



## MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### I. OPENING BUSINESS

#### A. CALL PUBLIC SESSION TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mrs. Chrissy Falk, Board President.

**B. ROLL CALL:** Board Members: Chrissy Falk, President; Tom Mendenhall, Vice President; Ron Eldridge, Clerk; Wes Qualls; Connie Schlaefer; Don Fowler

**C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Motion to adopt agenda: Qualls: Second: Fowler: 6/0

#### D. IDENTIFY CLOSED SESSION TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

1. *Personnel*
2. *Potential Litigation*
3. *Negotiations*

**E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Don Fowler led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - NONE

### III. RECOGNITIONS

**A.** Retiring Board Members who will be dearly missed, and who served Sierra Unified with commitment, vision, and honor were recognized. Thank you for all that you've done.

1. Ron Eldridge
2. Chrissy Falk
3. Don Fowler

### IV. BOARD ORGANIZATION

#### A. OATH OF OFFICE: Swearing In of New Board Members (Chrissy Falk)

1. Cortney Burke
2. Jeremiah Gilbert
3. James Hoak
4. Ben Kimbler
5. Connie Schlaefer

#### B. ACTION ITEMS: Organization of the Board of Trustees

1. Election of the Board President  
Motion to elect Connie Schlaefer: Qualls: Second: Burke: 6/0
2. Election of the Board Vice President  
Motion to elect Wes Qualls: Kimbler: Second: Gilbert: 6/0
3. Election of the Board Clerk  
Motion to elect Tom Mendenhall: Burke: Second: Kimbler: 6/0
4. [Establishment of the Time, Day and Place of 2021 Regular Board Meetings \(Proposed Calendar\)](#)  
Motion to adopt the Board Meeting Time, Day, and Place for 2021 with a change in start time to 5:00 p.m. for Closed Session and 6:00 for Public Session: Kimbler: Second: Burke: 7/0

5. [Appointment of Board Member Voting Representative and Alternate Voting Representative for Fresno County Committee on School District Organization Elections](#)  
Motion to elect Wes Qualls: Schlaefer: Second Burke: 6/0  
Motion to elect Connie Schlaefer as an Alternate: Burke: Second: Qualls: 6/0

## V. COMMUNICATIONS

### A. Reports

1. Site Reports
    - a. Foothill Elementary School, Danielle Amundsen – Principal
    - b. Sierra Junior/Senior High Schools, Sean Osterberg – Principal
    - b. Alternative and Extended Education, Heather Wheeler, Ed.D. – Director
  2. Superintendent Report – Alan Harris, Ph.D.
  3. Department Reports
    - a. Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation – Craig Barnes, Supervisor
      1. [Facilities Inspection Tool \(FIT\)](#)
    - b. Business Services - Janelle Bryson, Assistant Superintendent
      1. [Monthly Budget Report](#)
      2. [Multi-Year Projections](#)
    - c. Education Services – Teresa Page, Director
    - d. Curriculum and Instruction – Tammy Montgomery, Director
      1. [Dashboard](#)
  4. Program Reports – NONE
  5. Sub-Committee Reports – NONE
- ### B. Board Reflections

- VI. CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA:** Motion to approve the Consent Calendar with a change in the Minutes reflecting that the Board was present at VBCEC: Mendenhall: Second: Qualls: 7/0

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

### A. [ACTION ITEM: LCFF Budget Overview for Parents](#)

California Education Code (EC) Section 52064.1 requires each school district, county office of education (COE), and charter school (LEA) to develop the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Budget Overview for Parents in conjunction with the LCAP by July 1 of each year. Senate Bill (SB) 98 added EC Section 43509, which changed the adoption date for the Budget Overview for Parents for the 2020–21 school year. For 2020–21, local governing boards or governing bodies are required to adopt and submit the Budget Overview for Parents on or before December 15, 2020, in conjunction with the LEA’s first interim budget report.

Motion to approve LCFF Budget Overview for Parents: Kimbler: Second: Mendenhall: 7/0

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

### A. [DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Approval and Certification of First Interim Report – Financial](#)

The first 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.

Motion for the Board to certify the fund report and narratives as presented and adopt a Positive Certificate: Kimbler: Second: Mendenhall: 7/0

- B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Measure C Funding – School Bus Replacement / Resolution #14-20/21**  
 In order to accept Measure C funding (\$399,500.42) enabling replacement of older diesel buses with new, modern, low-emission school buses meeting current standards for both exhaust emissions and student safety, the attached resolution must be approved by the Governing Board.

Motion for Resolution # 14-20/21 to be approved as written: Mendenhall: Second: Burke: 7/0

Board Member	In Favor	Opposed	Absent
Cortney Burke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Jeremiah Gilbert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
James Hoak	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Ben Kimbler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Tom Mendenhall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Wes Qualls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Connie Schlaefer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

- C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Course Description for Work Experience**  
 Sierra Alternative High School would like to offer a Work Experience course, open to all high school Juniors and Seniors at both high schools. Given how long it has been since the district has offered the Work Experience course, it is necessary to discuss and approve a new course description.

Motion to approve Course Description for Work Experience: Kimbler: Second: Qualls: 7/0

- D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Approval of Work Experience District Plan for State**  
 In order to offer the Work Experience course, the state requires that we submit a district plan following their template. The Sierra Jr/Sr High Science Department would like to request the approval to adopt state approved science textbooks for Grades 6-8. The TCI: Bring Science Alive textbook series provides for Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)-aligned curriculum in the areas of earth and space, life science and physical science. Teachers have utilized this curriculum in their classrooms under a temporary pilot-preview for 19-20 and 20-21 school years. Public review is available by appointment.

Motion to approve District Plan for Work Experience: Burke: Second: Qualls: 7/0

- E. DISCUSSION ITEM: Approval of Science Textbooks for Grades 6-8.**  
 The Sierra Jr/Sr High Science Department would like to request the approval to adopt state approved science textbooks for Grades 6-8. The TCI: Bring Science Alive textbook series provides for Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)-aligned curriculum in the areas of earth and space, life science and physical science. Teachers have utilized this curriculum in their classrooms under a temporary pilot-preview for 19-20 and 20-21 school years. Public review is available by appointment.

**IX. ADVANCED PLANNING**

- A. Governance Calendar**  
**B.** Next Regular meeting date: TBD – Proposed Date – January 11, 2021  
**C.** Next Special meeting date(s): Budget Workshop – January 25, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.  
 1. January 13, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m. – Board Governance Training (Garza)  
 2. January 18, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m. – Board Governance Training (CSBA – Terry Vigil)  
**D.** Requested Future Agenda Items: Marketing / 5 Creative time frame / contract / budget

**X. CLOSED SESSION – 9:16 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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 Connie Schlaefer, President

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 Alan Harris, Ph.D., Superintendent

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 Tom Mendenhall, Clerk