



SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA

Monday, December 14, 2020

5:30 p.m. Public Session – 7:00 p.m. Closed Session
Reconvene in Public Session following Closed Session

Virginia B. Causey Educational Center - Zoom
29143 Auberry Road, Prather, CA 93651

ALL TIMES NOTED THROUGHOUT THE AGENDA ARE APPROXIMATE

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Strategic Goals

- Goal 1: Ensure and Maximize Student Achievement
- Goal 2: Provide Diverse Education Options to Meet the Needs of Each Student
- Goal 3: Optimize, Pursue and Allocate Resources to Accomplish Strategic Goals
- Goal 4: Recruit, Retain and Maintain a High Quality Workforce
- Goal 5: Ensure a Safe, Healthy, Positive and Structured Learning Environment

Mission Statement

Our mission is to inspire, engage, challenge, and support all students to reach their highest level of learning and personal development.

5:30 p.m.

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Call Public Session to Order
- B. Roll Call –Chrissy Falk, Tom Mendenhall, Ron Eldridge, Wes Qualls, Connie Schlaefel, Don Fowler
- C. Adopt Agenda

D. Identify Closed Session Topics

1. *Personnel*
2. *Potential Litigation*
3. *Negotiations*

E. Pledge of Allegiance

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

This section of each regular session is set aside for members of the public to comment on any item within the jurisdiction of the Board, but not appearing on the agenda. Items presented under public comment may not be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to comment at this time or when the item is called for consideration by the Board. Any person addressing the Board under public comment will be limited to a 3 minute presentation to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak. Also, all persons addressing the Board must state their name for the record.

NOTE: Background information on Agenda Items is available at the Superintendent's Office and on the district website www.sierrausd.org for public review.

III. RECOGNITIONS

A. Board Members

1. Ron Eldridge
2. Chrissy Falk
3. Don Fowler

IV. BOARD ORGANIZATION

A. OATH OF OFFICE: Swearing In of Board Members (Chrissy Falk)

1. Cortney Burke
2. Jeremiah Gilbert
3. James Hoak
4. Ben Kimbler
5. Tom Mendenhall
6. Wes Qualls
7. Connie Schlaefer

B. ACTION ITEMS: Organization of the Board of Trustees

1. Election of the Board President
2. Election of the Board Vice President
3. Election of the Board Clerk
4. [Establishment of the Time, Day and Place of 2021 Regular Board Meetings](#)
(Proposed Calendar Enclosed)
5. [Appointment of Board Member Voting Representative and Alternate Voting Representative for Fresno County Committee on School District Organization Elections](#)

V. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Reports

1. Site Reports
 - a. Foothill Elementary School, Danielle Amundsen – Principal
 - b. Sierra Junior/Senior High Schools, Sean Osterberg – Principal
 - b. Alternative and Extended Education, Heather Wheeler, Ed.D. – Director
2. Superintendent Report – Alan Harris, Ph.D.
3. Department Reports
 - a. Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation – Craig Barnes, Supervisor
 1. [Facilities Inspection Tool \(FIT\)](#)
 - b. Business Services - Janelle Bryson, Assistant Superintendent
 1. [Monthly Budget Report](#)
 2. [Multi-Year Projections](#)
 - c. Education Services – Teresa Page, Director
 - d. Curriculum and Instruction – Tammy Montgomery, Director
 1. [Dashboard](#)
4. Program Reports – NONE
5. Sub-Committee Reports – NONE

B. Board Reflections

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA

- A. Routine Business transactions, annual renewal of programs, bids, agreements, notices of public hearings, and proclamations:
1. [Approval of Warrants](#)
 2. [Approval of Minutes](#)
 3. Approval of Donations
 4. Approval of Contracts – NONE
 5. [Approval of Authorized Signature Permit](#)
 6. [Approval of Sale of Surplus Property](#)

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. [ACTION ITEM: LCFF Budget Overview for Parents](#)

California Education Code (EC) Section 52064.1 requires each school district, county office of education (COE), and charter school (LEA) to develop the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Budget Overview for Parents in conjunction with the LCAP by July 1 of each year.

Senate Bill (SB) 98 added EC Section 43509, which changed the adoption date for the Budget Overview for Parents for the 2020–21 school year. For 2020–21, local governing boards or governing bodies are required to adopt and submit the Budget Overview for Parents on or before December 15, 2020, in conjunction with the LEA’s first interim budget report.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. [DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Approval and Certification of First Interim Report – Financial \(J. Bryson\)](#)

The first Interim Report provides the Fresno County Office of Education with the current year and subsequent two years budget, based on current data, as required by law.

It is requested that the Board certify the fund report and narratives as presented and adopt a Positive Certificate.

B. [DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Measure C Funding – School Bus Replacement / Resolution #14-20/21](#)

In order to accept Measure C funding (\$399,500.42) enabling replacement of older diesel buses with new, modern, low-emission school buses meeting current standards for both exhaust emissions and student safety, the attached resolution must be approved by the Governing Board.

It is requested that Resolution # 14-20/21 be approved as written.

C. [DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Course Description for Work Experience](#)

Sierra Alternative High School would like to offer a Work Experience course, open to all high school Juniors and Seniors at both high schools. Given how long it has been since the district has offered the Work Experience course, it is necessary to discuss and approve a new course description.

D. [DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Approval of Work Experience District Plan for State](#)

In order to offer the Work Experience course, the state requires that we submit a district plan following their template.

E. [DISCUSSION ITEM: Approval of Science Textbooks for Grades 6-8.](#)

The Sierra Jr/Sr High Science Department would like to request the approval to adopt state approved science textbooks for Grades 6-8. The TCI: Bring Science Alive textbook series provides for Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)-aligned curriculum in the areas of earth and space, life science and physical science. Teachers have utilized this curriculum in their classrooms under a temporary pilot-preview for 19-20 and 20-21 school years. Public review is available by appointment.

IX. ADVANCED PLANNING

A. [Governance Calendar](#)

B. Next Regular meeting date: TBD – Proposed Date – January 12, 2021

C. Next Special meeting date(s): Facilities Workshop – January 25, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.

1. January 13, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m. – Board Governance Training (Garza)
2. January 18, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m. – Board Governance Training (CSBA – Terry Vigil)

D. Requested Future Agenda Items:

X. CLOSED SESSION

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)

XI. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

- A. Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene Open Session
- B. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

XII. ADJOURNMENT