



SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, September 9, 2019

5:30 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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME AT ALL OF OUR MEETINGS.
YOUR PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED AND APPRECIATED.**

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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 –Chrissy Falk, Tom Mendenhall, Ron Eldridge, Jason Schroer, Wes Qualls, Connie Schlaefel, Don Fowler
- C. Adopt Agenda
- D. Identify Closed Session Topics
 - 1. Personnel
 - 2. Potential Litigation
- E. Pledge of Allegiance

II. RECOGNITIONS

- A. Fern Priscilla Cetin

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, 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.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Reports

1. ASB President – Sarah Page
2. Site Reports
 - a. Alternative & Extended Education, Ara Keledjian – Director
 - b. Sierra Junior/Senior High Schools, Sean Osterberg – Principal
 - c. Foothill Elementary School, Heather Wheeler, Ed.D. – Principal
3. Superintendent Report - Alan Harris, Ph.D.
4. Department Reports
 - a. Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation – Craig Barnes, Supervisor
 - b. Business Services - Janelle Bryson, Assistant Superintendent
 1. [Monthly Budget Report](#)
 2. [First Month Enrollment](#)
 3. [Property Liability Claims / Workers Compensation Claims](#)
 - c. Education Services – Teresa Page, Director
 - d. Curriculum and Instruction – Tammy Montgomery, Director

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

B. Board Reflections

6:15 p.m.

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 - [August 19, 2019](#)
3. Approval of [Donations 2018-2019](#)
4. Approval of Contracts – NONE
5. Approval of [2019-2020 Field Trips](#)
6. Approval of a Variable Term Waiver Request to Employee Substitute Teachers on a 30-Day Substitute CBEST Waiver for the 2019-20 School Year.
7. Approval of [2020-2021 Academic Calendar](#)

B. Certificated Personnel Items

1. Resignations/Retirements:
2. Terminations:
3. Employments:

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

- a) Replacement; Teacher; Andrea Marjala; effective 8/9/2019.
- b) New Position; Teacher; Andrea Marjala; effective 8/20/2019.

C. Classified Personnel Items

1. Resignations/Retirements:

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

- a) Resignation; Sherryl Pool; effective 8/23/2019.

2. Terminations
3. Employments:

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

- a) Replacement; Instructional Aide I; Cindy Hughes; effective 8/14/2019.
- b) New Position; Clerk Typist; Rebecca Goodman; effective 8/14/2019.
- c) Replacement; Behavior Aide; Aimee Clark; effective 8/20/2019.
- d) New Position; Noon Time Assistant; Brandon McFarland; effective 8/22/2019.
- e) New Position; Day Care Aide; Alicia Travis; effective 8/22/2019.
- f) Replacement; Clerk Typist; Kristen LaMarsna; effective 8/29/2019.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEM: [Attendance Material Decrease](#) (Janelle Bryson)

California Department of Education allows Districts to request an allowance for attendance due to emergency conditions when attendance on any particular day is less than 90% of average attendance. On February 5, 2019, our attendance was less than 85% districtwide due to a snow day.

The attached form is filed with the California Department of Education when applying for an allowance. We compare an average day in both October and April and replace the snow day with the higher of those average days.

The Board of Sierra Unified School District must approve the request in order for the allowance to be granted. It is recommended that the Board approve the request to replace February 5th, 2019 with an average day in the month of October.

B. INFORMATION: Formal Review for [2019-2020 Local Control Accountability Plan](#) (LCAP) (Janelle Bryson)

VII. 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.

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

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. INFORMATION: [District Opener for Sierra Unified Teacher's Association](#) (SUTA) Collective Bargaining

B. INFORMATION: [District Opener for California School Employees Association](#) (CSEA) Collective Bargaining

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [Resolution #05-19/20 - 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.

- D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [Resolution #06–19/20](#): 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.

- E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: The [2018-2019 District Unaudited Actual Financial Statements and the 2019-2020 Revised District Budget](#) will be presented and reviewed for your approval. Included will be summary and detail information for all District funds. (Janelle 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.

- F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [Foundational Reading Materials Addition/Edit](#) (Tammy Montgomery)

Addition: [The Diary of Anne Frank: A Play](#), by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, to the 8th grade reading list. The novel aligns with our Study Sync Novel Study, Unit 2: In Time of War. Copies are available at the District Office for public review.

- G. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Emergency Contract without Bidding – [Resolution #07-19/20](#)

The Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act was adopted in 1983 to promote uniformity of the cost accounting standards and bidding procedures on construction work performed or contracted by public entities in the state.

For the purposes of the Public Contract Code, “emergency” is defined at Section 1102 as “a sudden, unexpected occurrence that poses a clear and imminent danger, requiring immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services.” The Act sets forth in Section 22035(a) how a governing body would proceed in the case of emergency repairs or replacements. This section states, “In cases of emergency when repair or replacements are necessary, the governing body may proceed at once to replace or repair any public facility without adopting plans, specifications, strain sheets, or working details, or giving notice for bids to let contracts. The work may be done by day labor under the direction of the governing body, by contractor, or by a combination of the two.”

The Board must adopt a resolution within 7 days of entrance into an emergency contract, or at its next regularly scheduled meeting which shall be no more than 14 days after the action was taken.

7:00 p.m.

X. ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. [Governance Calendar](#)
- B. Next Regular meeting date: October 14, 2019
- C. Next Special meeting date(s): September 23, 2019 – Budget Workshop
- D. Requested Future Agenda Items:

XI. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment (Government Code § 54957)
- B. Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9)

XII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT