trustees and an Advisory Group, with the goal of narrowing the field to a single candidate to be selected and announced to the community at the Board meeting on June 10 and service to begin on July 1.

Executive Director Search:

Tiffany Jones reported that we have posted an ad on *Monster.com* and have already received 14 applicants - 12 external and 2 from within the EUSD community. Tiffany feels that the resumes look promising and that we should have someone on board by the end of June.

Principals Meeting/Allocations:

Judi Gavia and Greg Sazima attended the most recent Principals meeting and discovered that, contrary to what we thought, our yearly allocations to each school will be greatly missed. After discussion, we decided to reinstate our yearly allocations process to each school.

Motion: Kim Nash made a motion to reinstate ESF's previous allocation process to the 8 EUSD schools. Greg Sazima seconded the motion and it was approved by the Board.

Principals Meeting/Foreign Language Program:

Judi Gavia reported that the EUSD schools are excited to start ESF's Foreign Language program in the fall of 2008. The plan is to model it after the Spanish Language Program that Heidi Biermann started at Maidu and Excelsior Schools. We won't offer it

to grades 7-8 at this time, because it would be difficult to fit it into the Jr. High's current Spanish curriculum.

The Spanish classes will be 45 minutes long, 2 days per week. The cost to the parents will be approximately \$200 for the school year, per student. We will subsidize the program at a cost to us of about \$4000 per campus. Total costs will be about \$32,000 for the year, including a stipend to the program director, Heidi Biermann. The teachers will be bilingual college-aged adults, who have returned from overseas missions/trips in Spanish speaking countries.

Principals Meeting/ESF Relations:

Judi Gavia reported that all the EUSD schools and principals are committed to work with ESF in the coming year. They know that it is imperative to keep good relations and are motivated to continue their annual block grants. They are open to labeling items that we have donated (i.e. Smart Boards, computers, etc), which will help get ESF's name out and so parents can see where their ESF dollars are going.

Annual Giving:

Greg Sazima reported that \$125,000 total funds have been received to date. There is a last ditch letter going out, which is usually good for a few more thousand, so they are hoping to pull in about \$149,000 for this year's Annual Giving Campaign. We raised \$195,000 in 2007 and \$230,000 in 2006.

Country Faire:

Julie Scotti reported that the Faire was a complete success! She thanked some key committee members for their extra efforts. The weather was beautiful and everyone seemed to have a great time. The numbers are not all in, but preliminary estimates are at about 2000 attendees. Judi thanked Julie for all her and her committee's hard work and dedication. Thank you, to co-chairs Julie Scotti and Lisa Willett, for a fabulous event!

Golf Tournament:

Trevor Sanders reported that the event is one week away (Wednesday, May 21), and he and co-chair John Barron are all set for the big day. They have 112 golfers scheduled to play and Nike, the Granite Bay Golf Club and all their sponsors are cooperating fully and are ready for a great day on the links. The Granite Bay Golf Club has also agreed to offer Social Memberships for every \$2000 donation to ESF.

Auction:

Judi Gavia reported for Gloria Costigan, that she and her co-chairs (Jennifer Arey and Marie Miller) are preparing for their first committee meeting next week. They have lots of ideas and will present them at next month's meeting.

Other Business:

Colleen Israel asked for some help cleaning out the ESF storage unit on Thursday, May 29 at 9am. She asked for some shelving and men to help build the shelves. Trevor Sanders offered some shelving and will bring it over to the storage unit.

Need: Please contact Colleen Israel if you can help clean out the ESF storage unit on Thursday, May 29 at 9am.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the Operating Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Attest:

Judi Gavia, President _____

Julie McAvoy, Secretary _____