



SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, May 8, 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.

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Meeting ID: 829 4907 7197 Passcode: 464443

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. PRESENTATION

- A. Sierra Vocal Ensemble

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. Native American Program, Cecilia Moreno, Native American Program Mentor
Power Point
 5. Department Reports
 - a. Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation – Craig Barnes, Supervisor
 1. CHP Recognitions (Scott Cardoza)
 - a. Kelly Capps (5 years)
 - b. Brent Kehn (15 years)
 - b. Business Services - Janelle Bryson, CBO
 1. Monthly Budget Report
 - c. Education Services – Teresa Page, Director
 - d. Curriculum and Instruction – Tammy Montgomery, Director
 1. Culture & Climate Surveys
 - a. School Connectedness
 - b. CA Healthy Kids
 - c. REI – Elementary (Amundsen, Corn)
 2. Local Dashboard
 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
2. Approval of Warrants
3. Approval of Contracts – NONE
4. Approval of CalFire Lease of SES Property
5. Approval of CIF League Representatives
6. Approval of Certificated Management Sub Rate @ \$325 daily rate
Per Board Policy 4121, the Board shall adopt and make public a salary schedule setting the daily or pay period rate(s) for substitute employees for all categories or classes of certificated employees of the District. Ed. Code 44877, 45030

B. Certificated Personnel Items

1. Resignations/Retirements:
The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:
 - a) Retirement; Teacher; Tim Buletti; effective 8/22/2023.
 - b) Resignation; Teacher; Vanessa Johnson; effective 6/13/2023.
2. Employments:
The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:
 - a) New Position; Teacher; Jami Rodriguez; effective 8/10/2023.
 - b) Replacement; Teacher; Kristina Jauch; effective 8/10/2023.
 - c) Replacement; Teacher; Sidney Norman Bishop; effective 8/10/2023.
 - d) Replacement; Teacher; Denise Salazar; effective 8/10/2023.
 - e) Replacement; Teacher; Stacey Broussard; effective 8/10/2023.
 - f) Replacement; Teacher; Christian Cunningham; effective 8/10/2023.
 - g) New Position; Teacher; Katharyn Hollingshead; effective 8/10/2023.
 - h) New Position; Teacher; Amber Jones; effective 8/10/2023.

C. Classified Personnel Items:

1. Resignations/Retirements:
The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:
 - a) Resignation; Bus Driver/Custodian; Jose Sandoval; effective 4/29/2023.
 - b) Resignation; Noon Time Assistant; Gayle Lusk; effective 5/3/2023.
 - c) Resignation; Instructional Aide I; Adrienne Lusse; effective 6/10/2023.
2. Employments:

The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:
 - a) Replacement; Instructional Aide II; Gayle Lusk; effective 5/3/2023.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION ITEM: Current Long Range Plan (LRP) Projects
- B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Revision to Board Governance Agreement

The Governance Agreement has been updated to include agreements made among the new team in recent training. The document was also streamlined to focus on major themes, removing some of the detailed descriptions. The intent was to make the document more user friendly.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) 2022-2023 Urban Community Forestry Green Schoolyards Grant.

We are applying for California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) 2022-23 Urban and Community Forestry Green Schoolyards grant. This grant, if approved, would provide outdoor classroom space at Foothill Elementary and Sierra Junior/Senior High. The grant amount for each school is \$2.5 million, and we are applying for a waiver of the required match of \$625,000 per site.

It is requested that the Board approve the attached Resolution #15-22/23 indicating their support of this application.

- B. DISCUSSION ITEM: CTE Advanced Media Arts Course Approval

New Course Proposal: the Board is asked to consider the addition of Advanced Media Arts, a Capstone CTE course that will offer students an opportunity to continue to learn design principles and the creative role of visual communication through video, audio, print and web-based platforms, and the ability to complete a CTE pathway in Media Arts. This is a first request to review the materials.

VIII. ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. Governance Calendar
- B. Next Regular meeting date: June 12, 2023– 5:00 p.m.
- C. Next Special meeting date(s): June 28, 2023
 - 1. Final Budget / LCAP Approval
 - 2. Superintendent Evaluation (Closed Session)
- D. Requested Future Agenda Items:

IX. CLOSED SESSION

- A. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment (Government Code § 54957)
 - 1. Superintendent Evaluation
- 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