Sierra Unified School District
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA
Monday, February 13, 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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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
   2. Potential Litigation
   3. Other Confidential Student Matters
   4. Negotiations

E. Pledge of Allegiance
II. 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.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Reports

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

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. Department Reports
   a. Business Services – Janelle Mehling, Assistant Superintendent
      1. Monthly Budget Report
      2. Governor’s Proposal / 2016-17 State Budget

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 2017 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election Ballot
4. Approval of Bid #1031 – Public Address (PA) System
5. Approval of Bid #1033 – Fire Alarm System
6. Approval of Donations
B. Certificated Personnel Items

1. Requests for Leaves of Absence:
2. Resignations/Retirements:
   The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:
   a) Resignation; Teacher; Korin Martinez; effective 2/3/2016.

3. Terminations:
4. Employments:

C. Classified Personnel Items

1. Requests for Leaves of Absence:
2. Resignations/Retirements:
3. Terminations:
4. Employments:
   The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:
   a) New Position; Bus Driver; Thomas Penny; effective 1/17/2017.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEM: Second 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 two audit exceptions in the 2015-2016 Audit.

It is requested that the Board approve the Audit Report for 2015-2016 as written.

B. 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 awareness and education.

Monies will be used to cover the costs of:
* Administration of PSAT assessment
* Purchase of on-line career interest surveys/information
* Professional development for counselors and others in the area of college and career preparedness
* Purchase of technology to support student exploration of college/career opportunities, creation of student portfolios, and to assist in the registration process
* Support student field trips that increase awareness of college and career opportunities

The Board will be provided with an annual update on the impact of these services, 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.

C. DISCUSSION ITEM: Approval of the Tentative Agreement for Collective Bargaining Negotiations between Sierra Unified School District and the Sierra Unified Classified Employee Association (CSEA #476).

The Tentative Agreement between SUSD and CSEA #476 was entered into on January 23, 2017 and is contingent upon final approval by the SUSD Governing Board and ratification by Association Members.

The Board is requested to approve the Tentative Agreement between the District and CSEA.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION ITEM: CSBA Legal Policy Updates – December, 2016 (Melissa Ireland)

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approval of Piggyback on Clovis Unified School District Bid #2467 for Computer Equipment and Supplies (Janelle Mehling)

The Technology Committee is requesting approval to piggyback off the Clovis Unified School District Bid #2467 for the purchase of computer equipment and supplies. This is a multi-year bid and would be utilized for District purchases until its expiration in November 2017. This approval will cut the lead-time for purchases needed for current and future District projects.

Clovis Unified School District and Compuwave have agreed to the piggyback. Fresno County Office of Education suggested piggyback procedures have been followed.

The Board is requested to authorize the purchase of computer equipment and supplies to be awarded to Compuwave, the terms and conditions of bid awarded by Clovis Unified School District pursuant to the provisions of Public Contract Code 20119, this being in the best interest of the District.

C. DISCUSSION ITEM: Appeal to Williams Act Complaints Decision (Education Code Section 35146 and 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g)

Complainant requested to be heard in open session.
IX. ADVANCED PLANNING

A. Governance Calendar
   1. March 13, 2017 Items
      a. Native American Education Program Report
      b. DLA #2 Results
      c. Second Interim Report
      d. Certificated Notices
      e. Certification of Coaches Training
      f. Academic Calendar Approval

B. Next Regular meeting date: March 13, 2017

C. Next Special meeting date(s)
   1. District Needs Workshop – TBD

D. Requested Future Agenda Items

X. CLOSED SESSION

A. Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment (Gov. Code § 54957)
   1. Resolution No. 14-16/17
   2. Superintendent’s Mid-Year Review Feedback

B. Potential Litigation (Government Code 54956.9)

C. Other Confidential Student Matters (Education Code Section 35146 and 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g)

D. Employee Bargaining Group Negotiations – CSEA (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 (Education Code 48918(j))

8:00 p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT