



# SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, February 7, 2022

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

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PLEASE NOTE: California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is requiring masks to be worn in all indoor public settings, irrespective of vaccine status, until February 15, 2022.

### **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.

5:00 p.m.

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  
Moment of Silence for Merle Hansen

II. RECOGNITIONS

- A. Spelling Bee Finalists
  - 1. Kane Cedar
  - 2. Eva Barboza

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. Items will not be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. It is an opportunity for the public to be heard by the Board, but is not a forum for Q&A. For items appearing on the agenda, the public may comment during this period, or when the item is called for consideration by the Board. For an agenda item, the public may request to comment by raising their hand when the item is called, or after any staff presentation, but before board discussion or deliberation. Public comment will be limited to 3 minutes per person, 20 minutes per topic. Speakers may not pass their time to another person. All persons addressing the board should 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. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Reports
  - 1. ASB President – Emma Jensen
  - 2. Superintendent Report – Jordan Reeves
    - a. Mid Year Report

3. Site Reports
    - a. Foothill Elementary School, Danielle Amundsen – Principal
    - b. Sierra Junior/Senior High Schools, Natalie Cozby – Principal
    - c. Alternative Education, Stacey Thomure – Interim Principal
  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
  5. Program Reports
    - a. Recovery and Resiliency
  6. Sub-Committee Reports
    - a. Native American Education Committee (NAEC)
    - b. Health & Safety Committee
- B. Board Reflections

V. 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 Contracts – NONE
  4. Approval of Site Plan(s)
    - a. Sierra High School
    - b. Sierra Junior High School

5. Approval of the Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Programs 2021-2022 – Part Two. The Consolidated Application is used by the California Department of Education to distribute categorical funds from various State and Federal programs to County offices, school districts, and charter schools throughout California.

B. Certificated Personnel Items

1. Resignations/Retirements:

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

- a) Resignation; School Psychologist; Jordan Mosier; effective 6/18/2022.

2. Terminations: NONE

3. Employments: NONE

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

- a) Replacement; Interim Principal; Stacey Thomure; effective 1/4/2022.

C. Classified Personnel Items

1. Resignations/Retirements:

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

- a) Resignation; Noon Time Assistant; Gloria Gillett; effective 1/15/2022.

- b) Retirement; Bus Driver/Custodian; Roger Cummings; effective 3/1/2022.

2. Terminations: NONE

3. Employments:

- a) New Position; COVID Assistant; Alysha Edd; effective 1/4/2022.

- b) Replacement; Native American Program Mentor; Cecilia Moreno; effective 3/1/22.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEM: Community Power Resiliency Funds

The board is requested to approve the agreement with County of Fresno Office of Emergency Services, to install a backup generator for the Foothill Elementary School MPR.

The Board is recommended to approve the agreement with the Fresno County Office of Emergency Services.

B. DISCUSSION ITEM: Sale of Surplus Property

1. Sierra Elementary School

2. Millerton Property

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Approval of Request for Proposal for Design-Build Energy Services

The Sierra Unified School District is seeking submission of qualifications from interested firms that have experience working with DSA and are capable of designing and installing boilers and other HVAC equipment, fire alarm systems, and electrical switchgear, as well as other related infrastructure improvements and energy services,

This RFQ/P was completed on February 2nd and it is recommended that the Board approve the selected firm.

- B. DISCUSSION ITEM: A-G Improvement Grant

Sierra Unified has worked to develop a plan that will utilize state funding for work done toward improving A-G completion among graduating seniors of Sierra Unified. We are eligible to receive funding from the A-G Access Grant and the A-G Learning Loss Mitigation Grants. Approval of this plan by the governing board will be sought at the March 14, 2022 regularly scheduled board meeting.

- C. INFORMATION: LCAP Mid-Year Update

Due to the significant increases in funding through California's 2021 Budget Act, and other historic state and federal acts, AB130 requires LEAs to present an update to the governing board. The intent is to provide a point-in-time report related to funding received by the 2021 Budget Act which includes federal ESSR III funds, and implementation of the LCAP to date.

- D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Approval Audit Report for 2020-2021 (Janelle Bryson)

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 was one audit exception in the 2020-2021 Audit.

The Board is recommended to approve the Corrective Action Plan of the Audit Report for 2020-21

- E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: J13 Waiver

The California Department of Education allows Districts to request an allowance for attendance due to emergency conditions which result in school closure. Our schools were closed from January 11-14, 2022 due to a shortage of staff (COVID). The attached form is filed with the California Department of Education when applying for an allowance. The Board of Sierra Unified School District must approve the request in order for the allowance to be granted.

It is recommended that the Board approve the request to waive attendance for 4 days of instruction missed due to the staffing shortage caused by COVID.

- F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Memorandum (MOU) of Understanding between Sierra Unified School District (SUSD) and Sierra Unified Teachers Association (SUTA)

Your packet includes an MOU between SUSD and SUTA addressing the issue of the shortage of qualified substitutes available in the current year.

The Board is recommended to approve the MOU between SUSD and SUTA as written.

VIII. ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. Governance Calendar
- B. Next Regular meeting date: March 14, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.
- C. Next Special meeting date(s): February 16, 2022 – Board Training (CSBA) – 5:00 p.m.
- D. Requested Future Agenda Items: Emergency Connectivity Grant

IX. CLOSED SESSION

- A. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment (Government Code § 54957)
- B. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9)
- C. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Employee Bargaining Group Negotiations (Government Code Section 54957.6)
- D. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Contracts (Gov. Code 54956.8)4.
- E. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Real Property Negotiations (§54956.8)

X. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT