

# SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, July 10, 2017

5:30 pm

Virginia B. Causey Educational Center  
29143 Auberry Road, Prather, CA 93651  
Board Room

## I. OPENING BUSINESS

### A. CALL PUBLIC SESSION TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mrs. Chrissy Falk, Board Vice President.

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

**C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Motion to adopt agenda pulling Item # IV.A.4 for separate roll call vote to be heard as Item # VI.C: Mendenhall: Second: Fowler: 4/0

### D. IDENTIFY CLOSED SESSION TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

1. *Personnel*
2. *Liability Claims*

**E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Tom Mendenhall led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

## II. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

## III. COMMUNICATIONS

### A. Reports

1. Site Reports

a. NONE

2. Superintendent Report - Melissa Ireland, Ed.D.

a. Auberry Elementary School (AES)

Dr. Ireland reported that there has been communication with the California Conservation Corp. regarding the sale of Auberry Elementary School. At this time there is nothing new to report on the progress. We will be checking in again very soon, and will provide another update at the August meeting.

3. Department Reports

a. Facilities and Maintenance - Jim Harris, Supervisor

Mr. Harris spoke about how summer is moving right along with much progress taking place. About 50% of the outside of the high school has been painted, and 50% of the inside of FES painted as well. One new portable is already in place for TK.

- b. Business Services - Janelle Mehling, Assistant Superintendent  
Mrs. Mehling shared that she received information from CSBA today about Assembly Bill 1164, coming to the Senate Assembly Committee on July 12<sup>th</sup>. That would take two existing bills that have to do with the Reserve Cap and limit the state's ability to continue with this law. It would consolidate the good things, as they see it, from both bills. The best part about this version is that it would fully exempt all small and basic needs school districts from the Reserve Cap. It is now at the Education Committee level. She also shared that she talked to Scott O'Dell, the developer fee planner, who said that they would be willing to do some very preliminary things that he can look at, which could tell us whether it's likely that whether it's likely that we're going to be able to continue to charge developer fees. If it gets to the point in the study where it appears likely that we would not be able to continue to charge, he would stop the work and only charge us for the work done, in lieu of the \$5,200 fee study. He would be looking at student generation rates, capacity, status of closed schools, projected development activities, and types and costs of new facilities. She went on to review the checkbook and monthly budget reports. Please see link below.

- 1. [Monthly Budget Report](#)

- 4. Program Reports

- a. NONE

**B. Board Reflections**

Connie Schlaefer was excited to share with the Board, that she had the chance to sign up for a professional learning network, the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence, through CSBA. It is focusing, for the next two years, on how to help small districts deal with LCFF, LCAP, dashboards, and how to help Board members use those tools. It will entail one trip per quarter to Sacramento, with the travel paid for. There will also be local meetings and telecons.

Chrissy Falk thanked all of the people and community members who so generously donated, who are listed on the agenda this month.

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA**

Motion to approve Consent Calendar Agenda: Fowler: Second: Mendenhall: 4/0

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. ACTION ITEM: Math Adoption – Grades K-6**

The math adoption process for grades K-6 has concluded. Grades 7-12 had previously adopted and are implementing *College Preparatory Mathematics (CPM)*. The process included a review of the following programs by the elementary staff: *enVisionmath2.0* by Pearson; *My Math* by McGraw-Hill; *CA Go Math* by Houghton Mifflin; and *Eureka* by Great Minds. Teachers had sample materials and digital access to the various programs. Using our early release professional development days, each program was featured at one session. Staff collectively reviewed print/digital materials, offered input, and used an evaluation rubric to score each program. At the conclusion of the review of the four programs, staff met a final time to discuss/chart the strengths and weaknesses of each program being reviewed. Staff then completed a final evaluation of each program using the rubric. The results of the evaluation were compiled resulting in the recommendation from staff to the Board to proceed with the adoption of *CA Go Math* by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion to approve the Math Adoption for Grades K-6: Schlaefer: Second: Mendenhall: 4/0

**B. ACTION ITEM: [CSBA Legal Updates to Board Policies – May, 2017](#)**

Motion to approve Updates to Board Policies-May 2017: Mendenhall: Second: Fowler: 4/0

- C. **ACTION ITEM:** [CTE Plan](#)  
Plan for Career Technical Education (CTE) developed by High School Principal.

Motion to table the vote on the Sierra Unified CTE Plan and bring back for approval at the Regular August Meeting on August 14, 2017: Schlaefer: Second: Mendenhall: 7/0

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **INFORMATION:** **Suicide Prevention / Board Policy**  
[BP/AR 5141.52 with track changes](#) [BP/AR 5141.52 with notes](#)

Policy is updated to reflect changes in law related to suicide prevention. Requirements now include an Administrative Regulation requiring staff training and curriculum included in Health classes. Training for SUSD staff was initiated this summer. Training for 7-12 grade staff is scheduled for 2017-18.

- B. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** [Proposed increase in paid meal prices](#) in our National School Lunch Program and Especially Needy Breakfast Program for the 2017-18 school year.

- C. **ACTION ITEM:** **Approval of Interfund Transfers / [Resolutions #01-17/18 through #02-17/18](#), as follows:**

#01-17/18 Transfer of \$75,000 - From General Fund to Deferred Maintenance

#02-17/18 Transfer of \$58,220 - From General Fund to Cafeteria Fund

Motion to approve Resolutions #01-17/18: Fowler: Second: Schlaefer: 4/0

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"/>		

Motion to approve Resolutions #02-17/18: Mendenhall: Second: Schlaefer: 4/0

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"/>		

**VII. ADVANCED PLANNING**

- A. [Governance Calendar](#)
- B. Next Regular meeting date: August 14, 2017
- C. Next Special meeting date(s): NONE

**D. Requested Future Agenda Items:**

1. Community Park – September 11, 2017
2. Sierra Elementary Facility – September 11, 2017
3. Survey Results – August 14, 2017
4. Letter of Delegation – August 14, 2017
5. Projected Class Sizes – August 14, 2017

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION** The Board of Trustees went into Closed Session at 6:35 p.m.

**A.** Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment (Gov. Code § 54957)

**B.** Liability Claims (Government Code Section 54956.95)

1. Claimant: Ronald Alec, Jr.  
Agency Claimed Against: Sierra Unified School District

**IX. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION** The Board reconvened at 8:07 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.1, in regards to the claim presented by Ronald Alec, Jr.: The claim presented to the Sierra Unified Board of Trustees on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, was late, in part or entirely. Because this claim, as to any events on or before December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016, was not presented within the time allowed by law, no action was taken on that part of the claim. With respect to any part of the claim based on events occurring on or after December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016, that portion of the claim has been rejected.

**X. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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Ron Eldridge, President

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Melissa Ireland, Ed.D, Superintendent

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Tom Mendenhall, Clerk