



SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, May 10, 2021

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

ALL TIMES NOTED THROUGHOUT THE AGENDA ARE APPROXIMATE

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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, Tom Mendenhall, Cortney Burke, Jeremiah Gilbert, James Hoak, Ben Kimbler, Lauri King
- C. Adopt Agenda
- D. Pledge of Allegiance

II. RECOGNITIONS

- A. Katie Flinn
- B. Jackie Badoni
- C. FES Special Education
 - 1. Nicole Bassett
 - 2. Shelley Telles
 - 3. Cheryl Kimbler
 - 4. Helena Esajian
 - 5. Tami Wright
- D. FES SEL Support
 - 1. Maria Vega
 - 2. Katrina Ferguson

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 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.

IV. 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
 - b. Business Services - Janelle Bryson, Chief Business Officer
 1. Monthly Budget Report
 - c. Curriculum and Instruction – Tammy Montgomery, Director
 1. LCAP Update
5. Program Reports
 - a. Communications (Andrea Marjala)
 - b. Multi-Tiered Support System (MTSS) (Teresa Page)
6. Sub-Committee Reports – NONE

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
 - a. April 12, 2021
 - b. April 22, 2021
 3. Approval of Donations – NONE
 4. Approval of Contracts – NONE
 5. Approval of CIF Representative to the District
 6. Approval of 2022-2023 Academic Calendar

B. Certificated Personnel Items

1. Resignations/Retirements: NONE

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

- a) Retirement; Teacher; Patricia Nolen; effective 8/4/2021.
2. Terminations: NONE
3. Employments: NONE

C. Classified Personnel Items:

1. Resignations/Retirements: NONE
2. Terminations: NONE
3. Employments:

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

- a) Replacement; Bus Driver/Utility; Steve Hastie; effective 4/26/2021.
- b) New Position; Bus Driver/Utility; Josh Schafer; effective 4/26/2021.
- c) Replacement; Behavior Aide; Josefina Salorsino-Michel; effective 4/27/2021.
- d) Replacement; Behavior Aide; Judah Mayes; effective 4/28/2021.
- e) Replacement; Behavior Aide; Rachel Chinn; effective 5/5/2021.
- f) Replacement; Lead Custodian; Kelly Gillett; effective 5/5/2021.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEM: Sierra Junior/Senior High School Fire Alarm RFP Recommendation

1. Fire Alarm Architecture and Engineering - SIM-PBK's proposed selection

The Board is requested to approve SIM-PBK's Fire Alarm RFP Recommendation for SJHS.

B. ACTION ITEM: RFP – Architectural Services for the Senior Center Solar/Roof/Door Project.

The Sierra Oaks Senior Center has applied for a Community Based Block Grant through Fresno County to install solar panels at the Senior Center. An agreement was approved by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors between Sierra Unified School District and Fresno County to support the Senior Center in the grant. We would be required to oversee the project and provide documentation to Fresno County for contractors to be paid by Fresno County. In the event the project goes over the \$158,220 budget that was approved, we would be required to pay the overage. This is the 2nd attempt to secure architectural services for this project.

The Board is requested to approve the RFP for Architectural Services for the Senior Center Solar/Roof/Door Project.

C. DISCUSSION ITEM: Sierra Elementary and District School Footprint Attendance

Follow up on questions for consideration timeline and consultant from board guidance related to Sierra Elementary consideration of different district attendance footprints from the February 22, 2021 Board Workshop.

D. ACTION ITEM: Corrective Action Plan of Audit Report for 2019-2020 (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 2019-2020 Audit.

The Board is requested to approve the Corrective Action Plan of the Audit Report for 2019-20.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: 2019-2020 Audit Report

It is requested that the Board approve the Audit Report for 2019-2020 as written.

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Extended Learning Opportunities Grant

AB86 created the Extended Learning Opportunities grant to provide supplemental instruction and support to students outside of the regular school day and year. In order to receive these funds, Districts must adopt the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan by June 1, 2021. This plan will explain how Sierra Unified will use the funds it receives from the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant to implement a learning recovery program for all students.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Approval of “Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators: for the 2021-2022 School Year”

After verifying they have met the state approved requirements, the approval of the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators will authorize credentialed staff, including substitute teachers and those on special assignment, to teach in the areas of need.

D. DISCUSSION ITEM: 2021-2022 Budget / Resiliency and Recovery (R&R) (Janelle Bryson)

Scenarios for State and Federal Covid related funds

E. DISCUSSION ITEM: Long Range Master Facility Plan – Final Draft (LRMFP) (Jeff Berrios)

F. DISCUSSION ITEM: Curriculum Adoption Request for Sierra @ Home – Grades 7-12
(1st read)

The Board is asked to review the request to adopt the online Apex Curriculum Program. The program will be used primarily at Sierra @ Home, but is available to students at Sierra Alternative High School and Sierra High School for credit recovery. Students, teachers and parents have reviewed the components of this curriculum and speak to its ease of access, usability and flexibility by all students. Review links can be provided upon request.

G. INFORMATION: California School Employees Association (CSEA) Initial Proposal for Collective Bargaining

VIII. **ADVANCED PLANNING**

- A. Governance Calendar
- B. Next Regular meeting date: June 14, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.
- C. Next Special meeting date(s):
 - 1. CTE Workshop – May 24, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.
 - 2. CSBA Board Training Workshop – Budget/LCAP Adoption – 6/28/21 @ 5:00 p.m.
- D. Requested Future Agenda Items:
- E. Adjourn to Closed Session

IX. **CLOSED SESSION**

- A. Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment (Government Code § 54957)
- B. Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9)
- C. Student Appeal – Grade Acceleration (Government Code 48000)
- D. Employee Bargaining Group Negotiations (Government Code Section 54957.6)
- E. Individual Student Disciplinary Matters (Government Code Section 48918)
- F. Adjourn to Open Session

X. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

- A. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**