Sierra Unified School District

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. CALL PUBLIC SESSION TO ORDER
   The Open Session portion of the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mrs. Connie Schlaefer, Board President due to no Closed Session.

B. ROLL CALL:
   Board Members: Connie Schlaefer, President; Tom Mendenhall, Clerk; Cortney Burke; James Hoak; Jeremiah Gilbert; Ben Kimbler.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
   Motion to adopt agenda with an edit to the Facilities Workshop changed to March 22: Burke: Second: Mendenhall: 6/0

II. CLOSED SESSION – NO Closed Session / Meeting started at 6:00 p.m.

III. OPEN SESSION

A. Open Session
B. Report Action Taken in Closed Session: NONE
C. Pledge of Allegiance: Jeremiah Gilbert led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. RECOGNITIONS

A. The following SUSD employees were recognized for all they do: Danielle Beckman; Jana Larman; Joni Lloyd; Chris Dearden; Natalie Maxwell; Stacy Thomure; Jennifer Fielding; Connie Blesse.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – NONE

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Reports
   1. ASB President – Eli Bristow
   2. Site Reports
      a. Foothill Elementary School, Danielle Amundsen – Principal
      b. Sierra Junior/Senior High Schools, Sean Osterberg – Principal
         1. Sierra @ Home return
   3. Superintendent Report – Alan Harris, Ph.D.
      a. Prioritizing Pending State and Federal Funding
   4. Department Reports
      a. Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation – Craig Barnes, Supervisor
         Business Services - Janelle Bryson, Chief Business Officer
         1. Monthly Budget Report
      b. Education Services – Teresa Page, Director
      c. Curriculum and Instruction – Tammy Montgomery, Director
   5. Program Reports
      a. Native American Education – Regina Riley
      b. Athletics – Jon Hendrix

Monday, March 8, 2021 – 5:00 pm
Virginia B. Causey Educational Center – Zoom
29143 Auberry Road, Prather, CA 93651
Sub-Committee Reports – Board Candidate Committee headed by Tom Mendenhall and Jeremiah Gilbert. Applications close on March 17th (possible extension to March 22) with a Special Session tentatively on April 6th @ 4:30.

B. Board Reflections

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA: Motion to approve the Consent Calendar with Agenda Item #9.A moved to Old Business: Burke: Second: Kimbler: 6/0

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEM: High School Science Curriculum
The members of the Board and the community are asked to review the following titles for adoption to Sierra High School's science program. Titles are available at Sierra High School and the District Office for review. Biology: The Living Earth, Miller and Levine, 2019 (Grades 9-10) Experiencing Chemistry (Chemistry in the Earth’s Systems) SAVVAS (Grades 9-12) Experiencing Physics (Physics in the Universe) SAVVAS (Grades 11-12)

Motion to approve the proposed High School Science Curriculum: Mendenhall: Second: Burke: 6/0

B. ACTION ITEM: Entrepreneurship/Small Business CTE Pathway
Course 1 of the Entrepreneurship/Small Business Pathway, Marketing and Business Leadership I, was given Board approval on July 20, 2020 to be implemented in the 2020-2021 school year as an A-G approved elective course. The Board is asked to review the next 2 courses of this pathway, Marketing and Business Leadership II and the capstone course Entrepreneurship/Small Business for consideration of building out the complete pathway in years 2021-22 and 2022-23 respectively. Both courses are approved for A-G elective credit as of February 2021. All courses have been reviewed and discussed by an advisory panel made up of parents, business community members, staff and students on 2 occasions; Meeting 1: July 1, 2020 and Meeting 2: January 13, 2021. The second meeting additionally shared the outcomes of a mid-year student survey (included in your packet).


IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approval of 2021 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election Ballot
Motion to approve all four Candidates on the 2021 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election Ballot: Mendenhall: Second: Hoak: 6/0

The State-required forms, along with various schedules representing analysis used in the development of the Second Interim Report, were provided in the Board packet and online. The Second 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 that the Board certify the fund report and narratives as presented and adopt a Positive Certification: Kimbler: Second: Burke: 6/0
X.  ADVANCED PLANNING

A.  Governance Calendar

B.  Next Regular meeting date:  April 12, 2021 – Open Session now changed to 5:00 p.m. with Closed Session immediately following.  Zoom to be continued for public access and public comment limited to the public comment period.  Any further comments for agenda items must be made in person.

C.  Next Special meeting date(s):
   1.  Facilities / Needs Assessment Workshop – March 22, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.

D.  Requested Future Agenda Items:

XI.  ADJOURNMENT  - The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

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Connie Schlaefer, President                        Alan Harris, Ph.D., Superintendent

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Tom Mendenhall, Clerk