

Sierra Unified School District

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, April 3, 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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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.

5:30 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
 - 1. *Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to Litigation (Gov. Code section 54956.9): 1 case*
 - 2. *Superintendent's Request for Annual Evaluation*
- E. Pledge of Allegiance

II. PRESENTATION

- A. Sierra High School Jazz Band

III. RECOGNITIONS

- A. Governing Board
 - 1. Bob Mounier
- B. Sierra Junior/Senior High School
 - 1. Beth Linder Carr

IV. 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.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Reports
 - 1. ASB President – Rachel Beckmann
 - 2. Site Reports
 - a. Foothill Elementary, Alan Harris – Principal
 - b. Sierra Jr. & Sr. High Schools, Sean Osterberg - Principal
 - c. Sandy Bluffs Alternative Education, Ara Keledjian – Director
 - 3. Superintendent Report - Melissa Ireland, Ed.D.
 - 4. Department Reports
 - a. Facilities and Maintenance - Jim Harris, Supervisor
 - b. Transportation / Bus Services – Craig Barnes, Supervisor

- c. Business Services – Janelle Mehling, Assistant Superintendent
 - 1. Monthly Budget Report
- d. Curriculum and Instruction – Sue Mitchell, Director
 - 1. DLA-2 Results
- 5. Program Reports
 - a. Native American Education (Gavin Begaye)
 - b. Response to Intervention (RtI) (Alan Harris)
- 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. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints
- B. Certificated Personnel Items:
 - 1. Requests for Leaves of Absence: NONE
 - 2. Resignations/Retirements: NONE
 - 3. Terminations: NONE
 - 4. Employments: NONE
- C. Classified Personnel Items:
 - 1. Requests for Leaves of Absence: NONE
 - 2. Resignations/Retirements: NONE
 - 3. Terminations: NONE
 - 4. Employments:

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

- a. Replacement; Bus Driver; Kathy Bradford; effective 3/14/2017.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **ACTION ITEM:** Cure and/or Correct pursuant to Government Code section 54960.1 and Reconsideration of Action taken by on January 9, 2017 to Temporarily Modify the Pole Corral Program and Close the Physical Facility.

The Sierra Unified School District is required to follow the Brown Act which regulates many aspects of school district board meetings in open and closed sessions. The Brown Act allows the Board to meet in closed session to discuss significant exposure to and threatened litigation. On January 9, 2017, the Board met to discuss certain circumstances related to Pole Corral Elementary School under an item agendized as “Potential Litigation (Gov. Code 54956.9).” While the Board properly discussed certain issues related to Pole Corral Elementary School under this item, the Board should have conducted its discussion and voted on the temporary modification of the program, including closing the physical facility, in open session with sufficient notice on the agenda to allow for public comment on the matter.

Under this item the Board will reconsider and vote on that action.

- B. **INFORMATION:** Report and Recommendation from 7-11 Committee Regarding Pole Corral Elementary School

A school district advisory committee was appointed by the Board of Trustees in December 2015, pursuant to Education Code Section 17388. The Board requested that the committee reconvene in January 2017. The purpose of the committee was to review such factors as projected school enrollment, critical financial circumstances, facility conditions, educational program quality, costs of unnecessarily keeping underutilized facilities open, feasible options to closing a school, anticipated fiscal relief from school closure and placement of students from the closed facility.

Based on the information shared with the committee in meetings held February 15, 2017 and March 22, 2017, this committee recommends that Pole Corral Elementary School be closed permanently.

- C. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM:** Consideration and Possible Approval of Closure of Pole Corral Elementary School at Conclusion of 2016-17 School Year

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** Approval of the Tentative Agreement for Collective Bargaining Negotiations between Sierra Unified School District (SUSD) and the Sierra Unified Teachers Association (SUTA). (Melissa Ireland)

The Tentative Agreement between SUSD and SUTA was entered into on March 15, 2017 and is contingent upon final approval by the SUSD Governing Board and ratification by Association Members.

- B. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** Approval March 2017 Legal Updates to Board Policies (M. Ireland)

7:00 p.m.

IX. ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. Governance Calendar
 - 1. LCAP Goals
 - 2. Superintendent Evaluation
 - 3. Superintendent Year-End Report on District Goals Outcomes
 - 4. Mental Health Services Program Report
- B. Next Regular meeting date: May 8, 2017
- C. Next Special meeting date(s): Budget and LCAP Public Hearing – TBD
- D. Requested Future Agenda Items

X. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment (Gov. Code § 54957)
- B. Potential Litigation (Government Code 54956.9)
- C. Other Confidential Student Matters (Education Code Section 35146 and 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g)
- D. Superintendent's Request for Annual Evaluation

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