



**MINUTES OF BUDGET / LCAP PUBLIC HEARING
and
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); Tom Mendenhall (Clerk); Lauri King: James Hoak; Jeremiah Gilbert; Ben Kimbler.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Motion to adopt agenda: King: Second: Mendenhall: 7/0

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Tom Mendenhall led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

Ben Kimbler honored Ray Rasmussen.

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. Warren Maruko**
- B. Tom Mendenhall**

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Brent Kehn
Peter McManus

IV. ADJOURN TO PUBLIC HEARINGS – 5:23 p.m.

A. Convene Public Hearing on the Matter of the Proposed [Local Control Accountability Plan \(LCAP\)](#)

The Annual Update for LCAP 2019-2020, LCP 2020-2021, and LCAP 2021-2024 are presented in draft form for public comment. These goals and actions have been reviewed with stakeholders throughout the community to the best of our abilities. The documents have been reviewed by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools' office with suggestions for minor changes that will be addressed prior to final submission in June. Public comment will be received in writing between June 14 – June 23, 2021, to Dr. Alan Harris regarding the goals, actions, and expenditures reported in these documents. Dr. Harris will respond to each comment.

- 1. [PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- 2. [LCAP Review](#)
 - a. [Annual Update 2019-2020](#)
 - b. [LCAP 2021-2024](#)

B. Open Public Hearing for Input – NONE

C. Adjourn Public Hearing on matter of the LCAP – 5:57 p.m.

- D. **Convene Public Hearing on the Matter the [2021-2022 Budget - PowerPoint Presentation](#)** – 5:57 p.m.
1. Open Public Hearing for Input.
 2. Balances in Excess of Minimum Reserve Requirements as required by Ed. Code 42127(a)(2)(B) – School districts must discuss and review at the public budget hearing annually the [reasons for ending reserve balances in excess of the minimum](#) required reserve.
- E. Adjourn Public Hearing on matter of the 2021-2022 Budget – 6:31 p.m.

V. **RECONVENE SIERRA UNIFIED REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

VI. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. **Reports**

1. 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
2. Superintendent Report – Alan Harris, Ph.D.
Department Reports
 - a. Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation – Craig Barnes, Supervisor
 - b. Business Services - Janelle Bryson, Chief Business Officer
 1. [Monthly Budget Report](#)
4. Program Reports
 - a. [Resiliency & Recovery \(R & R\) \(Bryson & Silva\)](#)
 - b. [Athletics \(Hendrix\)](#)
5. Sub-Committee Reports – NONE

B. **Board Reflections**

James Hoak
Jeremiah Gilbert
Lauri King
Tom Mendenhall
Cortney Burke
Connie Schlaefer

VII. **CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA:** Motion to approve the Consent Calendar: Mendenhall: Second: King: 7/0

BREAK 7:22 – 7:28 p.m.

VIII. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM:** [Sierra Elementary and District School Attendance Footprint](#)

Tabled from May 10, 2021 Board meeting, Sierra Elementary (SES) and District school attendance footprint follow up on questions will be considered, as well as timelines, and consult from board guidance related to Sierra Elementary, and the consideration of different district attendance footprints discussed in the February 22, 2021 Board Workshop. The Board was requested to confirm direction on desired attendance footprint options.

Direction: 2 / K-6 Elementary Schools; JHS/HS
2 / K-8; 9-12
Appraisal on Millerton and SES land
Current total annual cost at SES
Revenue opportunities
Enrollment numbers
Survey regarding preferences of JHS and HS on same campus

B. ACTION ITEM: [Long Range Master Facility Plan – Final Draft \(LRMFP\)](#)

In February 2020, Sierra Unified School District (SUSD) Board of Trustees contracted with SIM-PBK Architects, Inc. (SIM-PBK) to develop a Districtwide Long Range Facility Master Plan (LRFMP) in order to evaluate and document the general conditions of existing District-owned facility assets and to provide planning recommendations. In November 2020, the Board of Trustees approved the completion of Steps 1-4 of the 6 step process: Step 1: Research and Discovery; Step 2: Facility Condition and Needs Assessment; Step 3: District/Community Outreach; and Step 4: Master Planning. SIM-PBK has now completed Step 5: Developing a comprehensive planning document; and Step 6: Developing detailed cost estimates. Upon final receipt of Steps 5 and 6, the Board takes action to accept the completed project, with the recognition that it is a living document providing valuable information to this board, future boards, and the district as a whole.

The board is requested to accept the completion of the Long Range Facility Master Plan with prioritization: Kimbler: Second: King: 7/0.

C. ACTION ITEM: [Curriculum Adoption Request for Sierra @ Home – Grades 7-12](#)

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.

Motion to approve the adoption request of APEX Learning, an online core curriculum platform, for use with students in grades 7-12 in Sierra Unified: King: Second: Burke: 7/0

D. ACTION ITEM: [Resolution #17-20/21 Letter of Delegation](#)

This item clarifies the authority the Board delegates to the Administration to conduct the District’s business between regular meetings. The letter was brought as an information item at the Feb 21 regular meeting. Updates regarding contract dollar limits have been incorporated.

The Board is requested to approve Resolution #17-20/21 Letter of Delegation: King: Second: Mendenhall: 7/0

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

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION ITEM: [Education Protection Account \(EPA\) Entitlement Spending Plan 2020-2021 Resolution No. 18-20/21](#)

Added to the California State Budget in 2012-13 was a requirement that each LEA create an EPA set aside account. A total of 20% of the apportionment is to be maintained in the account. Pursuant to Article XIII, Section 36 of the California Constitution, LEA’s are required to determine how the moneys received from the EPA are spent, in an open session of a public meeting. The language requires that funds shall not be used for the salaries and benefits of administrators or any other administrative costs. The total for 2020-2021 is \$235,040 which will be spent on teachers’ salaries.

B. DISCUSSION ITEM: The Board is asked to consider the approval of [2 additions](#) to the Sierra High School Foundational Literature list.

The Absolutely True Story of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie is requested for use in Grade 9 and *There There* by Tommy Orange is requested between June 14 and July 12, 2021 by contacting the District Office.

C. ACTION ITEM: Acceptance of Letter of Resignation

Trustee, Tom Mendenhall, will be leaving the state, and has submitted his letter of resignation.

Motion to accept the letter of resignation of Tom Mendenhall: Burke: Second: Hoak: 7/0
Announcement for provisional appointment will be submitted to local media.

Sub-Committee for provisional Board Member eligibility headed by Jeremiah Gilbert and Cortney Burke.

IX. ADVANCED PLANNING

A. [Governance Calendar](#)

B. Next Regular meeting date: July 12, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

C. Next Special meeting date(s):

1. Budget/LCAP Adoption – 6/28/21 @ 5:00 p.m.

D. Requested Future Agenda Items:

E. Closed Session Items

F. Adjourn to Closed Session

X. CLOSED SESSION

A. ACTION ITEM: Public Employee Evaluation – Superintendent

B. ACTION ITEM: Individual Student Disciplinary Matters (Government Code § 48918)

1. #01-2021

2. #02-2021

C. DISCUSSION ITEM: Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment (Government Code § 54957)

D. DISCUSSION ITEM: Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9)

E. DISCUSSION ITEM: Employee Bargaining Group Negotiations (Gov. Code § 54957.6)

XI. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

A. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

Motion to state that the overall evaluation is Satisfactory: King: Second: Burke: 7/0

Motion to accept staff recommendation regarding student disciplinary matters for students @#01-20/21 and #02-20/21: King: Second: Burke: 7/0

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

Connie Schlaefer, President

Alan Harris, Ph.D., Superintendent

Tom Mendenhall, Clerk