



# SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## **SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA**

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

4:00 p.m. Public Session

Closed Session Immediately Following

Reconvene in Public Session following Closed Session

Virginia B. Causey Educational Center - Zoom

29143 Auberry Road, Prather, CA 93651

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Meeting ID: 854 0674 0642      Passcode: 892461

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 Interim Superintendent at [aabrams@sierrausd.org](mailto:aabrams@sierrausd.org) or the Board President [cburke@sierrausd.org](mailto: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.

4:00 p.m.

I. OPENING BUSINESS

1. Call Public Session to Order
2. Roll Call – Cortney Burke, Ben Kimbler, James Hoak, Ginger Cardoza, Carolyn Capps, Wes Qualls, Connie Schlaefer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Adopt Agenda

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

This section of each special session is set aside for members of the public to comment on any item on the agenda. Items presented under public comment may not be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. The public is invited to comment now or at the time the item is called for consideration by the Board. All persons addressing the Board must state their name for the record. In general, individual speakers will be allowed three minutes to address the Board on each agenda item, and the Board will limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes.

*NOTE: Background information on Agenda Items is available at the Superintendent's Office and on the district website [www.sierrausd.org](http://www.sierrausd.org) for public review.*

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. ACTION ITEM: Sierra Unified School District [2024-2025 School Year Budget](#)

At the June 10, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees was given the preliminary 2024-2025 Budget.

Recommendation for adoption of the Sierra Unified School District 2024-2025 School Year Budget

- B. ACTION ITEM: 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.

The Board is recommended to approve reasons for ending reserve balances\_in excess of the minimum required reserve.

- C. ACTION ITEM: Proposed Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

The Annual Update for LCAP 2023-2024 was presented in draft form for public comment at the June 10, 2024 Regular Board meeting. 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. Public comment was accepted in writing, between the dates June 11 - June 25, 2024, to Interim Superintendent Anthony Abrams, regarding the goals, actions, and expenditures reported in these documents. No comments were received by Mr. Abrams during the public comment period.

1. [Annual Update 2023-2024 Draft](#)
2. [2024-25 LCAP Draft](#)
3. [Local Indicators](#)

The Board is recommended to approve the proposed LCAP.

- D. ACTION 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.

The Board is requested to approve Resolution No. 20-23/24.

- E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [Facilities Reorganization](#)

- F. DISCUSSION/ACTION 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.

IV. NEW BUSINESS – NONE

V. ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. Governance Calendar 2023/24  
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- B. Next Regular meeting date: July 8, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

- C. Next Special meeting date(s):
- D. Requested Future Agenda Items:

VI. CLOSED SESSION

- A. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment (Government Code § 54957)
  - 1. Complaint Appeals
  - 2. Public Employee Evaluation – Superintendent
- 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)4.
- E. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Real Property Negotiations (§54956.8)

VII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT