



SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, March 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, 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. Speakers may not pass their time to another person. 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

- A. SUSD Staff
 - 1. Foothill Elementary Response to Intervention Leads
 - a. Danielle Beckmann
 - b. Jana Larman
 - c. Joni Lloyd
 - 2. Sierra Junior High School Grade Level Teachers
 - a. Chris Dearden
 - b. Natalie Maxwell
 - 3. Sierra Alternative and Extended Education Elementary Team
 - a. Stacey Thomure, Elementary Lead teacher
 - b. Jennifer Fielding, 3/4 Lead Teacher
 - c. Connie Blesse, K/1 Lead Teacher

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. Speakers may not pass their time to another person. 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
 1. Sierra @ Home return
3. Superintendent Report – Alan Harris, Ph.D.
 - a. Prioritizing Pending State and Federal Funding
4. Department Reports
 - a. Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation – Craig Barnes, Supervisor
 - 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. Native American Education – Regina Riley
 - b. Athletics – Jon Hendrix
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

a. January 25, 2021 – Special

b. February 1, 2021 – Special

c. February 8, 2021 – Regular

3. Approval of Donations

4. Approval of Contracts

5. Affirmation of the Title VIII – Public Law 102-382 Impact Aid Program – Indian Policies and Procedures (IPPs)

6. Approval of 2021-2022 Academic Calendar

B. Certificated Personnel Items: NONE

C. Classified Personnel Items:

1. Resignations/Retirements:

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

a) Resignation; Eagle’s Nest Director; Taylor Esquivel; effective 2/27/2021.

b) Resignation; Ag Farm Manager; Keenan Quintana; effective 2/27/2021.

c) Resignation; Behavior Aide; Steffen Gilmore; effective 3/20/2021.

2. Terminations: NONE

3. Employments:

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

a) Replacement; Bus Driver/Custodian; Donald Cooper; effective 2/22/2021.

b) Replacement; Bus Driver/Custodian; Daniel Vargas; effective 2/22/2021.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEM: High School Science Curriculum

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)

The Board is requested to approve the proposed High School Science Curriculum.

B. ACTION ITEM: Entrepreneurship/Small Business CTE Pathway

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 approved for A-G elective credit as of February 2021.

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).

The board is requested to approve two courses: *Marketing and Business Leadership II* and capstone course *Entrepreneurship/Small Business*, as well as the *Entrepreneurship/Small Business* Career Technical Education Pathway.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approval of 2021 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election Ballot

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Approval of Review and Certification of the 2020–2021 Second Interim Financial Statement as of January 31, 2021. (Janelle Bryson)

The State-required forms, along with various schedules representing analysis used in the development of the Second Interim Report, were provided in the Board packet and online. The Second Interim Report provides the Fresno County Office of Education with the current year and subsequent two years budget, based on current data, as required by law.

It is requested that the Board certify the fund report and narratives as presented and adopt a Positive Certification.

X. ADVANCED PLANNING

A. Governance Calendar

B. Next Regular meeting date: April 12, 2021

C. Next Special meeting date(s):

1. Facilities / Needs Assessment Workshop – March 22, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.

D. Requested Future Agenda Items:

XI. ADJOURNMENT