Sierra Unified School District
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

BUDGET / LCAP PUBLIC HEARING
and
REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, June 12, 2017
5:00 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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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
   2. Superintendent Evaluation Report

E. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ADJOURN TO PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Convene Public Hearing on the Matter of the Proposed Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)
   1. Open Public Hearing for Input.
   2. Adjourn Public Hearing on matter of the LCAP

B. Convene Public Hearing on the Matter the 2017-2018 Budget - PowerPoint Presentation
   1. Open Public Hearing for Input.
   2. Balances in Excess of Minimum Reserve Requirements as required by Ed. Code 42127(a)(2)(B) – School districts must discuss and review at the public budget hearing annually the reasons for ending reserve balances in excess of the minimum required reserve.
   3. Adjourn Public Hearing on matter of the 2017-2018 Budget

III. RECONVENE SIERRA UNIFIED REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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. 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

2. Superintendent Report - Melissa Ireland, Ed.D.

a. Grant Writer

3. Department Reports

a. Transportation / Bus Services – Craig Barnes, Supervisor

b. Business Services – Janelle Mehling, Assistant Superintendent

   1. Monthly Budget Report

   2. Developer Fees

   c. Curriculum and Instruction – Sue Mitchell, Director

4. Program Reports

a. NONE

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

   a. May 8, 2017 Regular

   b. May 22, 2017 Special

   3. Affirmation of the Title VIII-Public Law 103-382 Impact Aid Program – Indian Policies and Procedures (IPP’s)

   4. Approval of 2017-2018 Designation of CIF Representatives to League

   5. Approval of the Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Programs 2017-2018. The Consolidated Application is used by the California Department of Education to distribute categorical funds from various State and Federal programs to County offices, school districts, and charter schools throughout California.
6. Revised April Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints

7. Approval of the proposed 2016-2017 Ag Incentive Grant in the amount of $25,472.00

B. Certificated Personnel Items

1. Requests for Leaves of Absence: NONE

2. Resignations/Retirements:

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

   a) Retirement; Teacher; Todd Sullivan; effective 6/10/2017.
   b) Retirement; Teacher; Tery Messer; effective 6/10/2017.
   c) Resignation; Teacher; Anthony Patino; effective 6/10/2017.

3. Terminations: NONE

4. Employments:

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

   a) Replacement; School Psychologist; Laura Heeger; effective 8/1/2017.

C. Classified Personnel Items

1. Requests for Leaves of Absence:

2. Resignations/Retirements:

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

   a) Retirement; Custodian; Geraldine Coffman; effective 5/31/2017.
   b) Resignation; Behavior Aide; Rachel Wood; effective 6/9/2017.

3. Terminations: NONE

4. Employments:

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

   a) Replacement; Bus Driver; Barry Burke; effective 5/1/2017.
   b) Replacement; Custodian; Joshua Biggs; effective 6/1/2017.
   c) Replacement; Bus Driver/Utility; Kelly Capps; effective 6/12/2017.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEM: Proposal to Board – Ponderosa Day Care (Janelle Mehling)

   The Board is recommended to approve the Ponderosa Day Care Proposal to the Board.
VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEM: Education Protection Account (EPA) Entitlement Spending Plan 2016-2017 Resolution No. 16-16/17 (Janelle Mehling)

Added to the California State Budget in 2012-13 was a requirement that each LEA create an EPA set aside account. A total of 20% of the apportionment is to be maintained in the account. Pursuant to Article XIII, Section 36 of the California Constitution, LEA’s are required to determine how the moneys received from the EPA are spent, in an open session of a public meeting. The language requires that funds shall not be used for the salaries and benefits of administrators or any other administrative costs. The total for 2016-2017 is $1,099,407 which will be spent on teachers’ salaries.

It is recommended that the Governing Board approve Resolution No. 16-16/17.

B. DISCUSSION ITEM: Math Adoption – Grades K-6

The math adoption process for grades K-6 has concluded. Grades 7-12 had previously adopted and are implementing College Preparatory Mathematics (CPM). The process included a review of the following programs by the elementary staff: enVisionmath2.0 by Pearson; My Math by McGraw-Hill; CA Go Math by Houghton Mifflin; and Eureka by Great Minds. Teachers had sample materials and digital access to the various programs. Using our early release professional development days, each program was featured at one session. Staff collectively reviewed print/digital materials, offered input, and used an evaluation rubric to score each program. At the conclusion of the review of the four programs, staff met a final time to discuss/chart the strengths and weaknesses of each program being reviewed. Staff then completed a final evaluation of each program using the rubric. The results of the evaluation were compiled resulting in the recommendation from staff to the Board to proceed with the adoption of CA Go Math by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for the 2017-2018 school year.

C. DISCUSSION ITEM: CSBA Legal Updates to Board Policies – May, 2017 (Melissa Ireland)

D. DISCUSSION ITEM: CTE Plan (Sean Osterberg)

Plan for Career Technical Education (CTE) developed by High School Principal.

7:00 p.m.

IX. ADVANCED PLANNING

A. Governance Calendar

B. Next Regular meeting date: July 10, 2017

C. Next Special meeting date(s):

1. Budget and LCAP Public Adoption – June 27, 2017 @ 5:00 pm
D. Requested Future Agenda Items:

1. Suicide Prevention / Board Policy – August 14, 2017
2. Community Park
3. Life Skills – Freshman Requirement Proposal

X. CLOSED SESSION

A. Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment (Gov. Code § 54957)
   1. Superintendent Evaluation Report

B. Student Appeals – Grade Acceleration (Education Code 48000)

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