



SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR AGENDA

Monday, July 20, 2020 – 4:30 p.m.
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.

4:30 p.m.

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Call Public Session to Order
- B. Roll Call –Chrissy Falk, Tom Mendenhall, Ron Eldridge, Wes Qualls, Connie Schlaefer, Don Fowler
- C. Adopt Agenda
- D. 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. Superintendent Report – Alan Harris, Ph.D.

a. Sierra @ Home Education (Dr. Wheeler)

b. [Plan for Reopening Schools](#)

1. [Sierra Junior/Senior High School](#)
2. [Foothill Elementary](#)
3. [Alternative & Extended Education](#)
4. [Facilities & Transportation](#)

c. [Draft of Parent Survey](#)

This will be set up to be a 1x response/family. Each school will have its own survey (same questions) to assist with ease of planning; if a family has students attending multiple sites they will be allowed to fill out 1 survey/site of attendance. A few suggestions for change have been submitted by staff: If state regulations require use of masks indoors will your educational option change? (y/n); Indicate your option: Sierra@Home SUSD core curriculum, Sierra@Home independent curriculum, other; How do you, as a parent, feel about your child returning to school?; How does your child feel about returning to school? (scaled response); Are you interested in social/emotional support, for your child, beyond the classroom?; What was your family's biggest challenge during the school closure? (comment). All comments coming in from parents will be considered by the staff. Eight parents were shown the document and they represent each of the school sites.

2. Department Reports

a. Business Services – Janelle Bryson

1. [Budget Report](#)

b. Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation – Craig Barnes

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. [June 15, 2020 – Regular](#)
 - b. [June 29, 2020 – Special](#)
 - 3. Approval of Job Descriptions
 - a. [Transportation Lead](#)
 - b. [Maintenance and Operations Lead](#)
 - 4. [Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints](#)

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. ACTION ITEM: [Course Approval / Marketing and Business Leadership](#)

This course, Marketing and Business Leadership 1, is for the Sierra High School Leadership class in 2020-21 school year. It has been approved as an elective class by the UC A-G guidelines. The course description is as follows:

This project-based course is designed to prepare students for entry-level positions in marketing, advertising, public relations and small business. This course provides students with an introduction to marketing and business leadership in the global economy. Emphasis will be placed on both oral and written communications, mathematical applications, problem-solving, critical thinking skills and employment literacy, as they relate to distribution, financing, marketing-information management, pricing, product/service management, promotion, entrepreneurship and selling. Students will be exposed to various careers within the marketing and business leadership field.

- B. ACTION ITEM: [Education Technology Joint Powers Authority](#)

The Education Technology Joint Powers Authority (Ed Tech JPA) aims to streamline procurement, provide competitive pricing, and secure favorable technology contracts for educational agencies and other eligible entities.

The Board is requested to approve the Ed Tech JPA.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Approval of Interfund Transfers – [Resolution #01-20/21](#)

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 approve Resolution #01-20/21

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Adoption of [Resolution #03-20/21 though #05-20/21](#), Board Authorization for Temporary Interfund Transfers (Janelle Bryson)

General to Deferred Maintenance \$100,000
General to Capital Reserve \$50,000
General to Cafeteria \$89,748

The Board is requested to approve Resolution #03-20/21 though #05-20/21.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [Nominations for the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization](#)

An election to fill two seats on 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 20, 2020. There are two seats up for election: One representing District 4; One seat representing Open at Large. To participate in recommending qualified individuals to serve on this important committee, all completed Recommendation for Nomination and Biographical Sketch forms must be received at the County Office no later than August 6, 2020.

VII. ADVANCED PLANNING

A. [Governance Calendar](#)

- B. Next Regular meeting date: August 10 @ 5:30 p.m.
- C. Next Special meeting date(s): September 28, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m. – Budget w/comparison
- D. Requested Future Agenda Items:

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment (Government Code § 54957)
- B. Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9)

IX. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

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

X. ADJOURNMENT