

Eureka Schools Foundation  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Operating Committee  
Wednesday, June 11, 2008

**Next meeting:  
August 21, 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, June 11, 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 5:32 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, Phil Johnson, Bob Towery, Marisa Schorer and ex-officio member Superintendent Bob Schultz and Board of Trustees Representative Lori Dangberg..

Also present were Cheryl Nelson, Kate Gould, Amy Davito, Diane Duncan, Mary Hart, Jennifer Mobell, Sherri Goode, Marie Miller, Jennifer Arey, Gloria Costigan, Lizzie Lummis, Renee Nash and Lisa Willett.

**Minutes:**

***Motion:*** After Kim Nash made a motion to approve and accept the May minutes as presented, it was seconded by Trevor Sanders and approved by the Board.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Denise Zboralske reported that we have \$639,406 in the bank right now, and is moving money over to Fidelity as it becomes available. There were no additional allocations this month, and the Endowment continues to grow at a rate of 7 1/25 per year.

Denise distributed a copy of this month's Treasurer's Report and a Profit & Loss Report for each ESF fundraiser for review.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Bob Schultz announced that the Eureka Union School District appointed Dr. Tim McCarty as the district's fifth Superintendent, effective July 1, 2008. Bob distributed an information sheet about Dr. McCarty that summarizes his qualifications and accomplishments.

The EUSD School Board is considering a Magnet School or a Charter School for future alternative schooling options in the district. There will be more research on these options, with a decision being made in the coming months.

Bob reminded us that Cavitt and Olympus will be having their Graduation ceremonies tomorrow.

### **Principal's Meeting:**

Judi Gavia discussed the Principal's Meeting that she and Greg Sazima attended last month. After meeting with the Principals in the District, it was decided that we would invite a different Principal from the District to each ESF meeting, to further join ESF and the schools and staff together. She introduced Diane Duncan from Excelsior to this month's meeting. Judi stressed the point that the EUSD Principals are committed to do what it takes to continue a good relationship between the school and ESF.

### **Executive Director Search:**

Judi Gavia reported for Tiffany Jones (who was unable to attend tonight's meeting) that ESF received 40 applications for the role of ESF Executive Director. Twenty-nine of those applicants were well-qualified and Tiffany narrowed it down to 4 applicants to interview. The interview panel was able to narrow the field down after the face-to-face interviews, and they feel that we will have a great new addition to introduce to our Foundation within the next few weeks.

### **Foreign Language Update:**

Greg Sazima reported that Heidi Biermann will coordinate and organize a district-wide foreign language program that will begin in October. She is working with Dave Delgado to create the program and hire teachers. Classes will be held after school, 2 days per week. An informational meeting was held last week that 25 interested parents attended. Oakhills and Greenhills each have about 55 kids signed up for this opportunity.

This program is tangible evidence of ESF's commitment to the district's enrichment education, and an opportunity for parents to see where their ESF dollars are going.

### **Back-to-School Nights:**

Judi Gavia will be working with our new Executive Director over the summer to re-vamp the district's Back-to-School Nights at each school. They plan to create a consistent message for each school to help "sell" ESF to parents at BTS night.

*Need:* A "Point Person" from each school to speak and set up an informational booth at Back-to-School Night.

### **Annual Giving:**

Jennifer Mobell reported that the total funds received for this year's Annual Giving Campaign is \$138,500. This number is down about \$60,000 from last year's fundraiser. Considering the fact that they only had 7 callers this year, compared to 80 callers last year, they are pleased with this number. Jennifer feels that last month's "last ditch" letter really helped. Judi Gavia reported that the Principals liked the campaign's "Early Bird Specials" at each school – the goodies were a hit, as well as the "menu" specific to each school.

**Golf Tournament:**

Trevor Sanders reported that it was a great event and that everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. They had 29 foursomes (down 5 from last year) and raised about \$107,000 for ESF. The Nike Store was a huge success...the only change they would make would be to increase the amount of women's clothing and accessories.

**Need:** A Chair for next year's Tournament. Trevor said that he and John Barron will stay involved in the Tournament next year, but will not chair it next year. It is not a high-stress event, and they have a complete notebook/plan for someone to follow. Please contact Trevor Sanders, John Barron or Judi Gavia if you know of someone who would be willing to chair this event for 2009.

**Auction:**

The chairs for the 2008 ESF Auction (Gloria Costigan, Marie Miller, Jennifer Arey and Renee Nash) held their first committee meeting last month. The theme will be "*New York's Tavern on the Green,*" and is scheduled to be held Saturday, November 8 at the Granite Bay Golf Club. They have most of the committee positions filled and passed around sign-ups for a few remaining committee spots. Key positions needed at this time are solicitors and a webmaster. Bob Towery will help GBHS get involved to help with the website.

Cheryl Nelson and Tom Cologna are helping with Corporate Sponsors. The on-line auction is being run by Sherri Goode, with the help of Barbara Hayes, and they plan to have more items available on the on-line auction this year.

**Need:** Auction items. They are specifically looking for vacation packages and neighborhood parties, as they are great fundraisers.

**Country Faire:**

Lisa Willett reported that the Faire raised about \$37,000. The previous Faire in 2006 raised about \$11,000. She received amazing feedback that was very positive, and the only negative feedback suggested that they shorten the Faire hours to 11am-4pm. Every one seemed to have a great time. The only problem was that they had to close early due to hurricane winds. The Placer County Sheriff's office estimated about 4000 people attended the event, and 460 volunteers helped run this event.

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business to come before the Operating Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

**Attest:**

Judi Gavia, President \_\_\_\_\_

Julie McAvoy, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_