



SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, June 10, 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: 811 5629 1808 Passcode: 567616

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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.

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. RECOGNITIONS:

- A. Retirees
 - 1. Craig Barnes
 - 2. Christine Dearden
 - 3. Giselle Hallam
 - 4. Shelley Telles

III. 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.

IV. ADJOURN TO PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Convene Public Hearing on the Matter of the Proposed Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) (Janelle Bryson)
 - The Annual Update for LCAP 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 LCAP are presented in draft form for public comment. These goals and actions have been reviewed with stakeholders throughout the community to the best of our abilities. The document has been reviewed by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools' office with suggestions for minor changes that will be addressed prior to final submission in June. Public comment will be received in writing between June 11-June 25, 2024, to Interim Superintendent Anthony Abrams, regarding the goals, actions, and expenditures

reported in these documents. Mr. Abrams will respond to written comments as received.

1. [PowerPoint Presentation](#)
2. LCAP Review
 - a. [Annual Update 2023-2024 Draft](#)
 - b. [2024-25 LCAP Draft](#)
 - c. [Local Indicators](#)

B. Open Public Hearing for Input.

C. Adjourn Public Hearing on matter of the LCAP

D. Convene Public Hearing on the Matter the [2024-2025 Budget](#) - [PowerPoint Presentation](#) (Janelle Bryson)

1. Open Public Hearing for Input.
2. Balances in Excess of Minimum Reserve Requirements as required by Ed. Code 42127(a)(2)(B) – School districts must discuss and review at the public budget hearing annually the [reasons for ending reserve balances](#) in excess of the minimum required reserve.

E. Adjourn Public Hearing on matter of the 2024-2025 Budget

V. RECONVENE SIERRA UNIFIED REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Reports

1. Site Reports
 - a. Sierra Junior/Senior High Schools, Gina Riley – Interim Principal
 - b. Foothill Elementary School, Danielle Amundsen – Principal
 - c. Alternative and Extended Education, Anthony Abrams – Coordinator
2. Interim Superintendent Report
3. Program Reports
 - a. [Athletics](#) – Jon Hendrix, Athletic Director
4. Department Reports
 - a. Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation – Kelly Capps
 - b. [Facilities reorganization](#) – Craig Barnes, Supervisor

- c. Business Services - Janelle Bryson, CBO
 - 1. [Monthly Budget Report](#)
- d. [Education Services](#) – Calisha Chatter-Fitzhugh, Program Manager

5. Sub-Committee Reports

- a. Native American Education Committee (NAEC)
 - 1. [Minutes](#)

B. Board Reflections

VII. 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 [Minutes](#)
- 4. Approval of the [Consolidated Application](#) for Funding Categorical Programs 2024-2025 – Part Two. The Consolidated Application is used by the California Department of Education to distribute categorical funds from various State and Federal programs to County offices, school districts, and charter schools throughout California.
- 5. [Approval of Ag Incentive Grant](#)

B. Certificated Personnel Items

- 1. Resignations/Retirements:

The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:

- a) Resignation; Teacher; Jennifer Bethel; effective 6/11/2024.

- 2. Employments:

The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:

- a) Replacement; Teacher; Kobie McQuoid; effective 8/9/2024.
- b) Replacement; Teacher; Bobie Begaye; effective 8/9/2024.

C. Classified Personnel Items:

- 1. Resignations/Retirements:

The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:

- a) Resignation; Bus Driver/Custodian; Joshua Biggs; effective 5/25/2024.

2. Employments:

The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:

- a) Replacement; Maintenance; William Treece; effective 5/9/2024.
- b) Replacement; Erin Santillan; Behavior Aide; effective 5/20/2024.
- c) Replacement; Casey Franks; Maintenance Lead; effective 7/1/2024.
- d) Replacement; Jeremiah Sarabia; Bus Driver/Utility; effective 6/18/2024
- e) Replacement; Mera Fonvergne; Bus Driver/Custodian; effective 6/10/2024

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION 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.

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [Resolution 22 – 23/24](#) Bond Language

The Board is requested to approve Resolution 22 - 23/24 authorizing the placement of a General Obligation Bond on the November 2024 ballot.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [Resolution #21-23/24](#) Letter of Delegation

This item clarifies the authority the Board delegates to the Administration to conduct the District's business between regular meetings. The Board has committed to reviewing this authorization annually. No changes are proposed this year.

The Board is requested to approve Resolution #21-23/24 Letter of Delegation.

B. DISCUSSION ITEM: Education Protection Account (EPA) Entitlement Spending Plan 2023-2024 [Resolution No. 20-23/24](#) (Janelle Bryson)

Added to the California State Budget in 2012-13 was a requirement that each LEA create an EPA set aside account. A total of 20% of the apportionment is to be maintained in the account. Pursuant to Article XIII, Section 36 of the California Constitution, LEA's are required to determine how the moneys received from the EPA are spent, in an open session of a public meeting. The language requires that funds shall not be used for the salaries and benefits of administrators or any other administrative costs. The total for 2023-2024 is \$1,877,333 which will be spent on teachers' salaries.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [Approval of Final Acceptance of Notice of Completion for CDBG Project No. 18011](#). (Craig Barnes)

D. DISCUSSION ITEM: [Sports Medicine Class Approval](#)

New Course Proposal: the Board is asked to consider the addition of Sports Medicine. This course will focus on applied anatomy and physiology through sports medicine. Current classes offered in the Med Careers pathway only dedicate one or two units to anatomy and physiology. Current classes teach even less on sports medicine.

X. ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. Governance Calendar
- B. Next Regular meeting date: July 8, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.
- C. Next Special meeting date(s): June 26, 2024 – 4:00pm
 - 1. Final Budget / LCAP Approval
- D. Requested Future Agenda Items:

XI. 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)

XII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT