



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. CALL PUBLIC SESSION TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mr. Ron Eldridge, Board President.

B. ROLL CALL: Board Members: Ron Eldridge, President; Chrissy Falk, Vice President; Tom Mendenhall, Clerk; Norm Saude; Bert Weldon; Don Fowler (L-5:42), and Connie Schlaefer

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Motion to adopt agenda: Falk: Second: Mendenhall: 6/0

D. IDENTIFY CLOSED SESSION TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

1. *Personnel*
2. *Student Appeals*
3. *Employee Bargaining Negotiations*

E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Bert Weldon led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

II. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Reports

1. ASB President – Rachel Beckmann
Miss Beckmann reported on recent high school and ASB activities, mainly focused on getting ready for this year's Disney themed Homecoming, with dress up days throughout the week, and the Homecoming rally.
2. Site Reports
 - a. Sierra Junior/Senior High Schools, Sean Osterberg – Principal
Mr. Osterberg spoke about the progress with Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). There have been rewards for perfect attendance, drawing names and giving out prizes. We are at a 95% average for attendance. Having opened up a Junior High Activity Fun Room, students look forward to being able go there based on good behavior. There have also been drawings at lunchtime for the high school students. Fair time is here and FFA is ready to go. It's an exciting time. Football next year, will not be in the North Sequoia League and will be going independent, playing teams in Divisions 5 and 6. All games are scheduled except one. We will be matched up very well with the CSL with teams such as Caruthers, Riverdale, Fowler, Parlier, etc. which are similar size schools as Sierra. The NSL has teams that twice or more our size. There have been so many injuries, barely fielding a team with most players playing both ways. This year, the JV team had to be disbanded because there were not enough players. Homecoming will be a bit different because of this. Floats will start at 6:15 pm. Game starts at 7:00 pm.

- b. Foothill Elementary School, Alan Harris – Principal
Dr. Harris shared that Tami Wright, along with Sam Turner, invigorated our community garden. Eventually it will be dedicated to Bill Gardenhire, and will be a place where we can honor past staff members or students who have passed. 13 employees from P.G.& E. came on a Friday evening along with students and teachers, and did some concrete work, and built 8 different planter boxes. We're really looking forward to the garden going forward. The P.G.& E. employees also donated \$500 to the garden. It's a work in progress and was really inspired by 5th grader Kennedy Turner last year, who wrote a note and visited asking if she could start working in the garden again. The planter boxes will be accessible to students with disabilities. Foss science kits, providing hands on learning, have been purchased for grades Kindergarten – 2nd through a FOAL grant.
 - c. Sandy Bluffs Alternative Education, Ara Keledjian – Director
Mr. Keledjian reported that Sandy Bluffs has 16 students, and Independent Study has 26. Parent conferences are under way with the goal of every parent/guardian being seen or spoken to. Jon Stoll is now part of the Alt. Ed. team, teaching Health, PE, and Math. One of the units he is teaching in Health is "Positive Relationships". At the same time, one of Mr. Stelling's units in ERWC is "Building your Future". These two will complement the other. The Adult School Counselor through the Consortium, is a transition specialist and is meeting monthly with all of the adult school students. He will also be traveling to Big Sandy and Cold Springs Rancherias to meet with the adult students there. October 23rd is the next Native American Parent meeting. Warning letters have been sent out to parents of students addressing chronic absenteeism. October 16th will be the first SARB hearings.
3. Superintendent Report - Melissa Ireland, Ed.D.
- a. [Local Indicators](#) .
Dr. Ireland reviewed the Local Accountability Performance Indicators which address LCFF priority areas for which data is not collected at the state level. See link above for details. She gave a [status report on the Tech Plan roll out](#).
4. Department Reports
- a. Facilities and Maintenance - Jim Harris, Supervisor
No Report
 - b. Transportation – Craig Barnes, Supervisor
No Report
 - c. Business Services - Janelle Mehling, Assistant Superintendent
1. [Monthly Budget Report](#)
Mrs. Mehling reviewed Sierra Unified's [Attendance and Enrollment](#) for August 22 through October 4, 2017, as well as the monthly budget report
 - d. Curriculum and Instruction – Sue Mitchell, Director
Mrs. Mitchell caught the Board up on the Math adoption at Foothill. We are continuing to build the math maps as we go through the year, a chapter or module at a time. These are turned in so the process can be reviewed on an ongoing basis. This week and next we're in the process of finishing up and inputting our district learning assessments into Illuminate. It was decided to move to a more formative assessment than last year, although it is still summative for a 12-week period. Students will take DLA and math benchmarks every 12 weeks, based on the standards that they've actually covered in that time period. At the secondary level, science and social studies are also looking at taking benchmarks as well. The state is in the process of reviewing the Social Science programs for their final recommendation. Those should hopefully be out by the end of the year. Then the adoption process will move forward at that time. At this point there is not a projected test for social studies. Last year we had the pilot test for Science and this year we had the field test. Next year will be the first operational year for that test, even though curriculum adoption will also be that year. This year we look at social studies materials but will also be looking at bridging some of the gaps for science.

- 5. Program Reports
 - a. NONE
- 6. Sub-Committee Reports
 - a. The first Facility Renovation Sub-Committee meeting will be Wednesday, October 18th at 6:00 pm.

B. Board Reflections

Connie Schlaefer had a chance to do a couple of site visits, Alt Ed and the Junior/Senior High School. She also got a chance to put on her Friends of the Auberry Library hat, being one of the guests to see the FOSS Science kits, with the students and teacher in action. She also observed that Mr. Osterberg will be taking students down to the Career Tech Expo, and is so happy to see that.

Chrissy Falk gave a shout out to the Sierra Foundation for putting on such a great PoloFest. Andrea Marjala worked very hard. It may have been the best PoloFest we've ever had. They did a phenomenal job.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA

Motion to approve Consent Calendar Agenda: Saude: Second: Weldon: 7/0

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEM: [Resolution of Delegation #07-17/18](#)

The Governing Board will decide whether to enter into a Resolution of Delegation the option, which delegates authority to the Superintendent for certain duties normally granted to the Board by law, as long as the Board retains ultimate responsibility for the performance of delegated duties.

Motion to approve Resolution of Delegation #07-17/18: Saude: Second: Fowler: 7/0

Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.
Ron Eldridge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Chrissy Falk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Tom Mendenhall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Norm Saude	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Bert Weldon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Don Fowler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Connie Schlaefer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: The Board is requested to approve [Resolutions 06-17/18 \(a\) through \(c\)](#) in a matter authorizing a licensed teacher to teach a single subject or a multiple subject class not within the teacher's credential. Ed. Code 44263 Approval of the resolutions will authorize a licensed teacher to teach a single subject or a multiple subject class not within the teacher's credential. As required by the State, these teachers have completed the minimum required units, in the subject area of the class being taught, as directed in Ed. Code 44263

This item will be brought back for Action at the November 13, 2017 Board meeting.

B. DISCUSSION ITEM: [Title VIII – Indian Policies and Procedures \(IPP\)](#)

Legislative changes in Code of Federal Regulations 222.91 require that we change our Indian Policies and Procedures to ensure that tribal officials and parents of children residing on Indian land have the opportunity to have input into the creation of the IPP.

- C. **INFORMATION: California School Employees Association [\(CSEA\) Initial Proposal for Collective Bargaining](#)**
- D. **DISCUSSION ITEM: Student Tracker**
The Board discussed whether or not to continue the contract with Student Tracker based on its alignment with District LCAP Goals. It was decided that the contract would not be continued and could be re-considered at a later date.

VII. ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. [Governance Calendar](#)
- B. Next Regular meeting date: November 13, 2017
- C. Next Special meeting date(s): November 15, 2017 – 4:00 pm
- D. Requested Future Agenda Items: Sex Education Supplemental Curriculum Information

VIII. CLOSED SESSION The Board of Trustees went into Closed Session at 7:57 p.m.

- A. Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment (Gov. Code § 54957)
- B. Student Appeals – Grade Acceleration (Education Code 48000)
- C. Employee Bargaining Group Negotiations (Government Code Section 54957.6)
 - 1. California School Employees Association (CSEA)

IX. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION The Board reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

- A. Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene Open Session
- B. Report Action Taken in Closed Session
During closed session the Board took the following action on agenda item VIII.B: The recommendation for student grade acceleration was unanimously approved.

X. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Ron Eldridge, President

Melissa Ireland, Ed.D, Superintendent

Tom Mendenhall, Clerk