



SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, February 8, 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

- 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 3 minutes pursuant to Board policy. Speakers are requested to state their name, 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)

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

A. Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene Open Session

B. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

C. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. RECOGNITIONS

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V. 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.

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
 1. Board Member Facility Tours
February 2, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.
February 9, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m.
 - b. Business Services - Janelle Bryson, Chief Business Officer
 1. Monthly Budget Report
 - c. Education Services – Teresa Page, Director
 - d. Curriculum and Instruction – Tammy Montgomery, Director
5. Program Reports
 - a. LCAP (Tammy Montgomery)
 - b. Learning Loss (Montgomery)
 1. Foothill Elementary (Danielle Amundsen)
 2. Sierra JSHS (Sean Osterberg)
 3. Sierra Alternative Education (Heather Wheeler)
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
 4. Approval of Contracts
 5. Approval of the Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Programs 2020-2021 – 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.
 6. Approval of School Accountability Report Cards (SARC’s)
 - a. Foothill Elementary
 - b. Sierra Junior High School
 - c. Sierra High School
 - d. Sierra Alternative Education
- B. Certificated Personnel Items: NONE
- C. Classified Personnel Items: NONE

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.

- B. ACTION 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.

The Board is requested to approve the addition of “The Things They Carried” to the 11th Grade English Foundational List.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION ITEM: High School Science Curriculum – First Read

The members of the Board and the community are asked to review the following titles for adoption to Sierra High School's science program. Titles are available at Sierra High School and the District Office for review.

Biology: The Living Earth, Miller and Levine, 2019 (Grades 9-10)

Experiencing Chemistry (Chemistry in the Earth's Systems) SAVVAS (Grades 9-12)

Experiencing Physics (Physics in the Universe) SAVVAS (Grades 11-12)

B. DISCUSSION ITEM: Entrepreneurship/Small Business CTE Pathway – First Read

Course 1 of the Entrepreneurship/Small Business Pathway, Marketing and Business Leadership I, was given Board approval on July 20, 2020 to be implemented in the 2020-2021 school year as an A-G approved elective course.

Tonight the Board is asked to review the next 2 courses of this pathway, Marketing and Business Leadership II and the capstone course Entrepreneurship/Small Business for consideration of building out the complete pathway in years 2021-22 and 2022-23 respectively. Both courses are currently under review for A-G elective credit.

All courses have been reviewed and discussed by an advisory panel made up of parents, business community members, staff and students on 2 occasions; Meeting 1: July 1, 2020 and Meeting 2: January 13, 2021. The second meeting additionally shared the outcomes of a mid-year student survey (included in your packet).

C. INFORMATION: Letter of Delegation

This is the current letter which clarifies the authority the Board delegates to the Administration to conduct the District's business between regular meetings. The process to update the letter will be outlined.

X. ADVANCED PLANNING

A. Governance Calendar

B. Next Regular meeting date: March 8, 2021

C. Next Special meeting date(s):

1. Facilities Workshop – February 22, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.
2. Board Training / Juan Garza-Leadership Associates – February 25, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.
3. Board Training / Teri Vigil-CSBA – March 15, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.
4. CTE Workshop – March 29, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.

D. Requested Future Agenda Items:

XI. ADJOURNMENT