



MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. CALL PUBLIC SESSION TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order through Zoom at 5:31 pm by Mrs. Chrissy Falk, Board President.

B. ROLL CALL: Board Members: Chrissy Falk, President; Tom Mendenhall, Vice President; Ron Eldridge, Clerk; Wes Qualls; Connie Schlaefer; Don Fowler

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Motion to adopt agenda: Qualls: Second: Fowler: 6/0

D. IDENTIFY CLOSED SESSION TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

1. *Personnel*
2. *Potential Litigation*

E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chrissy Falk led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

India Saude spoke about the SUTA sponsored School Board Candidates Forum on October 8th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Zoom and the Board room. Candidates have been invited and the date coincides with when Fresno County sends out their mail-in ballots. Community groups are being reached out to for input on questions. The questions will be reduced to five maximum which will be given to the candidates ahead of time.

Tami Jones thanked the current Board for their service and Alan Harris for the great job with the COVID messages. Thanks also to those that are running this year for Board. Her challenge to the incumbents would be to wipe out the type of language she’s been hearing, including “lack of resources” as an excuse for what cannot be done. She shared also that there have been 2 petitions filed with the County for territory transfers. As a community member she does not consent to any territory transfer, mergers, etc. now or in the future. She added that there are many community members willing to donate their time and resource, and want to help. Revitalize Auberry has been very successful in getting community members back together. Lastly she challenged everyone to be a little more transparent. Let’s start talking again.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Reports

1. Site Reports

- a. Sierra Junior/Senior High Schools, Sean Osterberg – Principal
Mr. Osterberg spoke about the interesting way the school year started. The Parent Portal had a fantastic turnout. The drive-through pick turned out great. The students want to be back on campus, but are grateful to have schedules again. In FFA, Macy Lloyd came in 1st in Creed. The Parli-Pro team (made up of 9th & 10th graders) came in 3rd in the state. This is very exciting.

- b. Foothill Elementary School, Danielle Amundsen – Principal
Mrs. Amundsen shared how great it was to see the energy was back on campus at Foothill. It was so refreshing to be able to offer the in-person meetings with teachers and students. Chrome books have been distributed and every one of our families were contacted. Today started the daily live check-ins with curriculum starting also. The teachers were able to support through the digital platform. Now we're just trouble shooting hotspots with families.
- c. Alternative and Extended Education, Heather Wheeler, Ed.D. – Director
Dr. Wheeler spoke of the bustling activity going on at Sandy Bluffs Alternative Education Center and Sierra@Home, with everyone pulling together to help. Today was the 1st time they were able to see students and it was great to connect. The students and the families have been missed. Thank you to all of the District and Sierra team members who helped launch Sierra@Home. The amount of support that was given was so appreciated.

2. Department Reports

- a. Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation – Craig Barnes, Supervisor
Mr. Barnes talked about the tremendous success we've had with the security company and the cameras installed at Sierra Elementary. No new incidents of vandalism to date have occurred. With vandalism under control, we will begin clean up and re-securing the campus, which includes boarding up windows, etc. An RFP is being worked on for the fire alarm system at SJSHS and will likely be brought forward at the next regular Board meeting.
- b. Business Services - Janelle Bryson, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Bryson updated the Board on the budget, as well as the current enrollment figures. Please see links below for details.
 - 1. [Budget Report](#)
 - 2. [Enrollment](#)
- c. Education Services – Teresa Page, Director
 - 1. [Multi-Tiered Systems of Support \(MTSS\)](#)
 Ms. Page shared details in the link above regarding our MTSS program.
- d. Curriculum and Instruction – Tammy Montgomery, Director

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA

Motion to approve Consent Calendar Agenda: Qualls: Second: Mendenhall: 6/0

Board Member	In Favor	Opposed	Absent
Chrissy Falk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Tom Mendenhall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Ron Eldridge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Wes Qualls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Connie Schlaefer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Don Fowler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

V . OLD BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEM: Lodgepole Name Change to Sierra@Home

Motion to Change the name Lodgepole to Sierra @Home: Mendenhall: Second: Fowler: 6/0

Board Member	In Favor	Opposed	Absent
Chrissy Falk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Tom Mendenhall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Ron Eldridge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Wes Qualls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Connie Schlaefer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Don Fowler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

B. INFORMATION: SIM/PBK Long Range Facility Master Plan

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Return to Work Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

1. [SUTA](#)

Motion to approve SUTA Return to Work MOU: Fowler: Second: Schlaefer: 6/0

Board Member	In Favor	Opposed	Absent
Chrissy Falk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Tom Mendenhall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Ron Eldridge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Wes Qualls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Connie Schlaefer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Don Fowler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

B. INFORMATION: Return to Work – MOU CSEA

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Approval of Interfund Transfers – [Resolution #01-20/21](#)

Education Code Section 42603 provides authorization for temporary interfund transfers, at the direction of the District's Governing Board. In actual practice, these temporary transfers often need to happen on very short notice (e.g., needing a same-day cash transfer to cover an Accounts Payable run or Payroll). The County Office cannot process these without District Board approval.

Motion to approve Resolution #01-20/21: Eldridge: Second: Mendenhall: 6/0

Board Member	In Favor	Opposed	Absent
Chrissy Falk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Tom Mendenhall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Ron Eldridge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Wes Qualls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Connie Schlaefer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Don Fowler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

D. DISCUSSION ITEM: [Board Self-Evaluation](#)

The Board reviewed and discussed the results of the 2020 Board Self-Evaluation including strengths and areas for improvement. A Budget Overview for future Board Candidates is scheduled for September 21st @ 5:00 p.m.

E. DISCUSSION ITEM: [Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan \(LCP\)](#)

The preliminary presentation of our accountability plan required by the State Department of Education documenting education delivery, attendance documentation, social emotional and mental health wellbeing for the 2020-2021 school year.

Mrs. Montgomery reviewed the preliminary LCP document with the Board. Please see above link for details.

VII. ADVANCED PLANNING

A. [Governance Calendar](#)

B. Next Regular meeting date: September 14, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m.

C. Next Special meeting date(s): September 28, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.
Budget w/comparison
SIM/PBK

D. Requested Future Agenda Items: October Meeting Date (Changed to October 19, 2020)

VIII. CLOSED SESSION – The Board convened to Closed Session @ 8:11 p.m.

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

B. Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9)

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

IX. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

A. Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene Open Session

B. Report Action Taken in Closed Session – NONE

X. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Chrissy Falk, President

Alan Harris, Ph.D., Superintendent

Ron Eldridge, Clerk