



## MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### I. OPENING BUSINESS

#### A. CALL PUBLIC SESSION TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm by Mrs. Connie Schlaefer, Board President.

**B. ROLL CALL:** Board Members: Connie Schlaefer (President); Cortney Burke (Vice President); Lauri King (Clerk); Janet Bill; James Hoak (A); Jeremiah Gilbert; Ben Kimbler

**C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Motion to adopt agenda: King: Second: Burke: 6/0

**D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Jeremiah Gilbert led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### II. RECOGNITIONS

1. Kane Cedar
2. Eva Barboza

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Charles Ashley

### IV. COMMUNICATIONS

#### A. Reports

1. ASB President – Emma Jensen (Macy Lloyd filled in for Emma sharing information about the upcoming Talent Show, Winter Formal, Acts of Kindness, Online Kid's Day, ESPN Sports Center, etc.
2. Superintendent Report – Jordan Reeves
3. Site Reports
  - a. Foothill Elementary School, Danielle Amundsen – Principal
  - b. Sierra Junior/Senior High Schools, Natalie Cozby – Principal
  - c. Alternative and Extended Education, Stacey Thomure – Interim Principal
4. Department Reports
  - a. Facilities, Maintenance, and Transportation – Craig Barnes, Supervisor
  - b. Business Services – Janelle Bryson – Chief Business Officer
    1. [Monthly Budget Report](#)
    2. [Governor's Budget](#)
  - c. Education Services – Teresa Page, Director
  - d. Curriculum and Instruction – Tammy Montgomery, Director
5. Program Reports
  - a. [Recovery and Resiliency](#)
6. Sub-Committee Reports
  - a. [Native American Education Committee \(NAEC\)](#)
  - b. Health & Safety Committee

#### B. Board Reflections

Ben Kimbler  
Jeremiah Gilbert  
Janet Bill  
Lauri King  
Cortney Burke  
Connie Schlaefer

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA**

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar Agenda: King: Second: Burke: 6/0

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. ACTION ITEM: [Community Power Resiliency Funds](#)**

The board was requested to approve the agreement with County of Fresno Office of Emergency Services, to install a backup generator for the Foothill Elementary School MPR.

Motion to approve the agreement with the Fresno County Office of Emergency Services: King: Second: Kimbler: 6/0

**B. DISCUSSION ITEM: Sale of Surplus Property**

1. Sierra Elementary School
2. Millerton Property

This item to be brought back for further discussion at the Regular March 14, 2022 Board Meeting to include enrollment numbers and potential dollar figure to re-open SES. Tours of the Sierra Elementary closed facility were offered for Board Members.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Approval of Request for [Proposal](#) for Design-Build Energy Services**

The Sierra Unified School District is seeking submission of qualifications from interested firms that have experience working with DSA and are capable of designing and installing boilers and other HVAC equipment, fire alarm systems, and electrical switchgear, as well as other related infrastructure improvements and energy services, This RFQ/P was completed on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Motion to approve the selected firm: King: Second: Burke: 6/0

**B. DISCUSSION ITEM: [A-G Improvement Grant](#)**

Sierra Unified has worked to develop a plan that will utilize state funding for work done toward improving A-G completion among graduating seniors of Sierra Unified. We are eligible to receive funding from the A-G Access Grant and the A-G Learning Loss Mitigation Grants.

**C. INFORMATION: [LCAP Mid-Year Update](#)**

Due to the significant increases in funding through California's 2021 Budget Act, and other historic state and federal acts, AB130 requires LEAs to present an update to the governing board. The intent is to provide a point-in-time report related to funding received by the 2021 Budget Act which includes federal ESSR III funds, and implementation of the LCAP to date.

**D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [Approval Audit Report for 2020-2021](#)**

Pursuant to Education Code 41020(i), a corrective action plan must be provided to the County Superintendent of Schools for any audit exceptions contained in the audit. There was one audit exception in the 2020-2021 Audit.

Motion to approve the Corrective Action Plan of the Audit Report for 2020-21: King: Second: Kimbler: 6/0

**E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [J13 Waiver](#)**

The California Department of Education allows Districts to request an allowance for attendance due to emergency conditions which result in school closure. Our schools were closed from January 11-14, 2022 due to a shortage of staff (COVID). The attached form is filed with the California Department of Education when applying for an allowance. The Board of Sierra Unified School District must approve the request in order for the allowance to be granted.

Motion to approve the request to waive attendance for 4 days of instruction missed due to the staffing shortage caused by COVID: King: Second: Burke: 6/0

**F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Memorandum (MOU) of Understanding between Sierra Unified School District (SUSD) and Sierra Unified Teachers Association (SUTA)**

Board packets included an MOU between SUSD and SUTA addressing the issue of the shortage of qualified substitutes available in the current year.

Motion to approve the MOU between SUSD and SUTA as written: Kimbler: Second: King: 6/0

**VIII. ADVANCED PLANNING**

- A. [Governance Calendar](#)
- B. Next Regular meeting date: March 14, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.
- C. Next Special meeting date(s): February 16, 2022 – Board Training (CSBA)
- D. Requested Future Agenda Items:
  - Communications Update
  - Donation Report
  - Tech Plan

**IX. CLOSED SESSION**

Identify Closed Session Topics

Adjourn to Closed Session 8:02 p.m.

- 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 (Gov. Code § 54957.6)
- D. DISCUSSION/ACTION: To Consider the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation of Performance, Discipline, or Dismissal of a Public Employee and to Hear Complaints against a Public Employee (Gov. Code 54956.0(h))

**X. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION – 9:13 p.m.**

- A. Report Action Taken in Closed Session – NONE

**XI. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.**

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Connie Schlaefer, President

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Jordan Reeves, Superintendent

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Lauri King, Clerk