

# Sierra Unified School District

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

### REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, March 13, 2017

5:30 p.m. Public Session – 4:45 p.m. 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.

4:45 p.m.

#### I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. Call Public Session to Order

B. Roll Call – Ron Eldridge, Chrissy Falk, Tom Mendenhall, Norm Saude, Bert Weldon, Don Fowler, Connie Schlaefer

C. Adopt Agenda

D. Identify Closed Session Topics of Discussion

1. *Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to Litigation (Gov. Code section 54956.9): 1 case*

## II. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Persons wishing to address the governing board on any closed session item may do so at this time. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes pursuant to Board policy. Speakers are requested to state their name and address, and to address their comments to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is governed by the Brown Act and public comment may not be discussed or acted upon by the Board at the time of comment.

## III. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment (Gov. Code § 54957)
- B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
  - 1. Significant Exposure to Litigation (Gov. Code section 54956.9): 1 case

5:30 p.m.

## IV. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

- A. Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene Open Session
- B. Report Action Taken in Closed Session (Education Code 48918(j))
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

## V. RECOGNITIONS

- A. Maintenance and Transportation
  - 1. Dave Edinborough, Ag Farm Manager

## VI. 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. For items appearing on the agenda, public comment will be heard at the time the item is called for consideration by the Board. Public comment in this or any section of the agenda may not be discussed or acted upon by the Board at the time of comment. 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](http://www.sierrausd.org) for public review.*

## VII. COMMUNICATIONS

### A. Reports

1. ASB President – Rachel Beckmann
2. Site Reports
  - a. Foothill Elementary, Alan Harris – Principal
  - b. Sierra Jr. & Sr. 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 / Bus Services – Craig Barnes, Supervisor
  - c. Business Services – Janelle Mehling, Assistant Superintendent
    1. Monthly Budget Report
  - d. Curriculum and Instruction – Sue Mitchell, Director
5. Program Reports
  - a. Special Education (Teresa Page)

### B. Board Reflections

## VIII. 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 School Accountability Report Cards
    - a. Foothill Elementary
    - b. Sierra Junior High School
    - c. Sierra High School
    - d. Sandy Bluffs Alternative Education

4. Affirmation of the Title VIII – Public Law 102-382 Impact Aid Program – Indian Policies and Procedures (IPPs)
5. Approval of 2016-2017 Safe School Plan
6. Approval of the Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Programs 2016-2017 – Part Two. 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.
7. Approval of Donations
8. Approval of Amendments to Solar Power Purchase Agreements

B. Certificated Personnel Items

1. Requests for Leaves of Absence: NONE
2. Resignations/Retirements: NONE
3. Terminations: NONE
4. Employments: 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; Bus Driver; Arland Gill; effective 1/27/2017.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. ACTION ITEM: CSBA Legal Policy Updates – December, 2016 (Melissa Ireland)
- B. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Tentative Agreement for Collective Bargaining Negotiations between Sierra Unified School District and the Sierra Unified Classified Employee Association (CSEA #476).

The Tentative Agreement between SUSD and CSEA #476 was entered into on January 23, 2017 and is contingent upon final approval by the SUSD Governing Board and ratification by Association Members.

The Board is requested to approve the Tentative Agreement between the District and CSEA.

- C. INFORMATION: The Board will review reasons behind the temporary closure of Pole Corral School.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. ACTION ITEM: Approval of Review and Certification of the 2016–2017 Second Interim Financial Statement as of January 31, 2016. (Janelle Mehling)

The State-required forms, along with various schedules representing analysis used in the development of the Second Interim Report, were provided in the Board packet and online. The Second Interim Report provides the Fresno County Office of Education with the current year and subsequent two years budget, based on current data, as required by law.

It is requested that the Board certify the fund report and narratives as presented and adopt a Positive Certification.

- B. ACTION ITEM: Consideration and Possible Approval of J-13A Waiver (Ed. Code § 41422)

J-13A waiver request to the Office of Principal Apportionment and Special Education, School Fiscal Services Division, California Department of Education related to instructional minutes and days provided at Pole Corral Elementary School.

*7:00 p.m.*

XI. ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. Governance Calendar

1. April 3, 2017 Items

- a. Mental Health Services Program Report
- b. Native American Education Program Report (moved back from March)
- c. DLA #2 Results
- d. Second Interim Report
- e. Budget Audit Report
- f. Board Certification of Coaches Training (moved back from March)
- g. Academic Calendar

- B. Next Regular meeting date: April 3, 2017

- C. Next Special meeting date(s)

1. District Needs Workshop / Board Self-Evaluation – March 28, 2017 @ 5:00 p.m.

- D. Requested Future Agenda Items

*8:00 p.m.*

XII. ADJOURNMENT