



SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, September 9, 2024, Regular Session – 5:00 p.m.
Closed Session Immediately Following
Reconvene in Public Session at 5:30 P.M. 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.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85910478163?pwd=AsNrbGSrgBNSVUKAJZSWRrNGyTF26N.1>

Meeting ID: 859 1047 8163 Passcode: 908639

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. The public will be able to provide live comments in a virtual format. Please see Instructions for Leaving Public Comment for directions to pre-register to make a live stream comment. Comments must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. Your comments will be considered at the appropriate time on the agenda. Questions or comments arising during the meeting may always be shared with the Superintendent at lgrace@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. 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)

III. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

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

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. 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.

In person comments:

Please submit a comment card prior to 5:00 P.M. and hand it to the Superintendent's assistant. For items appearing on the agenda, the public may comment during this period, or when the item is called for consideration by the Board. Public comment will be limited to 3 minutes per person, 20 minutes per topic. Speakers may not pass their time to another person.

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. [Start of School Presentation](#) Danielle Amundson, Calisha , Kelly Capps, Anthony Abrams, Orlando Bellomo, Matthew Toews and Student ASB Officer: A presentation regarding the highlights of the start of school will be jointly presented by all site and department leaders.
2. Superintendents Report
[Evaluation / Format A](#)
[Evaluation / Format B](#)

B. BUSINESS SERVICES – Janelle Bryson, CBO

1. [Budget Report](#)
2. First Month Enrollment
3. [Property Liability / Workers Compensation](#)
4. [Carryovers from 2023-24 to 2024-25](#)

C. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – BOND Committee, Dawn Purdy

D. BOARD REFLECTIONS

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA:

- A. Routine Business transactions, annual renewal of programs, bids, agreements, notices of public hearings, and proclamations:
1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. [August 12th Regular Meeting](#)
 2. Approval of [Warrants](#):

3. Approval of Contracts: NONE
 4. Approval of a Variable Term Waiver Request to Employee Substitute Teachers on a 30-Day Substitute CBEST Waiver for the 2024-25 School Year.
 5. Approval of [2024-2025 Overnight Field Trips](#).
- B. [PERSONNEL ITEMS](#): The Governing Board is requested to ratify and approve the attached personnel items.

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. (*Danielle Amundsen*)
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. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. DISCUSSION: LCAP Adjustments: Information Item (*Janelle Bryson and Danielle Amundsen*) Staff will provide the board with information on the [adjustments recommended by the Fresno County Office of Education to the LCAP](#) approved by the Board.
- B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [Attendance Policy](#). The Superintendent recommends approval of the Sierra High Policy.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [Resolution #10-24/25 - Williams Act](#) (*Danielle Amundsen*) 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.

- B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [Resolution # 11/24-25](#): District Appropriation Limits / Gann Limit Calculation

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.

- C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: The [2023-2024 District Unaudited Actual Financial Statements and the 2024-2025 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.

- D. ACTION ITEM: Board Self-Evaluation

Per Board Bylaw 9400, the Board performed an annual self-evaluation in August, 2024 through CSBA.

The Board will review, discuss, and approve the [CSBA self-evaluation results](#).

XI. ADVANCED PLANNING:

- A. [Governance Calendar](#)
- B. Next Regular meeting date: October 14, 2024, 5:00pm
- C. Next Special meeting date(s): October 28, 2024, 5:00 p.m. – Academics
- D. Requested Future Agenda Items: Facilities Workshop

XII. RECONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION (*If Needed*):

XIII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION (*If Needed*):

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: