



# SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, October 11, 2021

5:00 p.m. Public Session

Closed Session Immediately Following

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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YOUR PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED AND APPRECIATED.**

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PLEASE NOTE: Starting with our regular meeting in April, in-person attendance will be open to the public, with limited capacity. The meetings will continue to be broadcast on Zoom. Public comment may be made in person or by Zoom during the Public Comment period. Comment on agenda items may also be made in person prior to the board's discussion of that item. Questions or comments arising during the meeting may always be shared with the Superintendent at [rhudson@sierrausd.org](mailto:rhudson@sierrausd.org) or the Board President [cschlaefer@sierrausd.org](mailto:cschlaefer@sierrausd.org)

### Vision Statement

Our vision is to be an exemplary student-focused school district that is highly regarded for the competence and character of our students, the rich connection to our mountain community, and the excellence of our people, programs, and 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.

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Call Public Session to Order
- B. Roll Call – Connie Schlaefer, Cortney Burke, Lauri King, Janet Bill, Jeremiah Gilbert, James Hoak, Ben Kimbler
- C. Adopt Agenda
- D. Pledge of Allegiance

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

This section of each special session is set aside for members of the public to comment on any item on the agenda. Items presented under public comment may not be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. The public is invited to comment now or at the time the item is called for consideration by the Board. All persons addressing the Board must state their name for the record. In general, individual speakers will be allowed three minutes to address the Board on each agenda item, and the Board will limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes.

*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.*

III. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Reports
  - 1. ASB President – Emma Jensen
  - 2. Superintendent Report – Ron Hudson
    - a. Health and Safety Update
  - 3. Site Reports
    - a. Sierra Junior/Senior High Schools, Sean Osterberg – Principal
    - b. Foothill Elementary School, Danielle Amundsen – Principal
    - c. Alternative and Extended Education, Heather Wheeler, Ed.D. – Director
  - 4. Department Reports
    - a. Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation – Craig Barnes, Supervisor

- b. Business Services - Janelle Bryson, Chief Business Officer
  - 1. Monthly Budget Report
  - 2. Attendance / Enrollment
  - 3. Solar Comparison
- c. Education Services – Teresa Page, Director
  - 1. Imago Program Update – Hudson / Wheeler
- d. Curriculum and Instruction – Tammy Montgomery, Director
  - 1. Preliminary State Measures
- 5. Program Reports
  - a. Communications – Andrea Marjala
    - 1. KPI Report
    - 2. Plan
  - b. Facilities / LRP – Barnes / Bryson
    - 1. Update on Priority List
- 6. Committee Reports – NONE

B. Board Reflections

IV. 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. August 23, 2021
    - b. September 13, 2021
  - 3. Approval of Donations
    - a. Total 2020-2021
    - b. First Quarter

4. Approval of Contracts
    - a. Real Property Analysts
    - b. Americorps
    - c. How Many Wins Network
  5. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints
  6. Approval of Signature / Mailing Permit
  7. Approval of September 2021 Legal Updates to Board Policies
- 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) New Position; Behavior Aide; RayNae Capps; effective 9/13/2021.
- b) Replacement; Bus Driver/Custodian; Zerferino DeSoto; effective 9/20/2021.
- c) New Position; Bus Driver/Utility; Casey Hickman; effective 10/5/2021.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. ACTION ITEM: RFQ 01-21 (Barnes)

Request to approve one (1) or more firms in the interest of streamlining the procurement process for architectural and engineering services in connection with various projects identified in the District LRFMP, including renovation, modernization, and new construction projects throughout the District. All qualified firms will be included in the District's prequalified list of firms to be used in future solicitations of specific projects for a period of five (5) years.

The Board is requested to approve RFQ 01-21

- B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Committees Direction (Schlaefer)
- C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Board Governance Agreement Review (Schlaefer)

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. INFORMATION: Substitute Pay Comparison (Bryson)
- B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: COVID Money – Requests for Additional Supports (Bryson)

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: ESSER III LEA Expenditure Plan

The American Recovery Plan authorized funding for schools to assist with the safe return to in-person instruction. By June 25, 2021, Districts were required to complete assurances that the funds would be spent for their intended purpose. Within 30 days of filing those assurances, we completed and submitted a Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Continuity of Service plan to the Federal government, which was our approved Sierra Unified COVID-19 Safety Plan. In order to receive the funds, the Board must adopt an ESSER III LEA Expenditure plan.

It is requested that the Board approve the attached ESSER III LEA Expenditure plan as presented.

VII. ADVANCED PLANNING

A. Governance Calendar

B. Next Regular meeting date: Monday, November 8, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

C. Next Special meeting date(s): October 21, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.  
October 29, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

D. Requested Future Agenda Items:

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

A. Identify Closed Session Topics

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

B. Adjourn to Closed Session

1. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment (Government Code § 54957)
2. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9)
3. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Employee Bargaining Group Negotiations (Gov. Code § 54957.6)

IX. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

A. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

X. ADJOURNMENT