



# SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA

Monday, December 11, 2017

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*

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME AT ALL OF OUR MEETINGS.  
YOUR PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED AND APPRECIATED.**

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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 – Ron Eldridge, Chrissy Falk, Tom Mendenhall, Norm Saude, Bert Weldon, Don Fowler, Connie Schlaefter
- C. Adopt Agenda
- D. Identify Closed Session Topics
  - 1. *Personnel*
  - 2. *Employee Bargaining Group Negotiations*
- E. Pledge of Allegiance

## II. RECOGNITIONS

### A. Foothill Elementary

1. Danielle Fishburn

### B. Alternative Education

1. Jon Stoll

## III. 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.*

## IV. BOARD ORGANIZATION

### A. 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 2018 Regular Board Meetings ([Proposed Calendar](#) Enclosed)
5. Election of California School Board Association Legislative Representative to the District
6. Appointment of [Board Member Voting Representative for Fresno County](#) Committee on School District Organization Elections
7. Nomination of [California School Board Association Delegate Assembly](#)

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At this time the Sierra Unified School District Board Meeting will be adjourned and the Golden Hills Public Finance Corporation Meeting will be convened.

V. ANNUAL GOLDEN HILLS PUBLIC FINANCE CORPORATION (GHPFC) MEETING

As part of the Certificates of Participation (COPs) issuance process, the public agency issuing the COPs must establish a non-profit corporation to independently service the legal requirements necessitated by the COP issue.

A. ACTION ITEM: Election of Golden Hills Finance Corporation Officers

This annual meeting requires election of officers for the twelve-month period, and notes the next scheduled meeting for December, 2018.

The Board Members of the Sierra Unified School District are legally empowered to also be the Board Members for the Golden Hills School Public Finance Corporation.

The Annual Golden Hills Public Finance Corporation Meeting is adjourned and the Sierra Unified School District Board Meeting is reconvened.

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VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Reports

1. ASB President – Rachel Beckmann
2. Site Reports
  - a. Sierra Junior/Senior High Schools, Sean Osterberg – Principal
  - b. Foothill Elementary School, Alan Harris – 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
    1. Facilities Inspection Report
      - a. [Foothill Elementary School](#)
      - b. [Sandy Bluffs Alternative Education](#)
      - c. [Sierra Junior/Senior High School](#)
  - b. Transportation – Craig Barnes, Supervisor

- c. Business Services - Janelle Mehling, Assistant Superintendent
  - 1. [Monthly Budget Report](#)
  - 2. [Staffing Allocations](#)
- d. Curriculum and Instruction – Sue Mitchell, Director
- 5. Program Reports
  - a. NONE
- 6. Sub-Committee Reports
  - a. NONE
- B. Board Reflections

6:15 p.m.

VII. 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. [November 13, 2017 – Regular](#)
    - b. [November 15, 2017 – Special](#)
  - 3. Approval of [Donations](#)
  - 4. Approval of Contracts – NONE
- B. Certificated Personnel Items: NONE
- C. Classified Personnel Items:
  - 1. Requests for Leaves of Absence: NONE
  - 2. Resignations/Retirements:
    - The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:
      - a) Retirement; Instructional Aide I; Lynn McLemore; effective 12/15/2017.
      - b) Resignation; Food Server; Alicia Travis; effective 12/1/2017.
  - 3. Terminations: NONE
  - 4. Employments: NONE

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the [Local Plan for Special Education](#) (Melissa Ireland)

Due to the recent removal of Edison Bethune Charter Academy and University High School from the Fresno County SELPA, the Local Plan for Special Education must be revised. Each Local Governing Board is required to adopt the revised Fresno County Elements of the Local Plan for Education.

The Board is requested to approve the Local Plan for Special Education.

- B. ACTION ITEM: [CSBA Legal Policy Updates](#) – October, 2017

- C. ACTION ITEM: [Proposal for Expenditure of One-time Funds](#) for Technology Plan Rollout (Melissa Ireland)

Administration would like to propose using a portion of one-time funds to advance the implementation of the Board approved Technology Plan.

The Board is requested to approve the Proposal for Expenditure of One-time Funds.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. ACTION ITEM: Approval and Certification of [First Interim Report](#) – Financial

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.

*7:00 p.m.*

## X. ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. [Governance Calendar](#)
- B. Next Regular meeting date: TBD – Proposed date January 8, 2018
- C. Next Special meeting date(s):
- D. Requested Future Agenda Items:

XI. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment (Gov. Code § 54957)
- B. Employee Bargaining Group Negotiations (Government Code Section 54957.6)

XII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

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

*8:00 p.m.*

XIII. ADJOURNMENT