



# SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, September 13, 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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PLEASE NOTE: Starting with our regular meeting in April, in-person attendance will be open to the public, with limited capacity. 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 [rhudson@sierrausd.org](mailto:rhudson@sierrausd.org) or the Board President [cschlaefer@sierrausd.org](mailto:cschlaefer@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.

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Call Public Session to Order
- B. Roll Call – Connie Schlaefter, Cortney Burke, Lauri King, Janet Bill, Jeremiah Gilbert, James Hoak, Ben Kimbler
- C. Adopt Agenda
- D. Pledge of Allegiance

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 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](http://www.sierrausd.org) for public review.*

III. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Reports
  - 1. ASB President – Emma Jensen
  - 2. Superintendent Report – Ron Hudson
  - 3. Site Reports
    - a. Sierra Junior/Senior High Schools, Sean Osterberg – Principal
    - b. Foothill Elementary School, Danielle Amundsen – Principal
    - c. Alternative and Extended Education, Heather Wheeler, Ed.D. – Director
  - 4. Department Reports
    - a. Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation – Craig Barnes, Supervisor
    - b. Business Services - Janelle Bryson, Assistant Superintendent
      - 1. Budget Report
      - 2. First Month Enrollment

- c. Education Services – Teresa Page, Director
- d. Curriculum and Instruction – Tammy Montgomery, Director

- 1. LCAP

- 5. Program Reports – NONE
- 6. Sub-Committee Reports – NONE

- B. Board Reflections

#### IV. 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. August 2, 2021
  - b. August 9, 2021
- 3. Approval of Donations – NONE
- 4. Approval of Contracts – NONE
- 5. Approval of a Variable Term Waiver Request to Employee Substitute Teachers on a 30-Day Substitute CBEST Waiver for the 2021-22 School Year.
- 6. Approval of 2021-2022 Field Trips
- 7. Approval of ASB Clubs

- B. Certificated Personnel Items

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

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

- a) Temporary Position; Teacher on Special Assignment; Jody Hooker-Silva; effective 8/10/2021.
- b) Replacement; Teacher; Wade Brocks; effective 8/12/2021.
- c) Replacement; Teacher; Michael Lundy; effective 8/12/2021.
- d) Replacement; Teacher; Jacquelyn Stoll; effective 8/12/2021.
- e) Temporary Position; Teacher on Special Assignment; Michael Powers; effective 9/2/2021.

C. Classified Personnel Items

1. Resignations/Retirements:

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

- a) Resignation; Before & After School Care Program Director; Jessica Shubin; effective 9/2/2021.

2. Terminations: NONE

3. Employments:

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

- a) Modification; Instructional Aide II; Gail Beckmann; effective 8/17/2021.
- b) Replacement; Custodian; Glen Burns; effective 8/17/2021.
- c) Replacement; Noon Time Assistant; Gloria Gillett; effective 8/17/2021.
- d) Modification; Behavior Aide; Josefina Michel; effective 8/17/2021.
- e) Replacement; Noon Time Assistant; Tenisha Ramirez; effective 8/17/2021.
- f) Modification; Instructional Aide II; Nancy Santillan; effective 8/23/2021.

V. ADJOURN TO PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Convene Public Hearing pertaining to the matter of determining sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials in accordance with the Williams Act. (Janelle Bryson)

1. Open Public Hearing for Input.
2. Adjourn Public Hearing pertaining to the Williams Act.

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

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEM: Interim Superintendent Contract – Ron Hudson (Schlaefer)

The Board is requested to approve the Interim Superintendent Contract for Ron Hudson.

B. ACTION ITEM: Project Development Agreement (Bryson & Barnes)

Johnson Controls has proposed a Project Development Agreement to develop a Turn-key Design-Build Energy Performance project with the District. The attached draft agreement provides the basis of the scope of the PDA, the obligations of both parties and the intended outcomes and timelines.

The Board is requested to approve the Project Development Agreement.

C. ACTION ITEM: Additions to the Sierra HS Foundational Literature List (Montgomery)

The Board was asked to consider the approval of 2 additions to the Sierra High School Foundational Literature list. *The Absolutely True Story of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie is requested for use in Grade 9 and *There There* by Tommy Orange is requested for Grade 11. The public was welcome to make requests to review the novels between June 14 and July 12, 2021 by contacting the District Office.

The Board is requested to approve the 2 additions to the Foundational Literature List.

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: RFQ 02-21 (Barnes)

Request for an extension for architectural and engineering services for the Sierra Oaks Senior & Community Center Roofing replacement - Photovoltaic System – ADA Door Installation, CDBG Project No.18011.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. INFORMATION: District Opener for Sierra Unified Teacher’s Association (SUTA) Collective Bargaining (Ron Hudson)

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Resolution #07-21/22 - Williams Act (Janelle Bryson)

Pertaining to the matter of determining sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials in accordance with the Williams Act.

The Board is requested to consider and approve the Resolution as written.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Resolution # 06/21-22: District Appropriation Limits / Gann Limit – (Janelle Bryson)

The Gann Amendment of 1979 established maximum appropriation limitations for school districts. Each year, the district must establish a Gann limit for the previous fiscal year and a projected Gann limit for the current year.

The Board is requested to consider and approve the Resolution as written.

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: The 2020-2021 District Unaudited Actual Financial Statements and the 2021-2022 Revised District Budget will be presented and reviewed for your approval. Included will be summary and detail information for all District funds. (Bryson)

It is recommended that the reports be reviewed, certified, and approved by the Board of Trustees. Following approval the reports will be filed with Fresno County Office of Education.

E. DISCUSSION ITEM: RFQ 01-21 (Barnes)

Request to approve one (1) or more firms in the interest of streamlining the procurement process for architectural and engineering services in connection with various projects identified in the District LRFMP, including renovation, modernization, and new construction projects throughout the District. All qualified firms will be included in the District's prequalified list of firms to be used in future solicitations of specific projects for a period of five (5) years.

F. DISCUSSION ITEM: Board Governance Agreement Review (Schlaefer)

G. INFORMATION: Update – COVID (Page/Bryson)

1. Resources

2. Testing

H. DISCUSSION ITEM: Sub-Committees Direction (Schlaefer)

I. INFORMATION: Update on the Status of FES / SJSHS Wells (Barnes)

IX. ADVANCED PLANNING

A. Governance Calendar

B. Next Regular meeting date: Monday, October 11, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

C. Next Special meeting date(s)

1. Monday, September 27, 2021–State & Local Measures Report/Dashboard @ 5:00 p.m.

2. Thursday, October 21, 2021 – Superintendent Application Review @ 5:00 p.m.

3. Friday, October 29, 2021 – Superintendent Interviews – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

D. Requested Future Agenda Items:

X. CLOSED SESSION

A. Identify Closed Session Topics

1. *Personnel*
2. *Potential Litigation*
3. *Negotiations*

B. Adjourn to Closed Session

1. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment (Government Code § 54957)
2. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9)
3. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Employee Bargaining Group Negotiations (Gov. Code § 54957.6)

XI. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

A. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

XII. ADJOURNMENT