



SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, April 17, 2023, Regular Session – 5:00 p.m.
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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Documents provided to a majority of the Governing Board regarding an open session item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection in the Superintendent’s Office located at 29143 Auberry Road, Prather, CA 93651 during normal business hours. In addition, such writings and documents will be posted on the District’s website, www.sierrausd.org. These proceedings are recorded on podcast and are available for review on the District website.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88214856223?pwd=VzBJN3NMZFJJb0cra0hvajZHc2JPdz09>
Meeting ID: 882 1485 6223 Passcode: 911451

PLEASE NOTE: In-person attendance will be open to the public. 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 jreeves@sierrausd.org or the Board President cburke@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.

5:00 p.m.

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Call Public Session to Order
- B. Roll Call – Cortney Burke, Ben Kimbler, James Hoak, Ginger Cardoza, Carolyn Capps, Wes Qualls, Connie Schlaefer
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Adopt Agenda

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. 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 for public review.

III. RECOGNITIONS

- A. Top Spellers – County
 - 1. Jasper Burke
 - 2. Cecelia Dobbs
 - 3. Kaylee Fuller

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Reports
 - 1. ASB President – Macy Lloyd
 - 2. Site Reports
 - a. Sierra Junior/Senior High Schools, Natalie Cozby – Principal
 - b. Foothill Elementary School, Danielle Amundsen – Principal
 - c. Alternative and Extended Education, Anthony Abrams – Coordinator
 - 3. Superintendent Report

4. Program Reports
 - a. Communications / Co-Curricular – Andrea Marjala, Activities Director
5. Department Reports
 - a. Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation – Craig Barnes, Supervisor
 - b. Business Services - Janelle Bryson, CBO
 1. Monthly Budget Report
 - c. Education Services – Teresa Page, Director
 - d. Curriculum and Instruction – Tammy Montgomery, Director
6. Sub-Committee Reports
 - a. Tech Plan

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 Minutes
 - a. February 9, 2023 - Special
 - b. February 13, 2023
 - c. March 13, 2023
 - d. March 27, 2023- Special
 2. Approval of Warrants
 3. Approval of Contracts – NONE
 4. Approval of March 2023 Legal Updates to Board Policies
 5. Approval of Quarterly Williams Report
 6. Approval of CalFire Lease of SES Property
- B. Certificated Personnel Items:
 1. Resignations/Retirements:
The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:
 - a) Resignation; Teacher on Special Assignment; Virginia Santesteban; effective 6/30/2023.
 - b) Resignation; Teacher; Billy Kimbler-Cantu; effective 6/13/2023.
 - c) Resignation; Teacher; Chris Pugliese; effective 6/13/2023.
 - d) Resignation; School Psychologist; Justin Hinojosa; effective June 16, 2023.
 - e) Resignation; Principal; Natalie Cozby; effective June 24, 2023.

C. Classified Personnel Items:

1. Resignations/Retirements:

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

- a) Resignation; Behavior Aide; Andrea McCave; effective 4/1/2023.
- b) Resignation; Instructional Aide II; Ashlyynn Elming; effective 3/27/2023.
- c) Resignation; Behavior Aide; Siraya Ramirez; effective 4/1/2023.
- d) Retirement; School Secretary; Margarita Davis; effective 6/30/2023.

2. Employments:

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

- a) Replacement; Bus Driver/Custodian; Jose Sandoval; effective 3/20/2023.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Math Textbook Adoption – Big Math Ideas / Math I-III / Pre-Calculus

The Board is asked to consider the adoption of Big Ideas Math for grades 6-8, and Math I-III and Pre-Calculus for use beginning in the 2023-2024 academic year. Information is provided in the packet to demonstrate continuity of curricular concepts over the span of middle and high school grades, and community input. The last math curriculum adoption was in 2015. Materials are available for review in the District Office and at the school sites by appointment.

The Board is requested to approve the Math Textbook Adoption.

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Floral Design (CTE) Course and Textbook Adoption

Whereas our art classes at Sierra High School are currently impacted and our agriculture program is more focused towards mechanics and animal science; we believe it would be beneficial to offer a course that could alleviate the art department and expand our agriculture program into a new pathway. This course will be a hands-on project-based learning environment that will expose students to the principles of design as well as plant sciences and ornamental horticulture. After surveying students there is a high demand to add this course to our schedule. The course is A-G approved for art credit in another district which will assist in getting the designation for Sierra High, and offers students another opportunity to fulfill that requirement while also being enrolled in an agriculture class.

The Board is requested to approve the Floral Design (CTE) Course and Textbook Adoption.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: J-13A Waiver / Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions

The California Department of Education allows Districts to request an allowance for attendance due to emergency conditions which result in a closure of schools or a material decrease in attendance. If school is open and there is a material decrease in attendance, Districts can request that those days of decreased attendance be replaced with an average day of attendance,

Due to the atmospheric river that came through the District from the end of February through March 10th, we had decreased attendance on February 28-March 9, 2023 and closed school on March 10, 2023.

The attached form is filed with the California Department of Education to apply for the allowances. The Board of Sierra Unified School District must approve the request in order to apply for the allowances.

It is recommended that the Board approve the request for an allowance for the days of material decrease in attendance February 27-March 9, 2023 and the request to waive attendance for March 10, 2023.

- B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Approval of “Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators: for the 2022-2023 School Year”
- C. DISCUSSION ITEM: Board Governance Agreement Review

VIII. ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. Governance Calendar
- B. Next Regular meeting date: May 8, 2023– 5:00 p.m.
- C. Next Special meeting date(s):
- D. Requested Future Agenda Items:

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)
- E. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Real Property Negotiations (§54956.8)
- F. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Student Discipline (Education Code 35146)

X. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

A. Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene Open Session

B. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

XI. ADJOURNMENT