



SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, March 11, 2024 Regular Session – 5:30 p.m.
Closed Session Immediately Following

Virginia B. Causey Educational Center - Zoom
29143 Auberry Road, Prather, CA 93651

ALL TIMES NOTED THROUGHOUT THE AGENDA ARE APPROXIMATE

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YOUR PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED AND APPRECIATED.**

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Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86127283831?pwd=aUZUeDU4ZXB4SkIEQTQvTDAzMnBmZz09> Meeting ID: 861 2728 3831 Passcode: 918841

PLEASE NOTE: In-person attendance will be open to the public. The meetings will continue to be broadcast on Zoom. Public comment may be made in person or by Zoom during the Public Comment period. Comment on agenda items may also be made in person prior to the board's discussion of that item. Questions or comments arising during the meeting may always be shared with the Superintendent at jreeves@sierrausd.org or the Board President cburke@sierrausd.org

Vision Statement

Our vision is to be an exemplary student-focused school district that is highly regarded for the competence and character of our students, the rich connection to our mountain community, and the excellence of our people, programs, and learning environment.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to inspire, engage, challenge, and support all students to reach their highest level of learning and personal development.

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Call Public Session to Order
- B. Roll Call – Cortney Burke, Ben Kimbler, James Hoak, Ginger Cardoza, Carolyn Capps, Wes Qualls, Connie Schlaefer
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Adopt Agenda

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

This section of each regular session is set aside for members of the public to comment on any item within the jurisdiction of the Board. Items will not be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. It is an opportunity for the public to be heard by the Board, but is not a forum for Q&A. For items appearing on the agenda, the public may comment during this period, or when the item is called for consideration by the Board. For an agenda item, the public may request to comment by raising their hand when the item is called, or after any staff presentation, but before board discussion or deliberation. Public comment will be limited to 3 minutes per person, 20 minutes per topic. Speakers may not pass their time to another person. All persons addressing the board should state their name for the record.

NOTE: Background information on Agenda Items is available at the Superintendent's Office and on the district website www.sierrausd.org for public review.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Reports
 - 1. ASB President – Bev Douglas
 - 2. Department Reports
 - a. Business Services – Janelle Bryson, CBO
 - 1. Monthly Budget Report
 - b. Facilities, Maintenance & Transportation – Craig Barnes, Director
 - 3. Site Reports
 - a. Foothill Elementary School, Danielle Amundsen – Principal
 - b. Alternative Education, Anthony Abrams – Coordinator
 - c. Sierra Junior/Senior High Schools, Jordan Reeves – Principal
 - 4. Superintendent Report – Jordan Reeves
 - 5. Program Reports – NONE
 - 6. Sub-Committee Reports
- B. Board Reflections

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA

- A. Routine Business transactions, annual renewal of programs, bids, agreements, notices of public hearings, and proclamations:
1. Approval of Warrants
 2. Approval of Contracts – NONE
 3. Approval of Donations – NONE
 4. Approval of Safe School Plan
 5. Approval of 2022-2023 School Accountability Report Card (SARC)
 - a. Foothill Elementary
 - b. Sierra Alternative Education
 - c. Sierra High School
 - d. Sierra Junior High School
 6. Affirmation of the Title VIII – Public Law 102-382 Impact Aid Program – Indian Policies and Procedures (IPPs)
 7. Approval of Overnight Field Trip to Calvin Crest - April 30-May 3, 2024
6th Grade Overnight Camp
Every part of the program is designed for learning - both actual instructional time and learning of life skills (ex. students keep their own cabins tidy, help with meal set up, and clean up after meals). They have opportunities to challenge themselves to try new things (especially during free time - examples are archery and climbing wall). Each full day of camp (Wed and Thurs), students attend two 2.5 hour classes. These are taught by classroom teachers from the schools (given training and materials when they arrive) and our staff. This link will take you to the curriculum – OutdoorEd2021 is the password. Camp gives students the opportunity to explore the natural world (and for many, experience the forest for the first time), grow in independence, and make lasting friendships and memories.
- B. Certificated Personnel Items
1. Resignations/Retirements:
The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:
 - a) Retirement; Teacher; Christine Dearden; effective 6/11/2024.
 - b) Resignation; Teacher; Tiffanie Graham; effective 2/17/2024.
 - c) Resignation; Teacher; Brett Brown; effective 6/11/2024.
 - d) Resignation; Teacher; Taylor Sani; effective 3/1/2024.
 - e) Resignation; Teacher; Bailey Winiger; effective 6/11/2024.
- C. Classified Personnel Items:
1. Resignations/Retirements:
The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:
 - a) Retirement; Director of Facilities & Transportation; Craig Barnes; effective 7/1/2024.
 - b) Resignation; Behavior Aide; Matthew Rothe; effective 3/12/2024
 2. Employments:
The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:
 - a) Replacement; Food Server; Katelynne Byrd; effective 2/26/2024.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Approval of Review and Certification of the 2023–2024 Second Interim Financial Statement as of January 31, 2024. (Janelle Bryson)

The State-required forms, along with various schedules representing analysis used in the development of the Second Interim Report, were provided in the Board packet and online. The Second Interim Report provides the Fresno County Office of Education with the current year and subsequent two years budget, based on current data, as required by law.

It is requested that the Board certify the fund report and narratives as presented and adopt a Positive Certification.

- B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Tentative Agreement for Collective Bargaining Negotiations between Sierra Unified School District (SUSD) and Sierra Unified Teachers Association (SUTA)

The Tentative Agreement entered into between SUSD and SUTA is contingent upon final approval by the SUSD Governing Board and ratification by Association Members.

The Board is requested to approve the Tentative Agreement between SUSD and SUTA.

- C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Approval of Management Agreement

If the District agrees to a higher total compensation increase for any other bargaining unit, the District shall increase the total compensation for Management by the same percentage.

The Board is requested to approve the Tentative Agreement for Management.

- D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Approval of Surveillance & Access Contract

The Sierra Unified School District (SUSD) evaluation committee has carefully evaluated all proposals received in accordance with the criteria outlined in (RFP 2024-01 Surveillance Systems). Low Voltage Service Inc. D.B.A Surveillance Integration's Bid Proposal.pdf has been selected for recommendation as the lowest responsible bidder
BID SUMMARY RFP 2024-01.pdf

The District recommends that the SUSD Governing Board approve the Notice of Award of Contract (SUSD) RFP 2024-01 for Board approval.pdf

- E. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approval of 2024 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election Ballot

- F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Approval Audit Report for 2022-2023 (Janelle Bryson)

Pursuant to Education Code 41020(i), a corrective action plan must be provided to the County Superintendent of Schools for any audit exceptions contained in the audit. There were four audit exceptions in the 2021-2022 Audit.

The Board is requested to approve the Corrective Action Plan of the Audit Report for 2022-23.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION ITEM: Bond / Facilities

VII. ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. Governance Calendar
- B. Next Regular meeting date: March 11, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.
- C. Next Special meeting date(s):
- D. Requested Future Agenda Items:
 - 1. Academic Probation

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

- A. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment (Government Code § 54957)
- B. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9)
- C. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Employee Bargaining Group Negotiations (Government Code Section 54957.6)
- D. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Contracts (Gov. Code 54956.8)
- E. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Real Property Negotiations (§54956.8)
- F. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Student Discipline (Education Code 35146)

IX. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

- A. Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene Open Session
- B. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

X. ADJOURNMENT