



MINUTES - REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. CALL PUBLIC SESSION TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Mrs. Courtney Burke, Board President.

B. ROLL CALL: Board Members: Courtney Burke (President); Ben Kimbler (Vice President); James Hoak (Clerk); Ginger Cardoza; Carolyn Capps; Wes Qualls; Connie Schlaefer

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ben Kimbler led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Motion to adopt agenda: Capps: Second: Hoak: 7/0

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Frank Hallman / Bullying

Candace Duerksen / Home Schooling

Eva Burton + 11 others / R & R

III. RECOGNITIONS

A. Top Spellers – County

1. Jasper Burke
2. Cecelia Dobbs
3. Kaylee Fuller

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Reports

1. ASB President – Macy Lloyd
2. Site Reports
 - a. Sierra Junior/Senior High Schools, Natalie Cozby – Principal
 - b. Foothill Elementary School, Danielle Amundsen – Principal
 - c. Alternative and Extended Education, Anthony Abrams – Coordinator
3. [Superintendent Report](#)
4. Program Reports
 - a. [Communications](#) / Co-Curricular – Andrea Marjala, Activities Director
5. Department Reports
 - a. Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation – Craig Barnes, Supervisor
 - b. Business Services - Janelle Bryson, CBO
 1. [Monthly Budget Report](#)

- c. [Education Services](#) – Teresa Page, Director
 - d. Curriculum and Instruction – Tammy Montgomery, Director
- 6. Sub-Committee Reports
 - a. Tech Plan

B. Board Reflections

Connie Schlaefer	Wes Qualls	Carolyn Capps
Ginger Cardoza	James Hoak	Ben Kimbler
Cortney Burke		

V. CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA

Motion to approve Consent Calendar Agenda pulling item #V.A.6 to be brought back in May: Kimbler: Second: Qualls: 7/0

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [Math Textbook Adoption](#) – Big Math Ideas / Math I-III / Pre-Calculus

The Board was asked to consider the adoption of Big Ideas Math for grades 6-8, and Math I-III and Pre-Calculus for use beginning in the 2023-2024 academic year. Information was provided in the packet to demonstrate continuity of curricular concepts over the span of middle and high school grades, and community input. The last math curriculum adoption was in 2015. Materials were available for review in the District Office and at the school sites by appointment.

Motion to approve the Math Textbook Adoption, amending grade levels to 7-12: Schlaefer: Second: Cardoza: 7/0

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [Floral Design \(CTE\) Course and Textbook Adoption](#)

Whereas our art classes at Sierra High School are currently impacted and our agriculture program is more focused towards mechanics and animal science; we believe it would be beneficial to offer a course that could alleviate the art department and expand our agriculture program into a new pathway. This course will be a hands-on project-based learning environment that will expose students to the principles of design as well as plant sciences and ornamental horticulture. After surveying students there is a high demand to add this course to our schedule. The course is A-G approved for art credit in another district which will assist in getting the designation for Sierra High, and offers students another opportunity to fulfill that requirement while also being enrolled in an agriculture class.

Motion to approve the Floral Design (CTE) Course and Textbook Adoption: Qualls: Second: Hoak: 7/0

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [J-13A Waiver](#) / Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions

The California Department of Education allows Districts to request an allowance for attendance due to emergency conditions which result in a closure of schools or a material decrease in attendance. If school is open and there is a material decrease in attendance, Districts can request that those days of decreased attendance be replaced with an average day of attendance. Due to the atmospheric river that came through the District from the end of February through March 10th, we had decreased attendance on February 28-March 9, 2023 and closed school on March 10, 2023.

The attached form is filed with the California Department of Education to apply for the allowances. The Board of Sierra Unified School District must approve the request in order to apply for the allowances.

Motion to approve the request for an allowance for the days of material decrease in attendance February 27-March 9, 2023 and the request to waive attendance for March 10, 2023: Kimbler: Second: Capps: 7/0

- B. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Approval of “[Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators: for the 2022-2023 School Year](#)”**
Motion to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators: Schlaefer: Second: Kimbler: 7/0
- C. **DISCUSSION ITEM: [Board Governance Agreement](#) Review**

VIII. ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. [Governance Calendar](#)
- B. Next Regular meeting date: May 8, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.
- C. Next Special meeting date(s):
- D. Requested Future Agenda Items: Needs assessment & Facility Planning

IX. CLOSED SESSION – 6:53 p.m. - Identify Closed Session Topics

- 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: Contracts (Gov. Code 54956.8)4.
- E. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Real Property Negotiations (§54956.8)

X. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

- A. Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene Open Session
- B. Report Action Taken in Closed Session – NONE

XI. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Cortney Burke, President

Jordan Reeves, Superintendent

James Hoak, Clerk