



SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, May 13, 2024 Regular Session – 5:30 p.m.
Closed Session Immediately Following
Reconvene in Public Session following Closed Session

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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Meeting ID: 894 5399 0768 Passcode: 565586

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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.

5:30 p.m.

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. PRESENTATION

- A. Sierra Vocal Ensemble

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Reports
 - 1. ASB President – Bev Douglas
 - 2. Site Reports
 - a. Sierra Junior/Senior High Schools, Gina Riley – Assistant Principal
 - b. Foothill Elementary School, Danielle Amundsen – Principal
 - c. Alternative and Extended Education, Anthony Abrams – Coordinator
 - d. [End of the Year Activities Calendar](#)
 - 3. Program Reports

- a. [Native American Program](#), Cecilia Moreno, Native American Program Mentor
[Power Point](#)
- 4. Department Reports
 - a. Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation – Craig Barnes, Supervisor
 - 1. CHP Recognitions (Scott Cardoza)
 - a. Dee Kehn (20 years)
 - b. Brian Collier (10 years)
 - b. Business Services - Janelle Bryson, CBO
 - 1. [Monthly Budget Report](#)
 - c. Education Services – Calisha Chatter-Fitzhugh, Director

B. Board Reflections

V. CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA

- A. Routine Business transactions, annual renewal of programs, bids, agreements, notices of public hearings, and proclamations:
 - 1. Approval of [Minutes](#)
 - 2. Approval of [Warrants](#)
 - 3. Approval of Contracts
 - a. [UBEO Copier Contract](#)
 - 4. [2024-2025 Academic Calendar Revision](#)
 - 5. Approval of Site Plans:
 - a. [Foothill Elementary](#)
 - b. [Sierra Jr High](#)
 - c. [Sierra High](#)
- B. Certificated Personnel Items
 - 1. Resignations/Retirements:
The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:
 - a) Resignation; Teacher; Katie Adams; effective 6/11/2024.
 - b) Resignation; Teacher; Kobie McQuoid; effective 6/11/2024.

2. **Employments:**
The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:
 - a) Replacement; Principal; Orlando Bellomo; effective 7/1/2024.
 - b) Replacement; Teacher; Jessica Wisler; effective 8/9/2024.
 - c) Replacement; Teacher; Kimberly Hamilton; effective 8/9/2024.
 - d) Replacement; Teacher; Jordan Moorman; effective 8/9/2024.
 - e) Replacement; Teacher; Rachel Roberson; effective 8/9/2024.
 - f) Replacement; Teacher; Noemi Marjala; effective 8/9/2024.
 - g) Replacement; Teacher; Bonner Cunnings; effective 8/9/2024.
 - h) Replacement; Teacher; Karen Babauta; effective 8/9/2024.
 - i) Replacement; Teacher; John Thomas; effective 8/9/2024.
 - j) Replacement; Teacher; Cassandra Smith; effective 8/9/2024.

C. Classified Personnel Items:

1. **Resignations/Retirements:**
The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:
 - a) Retirement; Maintenance; Walter Tobin; effective 4/20/2024.
 - b) Resignation; Custodian; David Zamora; effective 4/30/2024.
2. **Employments:**

The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:
 - a) Replacement; Lead Custodian; David Zamora; effective 5/1/2024.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM; [Superintendent Contract](#)

The Board will review and take action on the contract for the incoming Superintendent, Dr. Lori Grace

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [Local School Wellness Policy](#)

School Districts are required to adopt a Local School Wellness Policy, review that policy annually and do a triennial assessment of the policy. It is requested that the Board approve the attached draft policy which is based on the Alliance for a Healthier General model school wellness policy.

C. DISCUSSION ITEM: [Anatomy and Physiology Class Approval](#)

New Course Proposal: the Board is asked to consider the addition of Anatomy and Physiology, a course that provides students with the opportunity to advance their knowledge of the human body and basic physiology. This class will be beneficial to students wanting to enter the medical field or sciences in college. There are currently no other advanced science courses at Sierra High School.

D. DISCUSSION ITEM: [Bond Language](#)

The Board will review the resolution to upgrade/repair/modernize our local high school and Alternative Education facilities including repairing heating/air conditioning and leaky roofs, removing asbestos/lead/mold, and making safety improvements. The Bond measure will be on the ballot of November 2024 election.

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [Resolution #19-23/24](#) – Resolution, Order of Election, and Specifications of the Election Order.

VIII. ADVANCED PLANNING

A. Governance Calendar

B. Next Regular meeting date: June 10, 2024– 5:30 p.m.

C. Next Special meeting date(s): June 26, 2024

1. Final Budget / LCAP Approval

D. Requested Future Agenda Items:

IX. CLOSED SESSION

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment (Government Code § 54957)

1. Superintendent Evaluation

B. DISCUSSION ITEM: Public Employee Appointment/Discussion – Position: Interim Superintendent (Government Code Section 54957)

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9)

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Contracts (Gov. Code 54956.8)

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Student Discipline (Education Code 35146)

X. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

A. Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene Open Session

B. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

XI. ADJOURNMENT