



MINUTES OF SPECIAL 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: Roll Call – Connie Schlaefer, Courtney Burke, Lauri King, Janet Bill, Jeremiah Gilbert, James Hoak, Ben Kimbler

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Motion to adopt agenda striking Agenda Item #VII.5: Burke: Second: Hoak: 7/0

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – James Hoak led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. Identify Closed Session Topics
Potential Litigation – COVID Policies

F. Opportunity for Public Comment Regarding Closed Session Items
Vanessa Rakis-Garabedian Kyle Johnston Smart Jennifer Bethel
Bryant Platt Kelly Reckas Jessica Hudson
Krysten Noble Young

G. Adjourn to Closed Session – 5:42 p.m.

II. CLOSED SESSION

III. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION – 8:01 p.m.

A. Report Action Taken in Closed Session - NONE

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Cori Carmichael	Cheryl Reynolds	Carrie Johnston	Rose McLure
Faren Garabedian	Jessica Alvarez	Cheryl Northrup	Tracy Biglay
Brent Kehn	Sue Leeper	Jeff Patrick	GingerCardoza
Maria Vega	Westley Rakis-Garabedian	Tracy Vandenack	Rose Winn
Megan Ashley	Vanessa Rakis-Garabedian		

V. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

VI. NEW BUSINESS: [Formal Acceptance of Superintendent Resignation](#)

NOTE: The following actions represent an array of options for the board to select. Positive action on ALL items is not intended or implied. [Legal Documents](#)

1. ACTION ITEM: Statement to Acknowledge Sierra Unified School District (SUSD) Intent to comply with CDPH Health Orders as Written. The Board decided whether to officially commit to complying with CDPH Health Orders as stated, which includes the mandate that students will be masked indoors. Students who will not mask, without medical exemption, will not be permitted in the classroom.
 - a. [SUSD Position Statements](#)
 1. SUSD Cabinet
 2. Sierra Unified Teachers Association (SUTA)
 3. Classified School Employees Association (CSEA)

Motion to approve statement to acknowledge SUSD intent to comply with CDPH orders as written with the development of a Health & Safety Committee by the Board President: Kimbler: Second: Bill: 4/3 Opposed; Hoak, Burke, King

2. ACTION ITEM: Statement to Acknowledge SUSD's Intent to Comply with CDPH Health Orders as modified. The Board decided whether to officially commit to complying with CDPH Health orders, as modified by ([attached](#)) proposed guidelines.

Motion to table: King: Second: Burke: 7/0

3. ACTION ITEM: Adoption of Equal Testing and Quarantining Strategies
The Board decided whether to direct that the same measures be applied to vaccinated and unvaccinated staff and students in terms of mandated testing and quarantine requirements.

Motion to table: King: Second: Kimbler: 4/3 – Opposed; Hoak, Burke, Schlaefer

4. ACTION ITEM: Direction to Suspend Employee Disciplinary Measures Regarding Weekly Testing Pending Availability of Non-Invasive Test Methods
The Board decided whether to direct that disciplinary actions resulting from refusal to participate in weekly COVID testing be suspended until non-invasive test methods are available. (e.g. saliva sampling)

Motion to suspend employee disciplinary measures regarding weekly testing pending availability of non-invasive test methods: Burke: Second: King: 7/0

VII. ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. [Governance Calendar](#)
- B. Next Regular meeting date: October 11, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.
- C. Next Special meeting date(s): October 21, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.
October 29, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- D. Requested Future Agenda Items:

VIII. ADJOURNMENT 9:13 p.m.

Connie Schlaefer, President

Ron Hudson, Interim Superintendent

Lauri King, Clerk