

Sierra Unified School District

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, January 9, 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

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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.

5:30 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 Schlaefer
- C. Adopt Agenda
- D. Identify Closed Session Topics of Discussion
 - 1. *Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment Superintendent Mid-Term Evaluation Discussion*
 - 2. *Potential Litigation (Government Code 54956.9)*
- E. Pledge of Allegiance

II. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Choral Company Performance

III. RECOGNITIONS

- A. Superintendent

1. Craig Barnes

- B. Foothill Elementary

1. Brenda Harrison

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 for public review.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Reports

1. ASB Representative

2. Superintendent Report - Melissa Ireland, Ed.D.

- a. [LCAP Update](#)

- b. [Mid-Year Update](#)

3. 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

4. Department Reports

- a. Facilities and Maintenance – Jim Harris, Supervisor

- b. Business Services – Janelle Mehling, Assistant Superintendent
 - 1. [Monthly Budget Report](#)
- c. Curriculum and Instruction – Sue Mitchell, Director

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](#)
- 3. Approval of School Improvement Plans
 - a. [Sierra High School](#)
 - b. [Sierra Junior High School](#)
 - c. [Foothill Elementary School](#)
- 4. [Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints](#)
- 5. Approval of [Donations](#)

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) Resignation; Food Server; Vicky Sims; effective 12/13/2016.

- 3. Terminations: NONE
- 4. Employments:

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

- a) Replacement; Sub Bus Driver/Custodian; Richard Stanley; effective 12/15/2016.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. ACTION ITEM: [Sierra Unified School District Technology Plan](#) (Sue Mitchell)
[SUSD Technology Plan Cost Breakdowns - Estimates](#)

The SUSD 5–Year Technology Plan has been developed collaboratively with the District Technology Committee. Major components of the plan include: Upgrading the infrastructure to the capacity to support a 1:1 student to device ratio; establishing a 1:1 student to device ratio in grades 3-12 (core classes 7-12) by 2019; and a plan to refresh our inventory on a 5-year cycle. The plan will be reviewed yearly and reports will be provided to Administration and the Board.

It is recommended that the Board approve the Sierra Unified School District Technology Plan.

- B. ACTION ITEM: Approval of [Superintendent’s Five-Year Goals](#) (Page 11 of Handout)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION ITEM: [First Reading of Audit Report for 2015-2016](#) (Janelle Mehling)

Pursuant to Education Code 41020(i), a corrective action plan must be provided to the County Superintendent of Schools for any audit exceptions contained in the audit. There were no audit exceptions in the 2015-2016 Audit.

- B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [Resolution #13-16/17](#) Prop 39-Funded Energy Efficiency Project

Sierra USD Staff worked with independent clean energy advisors TerraVerde Renewable Partners on the development of the District’s Proposition 39 Energy Expenditure Plan, which was approved by the California Energy Commission for funding. To implement the Energy Efficiency project, a Request for Proposals for General Contractors was issued on October 18th, 2016. The District was satisfied with the bid received from Seals Construction, Inc, and selected the firm to perform the functions of the design/build contractor to construct the project. Staff has worked with both legal counsel and TerraVerde to negotiate a contract with Seals Construction, Inc. At this Board Meeting, Staff is seeking approval of the contract in order to begin the implementation of the District’s Prop 39-funded Energy Efficiency project. Financial Impact: Prop 39 grant funding provided to the District: \$541,237 (estimate) / District funds required to implement project: \$ 23,009 (estimate).

Therefore, it is recommended that the District consider for approval an Energy Services Agreement with Seals Construction Inc. for the design, procurement and installation of the District’s Proposition 39 funded Energy Expenditure Plan.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: College and Career Readiness Grant

LEAs shall develop a plan describing how funds will increase or improve services for unduplicated pupils to ensure college readiness and include information on how it aligns with the LEA's local control and accountability plan. As a condition of receipt of funds, LEAs shall report to the CDE as to how the LEA will measure the impact of the funds received on the LEA's unduplicated pupils' access and matriculation to higher education. The preliminary grant funding for the district is \$75,000, which includes indirect costs.

The College and Career Readiness Plan: The Sierra Unified School District plans to use the College Readiness Block Grant to support the college and career counseling availability to students in grades 7-12.

100% to increase in counseling services in grades 7-12: Counselor, Salary & Benefits

The Board will be provided with an annual update on the impact of academic counseling, which will include percentage of socio-economically disadvantaged students meeting A-G college entrance requirements; the percentage achieving standards met or standards exceeded on the statewide 11th grade English Language Arts and Mathematics required assessments; and CTE pathway completion rates of socio-economically disadvantaged students.

The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the College Readiness Block Grant Plan for the Sierra Unified School District.

7:00 p.m.

IX. ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. Governance Calendar – February Items
 - 1. Board Self Evaluation – TBD
 - 2. District Needs Workshop – TBD
 - 3. Special Education Program Report
 - 4. School Accountability Report Cards (SARC)
- B. Next Regular meeting date: February 13, 2017
- C. Next Special meeting date(s)
- D. Requested Future Agenda Items

X. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment (Gov. Code § 54957)
 - 1. Superintendent Mid-Term Evaluation Discussion
- B. Potential Litigation (Government Code 54956.9)

XI. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

- A. Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene Open Session
- B. Report Action Taken in Closed Session (Education Code 48918(j))

8:00 p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT