



SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, September 11, 2017

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 – Ron Eldridge, Chrissy Falk, Tom Mendenhall, Norm Saude, Bert Weldon, Don Fowler, Connie Schlaefter
- C. Adopt Agenda
- D. Identify Closed Session Topics
 - 1. *Personnel*
 - 2. *Liability Claims*
- E. Pledge of Allegiance

II. 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.

III. 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. [CAASPP](#)
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. [First Month Enrollment](#)
 - d. Curriculum and Instruction – Sue Mitchell, Director
5. Program Reports
 - a. NONE
6. Sub-Committee Reports
 - a. NONE

B. Board Reflections

6:15 p.m.

IV. 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
 - a. [August 14, 2017](#)
3. Approval of Donations: NONE
4. Approval of [2017-2018 Overnight Field Trips](#)
5. Approval of a Variable Term Waiver Request to Employee Substitute Teachers on a 30-Day Substitute CBEST Waiver for the 2017-18 School Year.

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; Teacher; Gloria Jensen; effective 6/9/2017.

3. Terminations: NONE
4. Employments:

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

- a) Replacement; Teacher; Jon Stoll; effective 8/21/2017.

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; Food Server; Tracy Gann; effective 8/21/2017.
- b) Replacement; Food Server; Amber Zboril; effective 8/21/2017.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEM: [CSBA Legal Policy Updates – July 2017](#)

The Board is requested to approve the July 2017 CSBA Legal Policy Updates

B. ACTION ITEM: Adoption of [Resolution No. 03-17/18](#), Board Authorization for Temporary Interfund Transfers (Janelle Mehling)

Education Code Section 42603 provides authorization for temporary interfund transfers, at the direction of the District's Governing Board. In actual practice, these temporary transfers often need to happen on very short notice (e.g., needing a same-day cash transfer to cover an Accounts Payable run or Payroll). The County Office cannot process these without District Board approval.

The Board is requested to adopt Resolution No. 03-17/18.

C. DISCUSSION ITEM: [Letter of Delegation](#)

The Governing Board will discuss the option of signing a Letter of Delegation resolution, which delegates authority to the Superintendent for certain duties normally granted to the Board by law, with the Board retaining ultimate responsibility for the performance of delegated duties.

VI. ADJOURN TO PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Convene Public Hearing pertaining to the matter of determining sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials in accordance with the Williams Act. (Janelle Mehling)

1. Open Public Hearing for Input.
2. Adjourn Public Hearing pertaining to the Williams Act.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [Resolution #04-17/18](#) - Williams Act (Janelle Mehling)
Pertaining to the matter of determining sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials in accordance with the Williams Act.

The Board is requested to consider and approve the Resolution as written.

- B. INFORMATION: FES-PFA / Improvements at Foothill Elementary (Lauri King)
- C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [Resolution #05-17/18](#): District Appropriation Limits / Gann Limit – (Janelle Mehling)

The Gann Amendment of 1979 established maximum appropriation limitations for school districts. Each year, the district must establish a Gann limit for the previous fiscal year and a projected Gann limit for the current year.

The Board is requested to consider and approve the Resolution as written.

- D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: The [2016-2017 District Unaudited Actual Financial Statements and the 2017-2018 Revised District Budget](#) will be presented and reviewed for your approval. Included will be summary and detail information for all District funds. (Janelle Mehling)

It is recommended that the reports be reviewed, certified, and approved by the Board of Trustees. Following approval the reports will be filed with Fresno County Office of Education.

- E. DISCUSSION ITEM: Community Park

The Board will discuss the possibility of reconsidering the development of a Community Park located on the property between Foothill Elementary School and the District Office.

- F. DISCUSSION ITEM: Sierra Elementary Facility

The Board will discuss the development of plans for the potential use of the Sierra Elementary facility.

- G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [Local Control Accountability Plan](#) (LCAP) Revisions

The 2017-2020 LCAP was approved by the Governing Board on June 27, 2017. Subsequent to the local approval of the plan, it was forwarded to FCOE for final review and approval at the County level. During the month of August, several non-substantive edits were recommended by reviewers at that level. The edits were made and the document was returned to the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools for final approval.

It is requested that the Board approve the final, revised LCAP document.

7:00 p.m.

IX. ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. [Governance Calendar](#)
- B. Next Regular meeting date: October 9, 2017
- 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)
- B. Liability Claims (Government Code Section 54956.95)
Notice of Action/Instructions Claim
 - 1. Claimant: Tami Alec
Agency Claimed Against: Sierra Unified School District
 - 2. Claimant: Racquel Alec
Agency Claimed Against: Sierra Unified School District

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