



SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, June 12, 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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Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82013660126?pwd=aEFYMUZLb2d2ZHMzREFoSk9wTjdIQT09>
Meeting ID: 820 1366 0126 Passcode: 670060

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. RECOGNITIONS:

- A. Retirees
 - 1. Tim Buletti
 - 2. Margie Davis
 - 3. Teresa Page
 - 4. Michelle Whaley

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 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.

IV. ADJOURN TO PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Convene Public Hearing on the Matter of the Proposed Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) (Tammy Montgomery)

The Annual Update for LCAP 2022-2023 is presented in draft form for public comment. These goals and actions have been reviewed with stakeholders throughout the community to the best of our abilities. The document has been reviewed by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools' office with suggestions for minor changes that will be addressed prior to final submission in June. Public comment will be received in writing between June 9 -June 19, 2023, to Superintendent Jordan Reeves, regarding the goals, actions, and expenditures reported in these documents. Mr.Reeves will respond to written comments as received.

1. PowerPoint Presentation
2. LCAP Review
 - a. Annual Update 2022-2023 Draft
 - b. Inforgraphic
 - c. Local Indicators

- B. Open Public Hearing for Input.

- C. Adjourn Public Hearing on matter of the LCAP

- D. Convene Public Hearing on the Matter the 2023-2024 Budget - PowerPoint Presentation (Janelle Bryson)

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.

- E. Adjourn Public Hearing on matter of the 2023-2024 Budget

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

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Reports

1. Site Reports

- a. Sierra Junior/Senior High Schools, Gina Riley – Assistant Principal
- b. Foothill Elementary School, Danielle Amundsen – Principal
- c. Alternative and Extended Education, Anthony Abrams – Coordinator

2. Superintendent Report

- a. Year End Report

3. Program Reports

- a. Athletics – Jon Hendrix, Athletic Director

4. 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

5. Sub-Committee Reports

- a. Native American Education Committee (NAEC)

B. Board Reflections

VII. 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 Contracts – NONE
3. Approval of CSBA Recommended Board Policy Revisions
4. Approval of 2024 – 2025 Academic School Calendar
5. Approval of the Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Programs 2022-2023 – Part Two. 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. Approval of Ag Incentive Grant

B. Certificated Personnel Items:

1. Resignations/Retirements:
The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:
 - a) Resignation; Teacher; Wade Brocks; effective 6/13/2023.
2. Employments:
The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:
 - a) Modification; Speech Therapist; Helena Esajian; effective 8/10/2023.
 - b) Replacement; Teacher; Taylor Watson; effective 8/10/2023.
 - c) New Position; Teacher; Phillip Brundage; effective 8/10/2023.
 - d) Replacement; Teacher; Ryan Pierson; effective 8/10/2023.
 - e) New Position; Teacher; Cortney Walker; effective 8/10/2023.

C. Classified Personnel Items:

1. Resignations/Retirements:
The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:
 - a) Resignation; Instructional Aide II; Gayle Lusk; effective 5/16/2023.
 - b) Resignation; LVN; Tammy Mazariego; effective 6/1/2023.
 - c) Retirement; Library Tech; Michelle Whaley; effective 6/10/2023.
 - d) Resignation; Food Server; Vicky Burke; effective 6/10/2023.
 - e) Retirement; Bus Driver; Barry Burke; effective 1/1/2024.
2. Employments:
The Governing Board is requested to ratify/approve the following:
 - a) Replacement; Behavior Aide; Gayle Lusk; effective 5/16/2023.
 - b) Replacement; Noon Time Assistant; Patricia Miskell; effective 5/16/2023.
 - c) Replacement; Bus Driver/Custodian; Randi Terrio; effective 6/12/2023.
 - d) Modification; Before & After School Program Director; Jane Jackson; effective 8/15/2023.
 - e) Replacement; School Secretary; Kari Collins; effective 8/1/2023.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Approval of Cal Fire Lease of SES Property
- B. DISCUSSION ITEM: Facilities (LRP)

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION/ACTION 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.

The Board is requested to approve CTE Advanced Media Arts Course.

- B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Resolution #16-22/23 Letter of Delegation

This item clarifies the authority the Board delegates to the Administration to conduct the District's business between regular meetings. The Board has committed to reviewing this authorization annually. No changes are proposed this year.

The Board is requested to approve Resolution #17-22/23 Letter of Delegation.

- C. DISCUSSION ITEM: Education Protection Account (EPA) Entitlement Spending Plan 2022-2023 Resolution No. 17-22/23 (Janelle Bryson)

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 2021-2022 is \$235,040 which will be spent on teachers' salaries.

X. ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. Governance Calendar
- B. Next Regular meeting date: July 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:

XI. 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)

XII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

- A. Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene Open Session
- B. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

XIII. ADJOURNMENT