



SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, January 8, 2018

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

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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, Bert Weldon, Norm Saude, Don Fowler, Connie Schlafer, Ron Eldridge
- C. Adopt Agenda
- D. Identify Closed Session Topics
 - 1. *Personnel- Superintendent Mid-Term Evaluation Discussion*
 - 2. *Employee Bargaining Group Negotiations*
- E. Pledge of Allegiance

II. RECOGNITIONS

A. Superintendent

1. Ara Keledjian

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 – Rachel Beckmann
2. Site Reports
 - a. Sierra Junior/Senior High Schools, Sean Osterberg – Principal
 - b. Foothill Elementary School, Alan Harris – Principal
 - c. Sandy Bluffs Alternative Education, Ara Keledjian – Director
3. Superintendent Report - Melissa Ireland, Ed.D.
 - a. [Mid-Year Update](#) [PowerPoint](#)
4. Department Reports
 - a. Facilities and Maintenance - Jim Harris, Supervisor
 - b. Transportation – Craig Barnes, Supervisor
 - c. Business Services - Janelle Mehling, Assistant Superintendent
 1. [Monthly Budget Report](#)
 2. [Solar Savings](#)
 - d. Curriculum and Instruction – Sue Mitchell, Director
 1. [DLA Results](#)

5. Program Reports
 - a. NONE
 6. Sub-Committee Reports
 - a. 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](#)
 3. Approval of [Donations](#)
 4. Approval of Contracts – NONE
 5. Approval of School Improvement Plans
 - a. [Sierra High School](#)
 - b. [Sierra Junior High School](#)
 - c. [Foothill Elementary School](#)
 6. [Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints](#)
- B. Certificated Personnel Items: NONE
- C. Classified Personnel Items:
1. Requests for Leaves of Absence: NONE
 2. Resignations/Retirements: NONE
 3. Terminations: NONE
 4. Employments:

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

- a) Replacement; Instructional Aide II; Jana Keeley; effective 1/2/2018.
- b) Replacement; Behavior Aide; Becky Mendoza; effective 1/2/2018.
- c) Replacement; Food Server; Sarah Wright; effective 1/2/2018.
- d) Replacement; Instructional Aide II; Danielle Mullet; effective 1/2/2018.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION/ACITION ITEM: [Tentative Agreement between the California School Employees Association and its Chapter #376 and the Sierra Unified School District](#)

It is recommended that the Board ratify the Tentative Agreement.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION ITEM: [CSBA Legal Policy Updates](#) – December, 2017
- B. DISCUSSION ITEM: First Reading of [Audit Report for 2016-2017](#) (Janelle Mehling)

Pursuant to Education Code 41020(i), a corrective action plan must be provided to the County Superintendent of Schools for any audit exceptions contained in the audit. There were no audit exceptions in the 2015-2016 Audit.

- C. ACTION ITEM: CSBA Board Self-Evaluation

The Evaluation Tool will be open from January 9th and will close on January 22nd, 2018, for completion by every Board Member. Results will be reviewed at the February Regular Board Meeting.

At this time the Sierra Unified School District Board Meeting will be adjourned and the Golden Hills Public Facilities Financing Corporation Meeting will be convened.

VIII. GOLDEN HILLS SCHOOL PUBLIC FACILITIES FINANCING CORPORATION (GHSPFFC)

- A. ACTION ITEM: [Dissolution of Golden Hills School Public Facilities Financing Corporation](#)

The GHSPFFC is a non-profit public benefit corporation formed to provide financial assistance to the Golden Hills School District, assisting in the financing of various public facilities for the use and benefit of the public served by the district. In as much as the financial obligations incurred by the District have been cleared and the Golden Hills School District is no longer active, the purpose for non-profit public benefit has been served.

[GHSPFFC Bylaws](#)

Therefore, it is recommended that the Golden Hills School Public Facilities Financing Corporation be dissolved.

The Golden Hills Public Finance Corporation Meeting is adjourned and the Sierra Unified School District Board Meeting is reconvened.

7:00 p.m.

IX. ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. [Governance Calendar](#)
- B. Next Regular meeting date: February 12, 2018
- C. Next Special meeting date(s):
- D. Requested Future Agenda Items:

X. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment (Gov. Code § 54957)
 - 1. Superintendent Mid-Term Evaluation Discussion
- B. Employee Bargaining Group Negotiations (Government Code Section 54957.6)

XI. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

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

8:00 p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT