



SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, July 8, 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: 826 3057 0173 Passcode: 540599

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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. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Reports
 - 1. Superintendent's Report
 - 2. Department Reports
 - a. Business Services - Janelle Bryson, Chief Business Officer
 - 1. [Monthly Budget Report](#)
 - 2. [Annual Disclosure of Developer Fees](#)
 - b. Facilities Maintenance & Transportation – Kelly Capps, Facility Services
 - 1. [Facilities Board Update](#)

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 [Annual Donations](#)
3. Approval of Contracts – NONE
4. Approval of [Quarterly Williams Report](#)
5. Approval of [Authorized Board Signature Permit / FCOE](#)
6. Approval of [Mailing Permit / FCOE](#)

B. Certificated Personnel Items:

1. Resignations/Retirements:

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

- a) Resignation; Teacher; Zhon Kuraspediani; effective 6/11/2024.

2. Employments:

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

- a) Replacement; Teacher; Maggie Nash; effective 8/9/2024.
- b) New Position; Teacher; Maria Pantoja; effective 8/9/2024.
- c) Shared Contract; Teacher; Danielle Chanes; effective 8/9/2024.
- d) Shared Contract; Teacher; Elizabeth Pierini; effective 8/9/2024.

C. Classified Personnel Items:

1. Resignations/Retirements:

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

- a) Resignation; Maintenance; Casey Franks; effective 6/28/2024.
- b) Retirement; Cafeteria Manager II; Sherry Wellman; effective 6/11/2024.

2. Employments:

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

- a) Replacement; Custodian; Joel Ramos; effective 6/10/2024.
- b) Replacement; Katherine Baker; Superintendent's Secretary; effective 6/17/2024.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Board Authorization for Temporary Interfund Transfers – [Resolution # 01-24/25](#)

Education Code Section 42603 provides authorization for temporary interfund transfers, at the direction of the District’s Governing Board. In actual practice, these temporary transfers often need to happen on very short notice (e.g., needing a same-day cash transfer to cover an Accounts Payable run or Payroll). The County Office cannot process these without District Board approval.

- B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Approval of Interfund Transfers of Resolutions [# 02-24/25](#) through [# 03-24/25](#)

General to Deferred Maintenance	\$100,000
General to Capital Reserve	\$ 50,000

- C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Final Acceptance of Notice of Completion for CDBG Project No. 15011 [Resolution #04-24/25](#) (Kelly Capps)

- D. DISCUSSION ITEM: Board Self-Evaluation Process

Per Board Bylaw 9400, the Board shall annually perform a self-evaluation. For the past several years, the Board has used the evaluation tool offered through CSBA. The Board has agreed to conduct this review in the summer in conjunction with the school year cycle and goal setting.

The Board will decide if it wants to continue using the CSBA self-evaluation tool, and agree to dates to complete the questionnaire. Results will be reviewed at the August regular meeting. Discussion of results must be held in open session.

- E. DISCUSSION ITEM: Goal Setting for the District and Board

The Board and Superintendent will [update and refine goals](#) for the 2024-2025 school year. Ideally, the Board should agree on 4-6 goals that align with the District’s vision and strategic goals. These goals also provide the basis for annual Superintendent goals.

The Board will approve a set of annual goals at the next Regular meeting.

- F. DISCUSSION ITEM: Territory Transfer Petition

The superintendent will present a [timeline of the territory transfer petition process](#) to the board for discussion.

VI. ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. Governance Calendar 2024-25

- B. Next Regular meeting date: August 12, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.
- C. Next Special meeting date(s):
- D. Requested Future Agenda Items:

VII. 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)

VIII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT