



SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET / LCAP PUBLIC HEARING and REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, June 18, 2018
4:00 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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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.

4:00 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 Schlaefel, Ron Eldridge
- C. Adopt Agenda

D. Identify Closed Session Topics

1. *Personnel*
2. *Superintendent Evaluation*
3. *Grade Acceleration*

E. Pledge of Allegiance

II. ADJOURN TO PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Convene Public Hearing on the Matter of the Proposed [Local Control Accountability Plan \(LCAP\)](#) – (Melissa Ireland)

- [PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- [Stakeholder Suggestions](#)
- [Parent Advisory Meeting Minutes](#)

1. Open Public Hearing for Input.
2. Adjourn Public Hearing on matter of the LCAP

B. Convene Public Hearing on the Matter the [2018-2019 Budget](#) - [PowerPoint Presentation](#) (Janelle Mehling)

1. Open Public Hearing for Input.
2. Balances in Excess of Minimum Reserve Requirements as required by Ed. Code 42127(a)(2)(B) – School districts must discuss and review at the public budget hearing annually the [reasons for ending reserve balances in excess of the minimum](#) required reserve.
3. Adjourn Public Hearing on matter of the 2018-2019 Budget

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

IV. RECOGNITIONS

A. Facilities and Maintenance Employee of the Year

1. Penny Wright

V. 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.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Reports

1. ASB President – Rachel Beckmann
2. Site Reports
 - a. Foothill Elementary School, Alan Harris – Principal
 - b. Sierra Junior/Senior High Schools, Sean Osterberg – Principal
 - c. Sandy Bluffs Alternative Education, Ara Keledjian – Director
3. Superintendent Report - Melissa Ireland, Ed.D.
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](#)
 - d. Curriculum and Instruction – Sue Mitchell, Director
 1. DLA Results
5. Reports
 - a. [First Year Report](#) on Participation in CSBA/CCEE Professional Learning Network – Connie Schlaefer
6. Sub-Committee Reports
 - a. Facility Renovation – Ron Eldridge

B. Board Reflections

VII. 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 – May 14, 2018](#)
3. Affirmation of the [Title VIII-Public Law 103-382 Impact Aid Program](#) – Indian Policies and Procedures (IPP’s)
4. Approval of [2018-2019 Designation of CIF Representatives to League](#)
5. Approval of the [Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Programs](#) 2018-2019. The Consolidated Application is used by the California Department of Education to distribute categorical funds from various State and Federal programs to County offices, school districts, and charter schools throughout California.
6. Approval of the proposed [2018-2019 Ag Incentive Grant](#) in the amount of \$17,408.00
7. Approval of [Donations](#)
8. Approval of Contracts – NONE
9. Approval of [Director of Education Services Job Description](#)

B. [Certificated Personnel Items](#)

1. Requests for Leaves of Absence: NONE
2. Resignations/Retirements:

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

- a) Retirement; Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Sue Mitchell; effective 6/20/2018.

3. Terminations: NONE

4. Employments:

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

- a) Replacement; Assistant Principal; Danielle Amundsen; effective 8/1/2018.
- b) Replacement; Director of Education Services; Tammy Montgomery; effective 8/1/2018.
- c) Reassignment/Replacement; Assistant Principal; Melissa Rodrigues; effective 8/1/2018.
- d) Replacement; Teacher; Kevin Jauch; effective 8/10/2018.
- e) Reassignment; Teacher; Cathy Lauritzen; effective 8/10/2018.

C. Classified Personnel Items

1. Requests for Leaves of Absence: NONE
2. Resignations/Retirements:

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

- a) Resignation; Instructional Aide II; Gloria Gillett; effective 5/26/2018.
- b) Resignation; Behavior Aide; Lynn Fleming; effective 6/15/2018.
- c) Resignation; Custodian; Reynoldo Nolasco; effective 6/16/2018.
- d) Retirement; Bus Driver/Mechanic; Carl Ockel; effective 7/19/2018.
- e) Retirement; Utility; Jack Soukup; effective 8/7/2018.

3. Terminations: NONE

4. Employments:

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

- a) Replacement; LVN; Tamie Mazariego; effective 6/1/2018.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEM: Third Reading of Proposed Change in [Graduation Requirements](#) (Ireland)

1. Board will consider an administrative proposal to make four changes to current high school graduation requirements:
 1. Increase the mathematics graduation requirement from two to three years. The third year of math would provide students the option of taking Mathematics III or Fundamentals of Mathematics III.
 2. Remove Geography as a freshman requirement and replace it with Career Exploration and Financial Literacy.
 3. Remove All School Write as a graduation requirement. Due to the new standards and their emphasis on written expression, it is no longer needed.
 4. Require all students to complete a Career-Technical Education Pathway and/or meet all requirements for entrance into California State University/University of California, as a condition for graduation.

B. ACTION ITEM: Second Reading of the [Memorandum of Understanding](#) between Sierra Unified School District and State Center Community College District (Ireland)

The agreement clarifies roles and responsibilities of Sierra Unified and State Center for the purposes of a partnership for dual enrollment. In accordance with the agreement, wherein students will be able to earn college credit and credit toward high school graduation for college courses successfully completed by the students. Such courses include those offered wither on the community college campus, online, or at Sierra High School.

It is requested that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Sierra Unified School District and State Center Community College District.

C. ACTION ITEM: History Social Science Textbook Adoption – Grades 7-12 (Mitchell)

The history social science adoption process for grades 7-12 has concluded. Grades TK-6 are not adopting this year. The process included the review of six programs for grades 7-12 by the history social science department staff and the instructional coach. Teachers had sample materials to review, including digital access. After an initial review/discussion of the six programs, the list was narrowed down to two, and publisher presentations were arranged. Following presentations, there was discussion by the staff. Staff then completed a final evaluation of the two programs using a rubric. The results of the evaluation were compiled resulting in the recommendation from staff to the Board to proceed with the adoption of *Impact* by McGraw-Hill Education for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board is requested to approve the recommendation from staff for the adoption of *Impact* by McGraw-Hill Education.

D. ACTION ITEM: [One-Time Block Grant](#) (Ireland)

In March, 2018, a list of potential projects for the One-Time Block Grant was brought before the Board for discussion, based on January's preliminary state budget. The level of funding was adjusted in the May Revise. The potential projects have been prioritized.

It is requested that the Board approve the proposal for grant expenditures as compiled by District Leadership.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION ITEM: [CSBA Legal Updates to – May 2018](#) Board Policies (Ireland)

B. ACTION ITEM: Education Protection Account (EPA) Entitlement Spending Plan 2017-2018 [Resolution No. 14-17/18](#) (Mehling)

Added to the California State Budget in 2012-13 was a requirement that each LEA create an EPA set aside account. A total of 20% of the apportionment is to be maintained in the account. Pursuant to Article XIII, Section 36 of the California Constitution, LEA's are required to determine how the moneys received from the EPA are spent, in an open session of a public meeting. The language requires that funds shall not be used for the salaries and benefits of administrators or any other administrative costs. The total for 2017-2018 is \$638,701 which will be spent on teachers' salaries.

It is recommended that the Governing Board approve Resolution No. 14-17/18.

C. DISCUSSION ITEM: [Proposal for Forest Reserve Funding Expenditures](#) (Mitchell)

The Forest Reserve funding is not ongoing funding and as such, should not be used for recurring costs. District Administration proposes to use the funding for the completion of full build out of SUSD Technology.

It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed use of the Forest Reserve funding.

D. DISCUSSION ITEM: [2018 Biennial Notice for Conflict of Interest Codes](#) (Ireland)

The Political Reform Act requires every local government agency to review its conflict of interest code biennially and to submit a notice to its code reviewing body that specifies if the code is accurate, or alternatively, that the code must be amended. Effective January 2018, all Form 700's filed with the Clerk's office are to be submitted electronically using the eDisclosure system or require a waiver authorizing the paper Form 700. The model conflict of interest code has been updated to recognize the filing changes and it is recommended that each agency adopt the new model conflict of interest code, customized to your agency, during this biennial review period. The code needs to be properly noticed and adopted by the Board prior to submitting to the code reviewing body (Board of Supervisors) for final approval.

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [School Safety Resolution #15-17/18](#) (Saude)

The Governing Board is elected to serve as steward of the community's schools and thus plays a critical role in providing safe environments for students and staff. One action to School Boards can take to increase school safety, suggested by the California School Boards Association (CSBA), is to adopt a resolution urging your elected officials to pass legislation that increases school safety. CSBA has prepared a resolution on the issue of school safety – in all its various forms – that includes a call for the U.S. Congress to pass legislation that will reduce the threat of gun violence on school campuses.

It is recommended that the Governing Board approve Resolution No. 15-17/18.

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [Full and Fair Funding Resolution #16-17/18](#) (Saude)

In order to meet the growing needs of California's 6.2 million public school students and address the financial challenges faced by rising costs, CSBA had developed a Full and Fair Funding Resolution for adoption by its nearly 1,000 member school districts and county offices of education. The resolution highlights the threat that underinvestment in schools poses to our communities and calls on the State to meet its responsibilities to today's students and to California's future.

It is recommended that the Governing Board approve Resolution No. 16-17/18.

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: SBE Request for Perkins Waiver: Perkins Grant Requirement (Osterberg/Mehling)

Federal Perkins grants require that any district receiving less than \$15,000 in allocations for the grant year, form a consortium with other LEA's to meet the \$15,000 minimum. Sierra High School is scheduled to receive approximately \$14,368 in Perkins funding for 2018-2019. Rural districts may file a waiver to be excluded from this requirement on the basis that it is not feasible to partner for services with LEA's not in the nearby area for our students. Sierra High School filed a waiver in 2014, which expires June 30, 2018. Approval of this agenda item would authorize re-applying for that waiver which would cover July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022. The application would be forwarded to the SBE for consideration at their next meeting. Perkins funding cannot be approved / received until SBE approves any eligible waivers.

It is requested that the Board approve the Perkins Waiver request.

H. DISCUSSION ITEM: [Fresno County Committee on School District Organization](#) (Falk)

Nominations for the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization will be held at the Fresno County School Trustees Association's general dinner meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The Trustees Association is requesting our school district school board's assistance in the search for FCCSDO nominees. Any Board Member may put forward a name for consideration to the Trustee Association's Nominating Committee by submitting a Recommendation for Nomination form on or before Wednesday, August 1, 2018. Nominations from the floor on the day of the election can also be made and must come from the governing board's designated voting representative. Included in the Board packet are the requirements, biographical sketches for the current seat members who are all seeking reelection, and the Recommendation for Nomination Form.

I. INFORMATION ITEM: [Foundational Reading Materials Addition/Edit](#) (Mitchell)

Addition: The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton to the 7th grade reading list. The novel aligns with our Study Sync curriculum. McGraw-Hill identifies The Outsiders as the full-length novel to be read as part of Unit 3 "Getting Along." In addition, it is highly engaging with social and emotional issues students can identify with. The novel is on the CA Recommended Literature List for grades 6-8 and 9-12.

J. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Governing Board Member Election - Approval of "Resolution, Order of Election, and Specifications of the Election Order" - [Resolution No. 17-17/18](#) Pursuant to California Education Code section 5322, a resolution must be adopted, executed, and filed with the County Superintendent no later than July 5, 2018.

The Administration recommends that the Board approves Resolution #17-17/18.

K. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Regular July Board Meeting

The Board will decide on the cancellation of the scheduled July 9, 2018 Board Meeting.

X. ADVANCED PLANNING

A. [Governance Calendar](#)

B. Next Regular meeting date: Proposed – August 13, 2018

C. Next Special meeting date(s): Budget and LCAP Public Hearing – June 28, 2018 @ 5:00 pm

D. Requested Future Agenda Items:

XI. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Employment (Gov. Code § 54957)
- B. Superintendent Evaluation
- C. Student Appeals – Grade Acceleration (Government Code 48000)
 - 1. Student #3-18/19
 - 2. Student #4-18/19

XII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

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

8:00 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT