



SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, January 11, 2021

5:00 p.m. Closed Session

Convene in Public Session – 6:00 p.m.

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

ALL TIMES NOTED THROUGHOUT THE AGENDA ARE APPROXIMATE

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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.

5:00 p.m.

I. OPENING BUSINESS

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88009180565?pwd=SmUyMFI0YnJBWHJRdW5nRWJDSi9rQT09>

A. Call Public Session to Order

B. Roll Call – Connie Schlaefter, Wes Qualls, Tom Mendenhall, Cortney Burke, Jeremiah Gilbert, James Hoak, Ben Kimbler

C. Adopt Agenda

D. Identify Closed Session Topics

1. Personnel
2. Potential Litigation
3. Negotiations

E. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:
Persons wishing to address the governing board on any closed session item may do so at this time. The Board may limit comments to no more than 5 minutes pursuant to Board policy. Speakers are requested to state their name and address, and to address their comments to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is governed by the Brown Act and may briefly respond to public comments but take no action except on items scheduled on the agenda.

F. Adjourn to Closed Session

II. CLOSED SESSION

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

1. Superintendent Mid-Year Evaluation

B. Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9)

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

6:00 p.m.

III. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84587913422?pwd=TDhCYWxFcWRDNXo0cmRoU1R3bGgvdz09>

A. Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene Open Session

B. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

C. Pledge of Allegiance

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. 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.

V. RECOGNITIONS

- A. Macy Lloyd

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Reports

1. ASB President – Eli Bristow
2. Site Reports
 - a. Foothill Elementary School, Danielle Amundsen – Principal
 - b. Sierra Junior/Senior High Schools, Sean Osterberg – Principal
 - c. Alternative Education, Heather Wheeler, Ed.D. – Director
3. Superintendent Report – Alan Harris, Ph.D.
4. Department Reports
 - a. Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation – Craig Barnes, Supervisor
 - b. Business Services - Janelle Bryson, Chief Business Officer
 1. Monthly Budget Report
 2. Governor’s Budget
 - c. Education Services – Teresa Page, Director
 - d. Curriculum and Instruction – Tammy Montgomery, Director
 1. 2020-2021 Calendar Revision
5. Program Reports
 - a. Athletics – Jon Hendrix
 - b. Activities – Andrea Marjala
6. Sub-Committee Reports – NONE

B. Board Reflections

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
 - 3. Approval of Donations – NONE
 - 4. Approval of Contracts – NONE
 - 5. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints
 - 6. Approval of CSBA Legal Policy Updates – January, 2021
 - 7. Approval of Safe School Plan
- B. Certificated Personnel Items – NONE
- C. Classified Personnel Items:
 - 1. Resignations/Retirements: NONE
 - 2. Terminations: NONE
 - 3. Employments:

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

- a) Replacement; Behavior Aide; Freedom Johnson; effective 12/14/2020.
- b) Replacement; Noon Time Assistant; Gayle Lusk; effective 12/14/2020.
- c) New Position; Noon Time Assistant; Monika Williamson; effective 12/14/2020.
- d) Replacement: Bus Driver/Mechanic; Kevin Caldera; effective 12/23/2020.
- e) Replacement; Bus Driver/Utility; Rocky Garbarino; effective 1/4/2021.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. ACTION ITEM: Approval of 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.

The Board is requested to approve the adoption of the state approved science textbooks *TCI: Bring Science Alive* for Grades 6-8.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION ITEM: Approval of the Addition of The things They Carried to the 11th Grade English Foundational List

The Board is asked to consider adding *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien to the 11th Grade English Foundational List. Community members have been asked to review the novel and provide feedback that will be available for Board Review prior to the February meeting. The attached document provides necessary details to support the request.

- B. DISCUSSION ITEM: Including proposals for alternate school configurations in Long Range Facilities Master Plan discussion (Qualls)

A proposal for brainstorming alternate configurations as part of the facilities workshops will be presented.

X. ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. Governance Calendar

B. Next Regular meeting date: February 8, 2021

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

1. January 13, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m. – Board Governance Training (Garza)
2. January 18, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m. – Board Governance Training Zoom (CSBA – Teri Vigil)
3. February 22, 2021 @ 4:30 – Facilities

D. Requested Future Agenda Items:

XI. ADJOURNMENT