



# SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, March 12, 2018

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

Virginia B. Causey Educational Center  
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, Bert Weldon, Norm Saude, Don Fowler, Connie Schlaefer, Ron Eldridge
- C. Adopt Agenda
- D. Identify Closed Session Topics
  - 1. Personnel
  - 2. Employee Bargaining Group Negotiations

- E. Pledge of Allegiance
- F. Moment of Silence – Terry Therkildsen

II. PRESENTATION

- A. Sierra High School Jazz Band

III. RECOGNITIONS

- A. Foothill Elementary School
  - 1. Sherrie Rippee
  - 2. Wayne Nash
- B. Sandy Bluffs Alternative Education
  - 1. Jackie Badoni

IV. 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 the time 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](http://www.sierrausd.org) for public review.*

V. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Reports
  - 1. ASB President – Rachel Beckmann
  - 2. Site Reports
    - a. Foothill Elementary School, Alan Harris – Principal
    - b. Sierra Junior/Senior High Schools, Sean Osterberg – Principal
    - c. Sandy Bluffs Alternative Education, Ara Keledjian – Director
  - 3. Superintendent Report - Melissa Ireland, Ed.D.

4. Department Reports
  - a. Facilities and Maintenance - Jim Harris, Supervisor
  - b. Transportation – Craig Barnes, Supervisor
  - c. Business Services - Janelle Mehling, Assistant Superintendent
    1. [Monthly Budget Report](#)
  - d. [Curriculum and Instruction](#) – Sue Mitchell, Director
5. Program Reports
  - a. [Native American Education](#) – Gavin Begaye
6. Sub-Committee Reports
  - a. NONE

B. Board Reflections

6:15 p.m.

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
    - a. [February 12, 2018 – Special](#)
    - b. [February 12, 2018 – Regular](#)
  3. Approval of [Donations](#)
  4. Approval of Contracts – NONE
  5. Affirmation of the [Title VIII](#) – Public Law 102-382 Impact Aid Program – Indian Policies and Procedures (IPPs)
  6. Approval of [2017-2018 Safe School Plan](#)
  7. Approval of [Coaches Certification](#)
  8. Affirmation of revised [Governance Agreement](#)
  9. Approval of Academic School Calendar(s)
    - a. [2018 – 2019](#)
    - b. [2019 – 2020](#)

B. Certificated Personnel Items: NONE

C. Classified Personnel Items:

1. Requests for Leaves of Absence:
2. Resignations/Retirements:

The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:

- a) Resignation; Behavior Aide; Rebecca Goodman; effective 3/4/2018.
- b) Resignation; Instructional Aide I; Rebecca Goodman; effective 3/4/2018.
- c) Retirement; Custodian; Sherrie Rippee; effective 5/1/2018.

3. Terminations
4. Employments:

The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:

- a) Replacement; Instructional Aide I; Rebecca Goodman; effective 3/5/2018.

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Review and Certification of the [2017–2018 Second Interim Financial Statement](#) as of January 31, 2017. (Janelle Mehling)

The State-required forms, along with various schedules representing analysis used in the development of the Second Interim Report, were provided in the Board packet and online. The Second 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 Certification.

- B. DISCUSSION ITEM: [LCAP Update](#)

Review of areas identified for funding based on data and Department and community input.

- C. DISCUSSION ITEM: [Foothill Art and Extension](#)

Principal, Alan Harris will discuss strategies and process.

D. DISCUSSION ITEM: District Planning – [Getting to the Destination District](#)

Superintendent – Melissa Ireland will present a proposal to engage in strategic planning for the 2018-2019 school term.

E. INFORMATION: School Safety Update

In light of recent incidents of school violence, Superintendent Ireland will share a plan for engaging students and community in dialogue related to school safety.

7:00 p.m.

IX. ADVANCED PLANNING

A. [Governance Calendar](#)

B. Next Regular meeting date: April 9, 2018

C. Next Special meeting date(s):

D. Requested Future Agenda Items:

X. CLOSED SESSION

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

1. Resolution No. 11-17/18

2. Resolution No. 12-17/18

B. 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

8:00 p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT