



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 5:02 pm by Mrs. Connie Schlaefer, Board President.

B. ROLL CALL: Board Members: Connie Schlaefer (President); Cortney Burke (Vice President); Tom Mendenhall, Clerk; Lauri King (L); James Hoak (A); Jeremiah Gilbert; Ben Kimbler.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Motion to adopt agenda: Burke: Second: Gilbert: 5/0

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Cortney Burke led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

II. RECOGNITIONS: The following staff members were honored by the Board and their colleagues for going above and beyond for the kids and staff of Sierra Unified.

A. Katie Flinn

B. Jackie Badoni

C. FES Special Education

1. Nicole Bassett
2. Shelley Telles
3. Cheryl Kimbler
4. Helena Esajian
5. Tami Wright

D. FES SEL Support

1. Maria Vega
2. Katrina Ferguson

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Brent Kehn

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Reports

1. ASB President – Eli Bristow ; Not present
2. Site Reports
 - a. Foothill Elementary School, Danielle Amundsen – Principal
 - b. Sierra Junior/Senior High Schools, Sean Osterberg – Principal
 - c. Alternative Education, Heather Wheeler, Ed.D. – Director
3. Superintendent Report – Alan Harris, Ph.D.
4. Department Reports
 - a. Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation – Craig Barnes, Supervisor
 1. Business Services - Janelle Bryson [Monthly Budget Report](#)
 - b. Education Services – Teresa Page, Director
 - c. Curriculum and Instruction – Tammy Montgomery, Director
 1. [LCAP Overview](#)
5. Program Reports (Tammy Montgomery)
 - a. [Dashboard](#)
 - b. [DLA Results](#)
6. Sub-Committee Reports
 - a. Update on Long Range Master Facility Plan (Janelle Bryson)

B. Board Reflections:

Ben Kimbler
Jeremiah Gilbert
Tom Mendenhall
Cortney Burke

Break – 7:01 – 7:08

- V. CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA:** Motion to approve the Consent Calendar w/ amendment to April 22, 2021 Minutes reflecting that the meeting resumed at 5:25 pm during the power outage: Burke: Second: Mendenhall: 5/0

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEM: [Sierra Junior/Senior High School Fire Alarm RFP Recommendation](#)

1. Fire Alarm Architecture and Engineering - SIM-PBK's proposed selection

Motion to approve SIM-PBK's Fire Alarm RFP Recommendation for SJHS: Mendenhall: Second: Burke: 5/0

B. ACTION ITEM: [RFP – Architectural Services for the Senior Center Solar/Roof/Door Project](#)

The Sierra Oaks Senior Center has applied for a Community Based Block Grant through Fresno County to install solar panels at the Senior Center. An agreement was approved by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors between Sierra Unified School District and Fresno County to support the Senior Center in the grant. We would be required to oversee the project and provide documentation to Fresno County for. d be required to pay the overage. This is the 2nd attempt to secure architectural services for this project.

Motion to approve the RFP for Architectural Services for the Senior Center Solar/Roof/Door Project with adjusted timeline: Kimbler: Second: Burke: 5/0

C. DISCUSSION ITEM: [Sierra Elementary and District School Footprint Attendance](#)

Follow up on questions for consideration timeline and consultant from board guidance related to Sierra Elementary consideration of different district attendance footprints from the February 22, 2021 Board Workshop. Wes Qualls shared his views on the footprint. This agenda item tabled until the 6/14/2021 Regular meeting.

D. ACTION ITEM: [Corrective Action Plan of Audit Report for 2019-2020](#)

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 2019-2020 Audit.

Motion to approve the Corrective Action Plan of the Audit Report for 2019-20: Kimbler: Second: Mendenhall: 5/0

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [2019-2020 Audit Report](#)

Motion to approve the Audit Report for 2019-2020 as written: Mendenhall: Second: Burke: 5/0

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant](#)

AB86 created the Extended Learning Opportunities grant to provide supplemental instruction and support to students outside of the regular school day and year. In order to receive these funds, Districts must adopt the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan by June 1, 2021. This plan will explain how Sierra Unified will use the funds it receives from the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant to implement learning recovery program for all students.

Motion to approve the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant: Kimbler: Second: Gilbert: 5/0

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Approval of “Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators: for the 2021-2022 School Year”

After verifying they have met the state approved requirements, the approval of the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators will authorize credentialed staff, including substitute teachers and those on special assignment, to teach in the areas of need.

Motion to approve the “Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators: for the 2021-2022 School Year:
Burke: Second: Mendenhall: 5/0

D. DISCUSSION ITEM: [2021-2022 Budget / Resiliency and Recovery](#) (R&R)

Scenarios for State and Federal Covid related funds. This item will be brought back at the Budget meeting in June.

E. DISCUSSION ITEM: [Long Range Master Facility Plan](#) – Final Draft (LRMFP)

F. DISCUSSION ITEM: [Curriculum Adoption](#) Request for Sierra @ Home – Grades 7-12) (1st read)

The Board was asked to review the request to adopt the online Apex Curriculum Program. The program will be used primarily at Sierra @ Home, but is available to students at Sierra Alternative High School and Sierra High School for credit recovery. Students, teachers and parents have reviewed the components of this curriculum and speak to its ease of access, usability and flexibility by all students. Review links can be provided upon request.

G. INFORMATION: California School Employees Association [\(CSEA\) Initial Proposal](#) for Collective Bargaining

VIII. ADVANCED PLANNING

A. [Governance Calendar](#)

B. Next Regular meeting date: June 14, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

C. Next Special meeting date(s):

1. CTE Workshop – May 24, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

2. **Cancelled** / CSBA Board Training Workshop – Budget/LCAP Adoption – 6/28/21 @ 5:00 p.m.

D. Requested Future Agenda Items: Zoom until end of school year

E. Adjourn to Closed Session – 8:58 p.m.

IX. CLOSED SESSION

A. Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment (Government Code § 54957)

B. Potential [Litigation](#) (Government Code § 54956.9)

C. [Student Appeal – Grade Acceleration](#) (Government Code 48000)

D. Employee Bargaining Group Negotiations (Government Code Section 54957.6)

E. Individual Student Disciplinary Matters (Government Code Section 48918)

F. Adjourn to Open Session

X. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

A. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

Motion to approve Agenda Item # IX.C – Grade Acceleration: King: Second Kimbler: 6/0

XI. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Connie Schlaefter, President

Alan Harris, Ph.D., Superintendent

Tom Mendenhall, Clerk