



## MINUTES OF SPECIAL SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### I. OPENING BUSINESS

#### A. CALL PUBLIC SESSION TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 pm by Mrs. Chrissy Falk, Board President.

**B. ROLL CALL:** Board Members: Chrissy Falk, President; Tom Mendenhall, Vice President; Ron Eldridge, Clerk (A); Wes Qualls; Connie Schlaefer; Don Fowler

**C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Motion to adopt agenda: Qualls: Second: Mendenhall: 5/0

#### D. IDENTIFY CLOSED SESSION TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

1. *Personnel – Superintendent’s Evaluation*
2. *Potential Litigation*

**E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chrissy Falk led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – NONE

### III. COMMUNICATIONS

#### A. Reports

1. [Superintendent Report](#) – Alan Harris, Ph.D.
  - a. Plan for Re-Opening of Schools – Site Principals updated the Board on the plan for re-opening schools in August. Details in links below.
    1. [Sierra Junior/Senior High School](#)
    2. [Foothill Elementary](#)
    3. [Alternative & Extended Education](#)
    4. [Facilities & Transportation](#)

### IV. CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA

#### A. Routine Business transactions, annual renewal of programs, bids, agreements, notices of public hearings, and proclamations:

1. [Approval of Americorp Agreement](#)  
Motion to approve Consent Calendar Agenda: Schlaefer: Second: Mendenhall: 5/0

Board Member	In Favor	Opposed	Absent
Chrissy Falk	☑		
Tom Mendenhall	☑		
Ron Eldridge			☑
Wes Qualls	☑		
Connie Schlaefer	☑		
Don Fowler	☑		

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. ACTION ITEM: Sierra Unified School District [2020-2021 School Year Budget Revised PowerPoint](#)**  
 At the June 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees was given the preliminary 2020-2021 Budget. Request for adoption of the Sierra Unified School District 2020-2021 School Year Budget.

Motion to approve the SUSD 2020-2021 school year budget: Mendenhall: Second: Fowler: 5/0

Board Member	In Favor	Opposed	Absent
Chrissy Falk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Tom Mendenhall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Ron Eldridge			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wes Qualls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Connie Schlaefer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Don Fowler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

- B. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the [LCAP Operations Written Report \(OWR\)](#)**  
 The OWR is required to be placed before the Board for approval prior to July 1. The report is a documentation of actions taken by the school district to account for our response on to the COVID-19 school closure. It is required that we address an overall picture of what actions were taken, student populations (stipulated by LCAP), delivery of a high-quality distance learning plan, meal delivery and student supervision. District leadership, staff members and community members have contributed to the clarity and accuracy of this document.

Motion to approve the LCAP OWR: Qualls: Second: Schlaefer: 5/0

Board Member	In Favor	Opposed	Absent
Chrissy Falk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Tom Mendenhall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Ron Eldridge			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wes Qualls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Connie Schlaefer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Don Fowler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: [Resolution #13-19/20 – Budget Reductions](#)**  
 Given the uncertainty of the 2020-2021 California State budget for Education, Fresno County Office of Education has requested that Boards acknowledge that there may be a need to reduce budgets beyond the budget being presented to the Board on June 29, 2020.  
 This resolution acknowledges that potential and affirms the Board's intent to make further budget reductions, if necessary, to maintain a minimum state reserve of 3%. Any further reductions that are necessary will be submitted with a plan of budget reductions for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 with the First Interim Report in the fall, along with a timeline for implementation.

Motion to approve Resolution #13-19/20: Fowler: Second: Qualls: 5/0

Board Member	In Favor	Opposed	Absent
Chrissy Falk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Tom Mendenhall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Ron Eldridge			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wes Qualls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Connie Schlaefer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Don Fowler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

**B. DISCUSSION ITEM: [Resolution #02-20/21](#) – 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. This item will be brought back in July for approval.

**C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Superintendent Evaluation / Contract**  
 The Board performed a Superintendent Evaluation on June 15, 2020. The evaluation was positive and therefore would extend the contract one year through June 30, 2023

Board Member	In Favor	Opposed	Absent
Chrissy Falk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Tom Mendenhall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Ron Eldridge			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wes Qualls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Connie Schlaefer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Don Fowler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Motion to approve the extension of the Superintendent’s contract: Mendenhall: Second: Qualls: 5/0

**D. DISCUSSION 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. This item will be brought back in July for approval.

**VIII. ADVANCED PLANNING**

- A. [Governance Calendar](#)
- B. Next Regular meeting date: July 20, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.
- C. Next Special meeting date(s):
- D. Requested Future Agenda Items:

**IX. CLOSED SESSION – 8:50 p.m.**

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

- X. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION** 7:28 p.m.
  - A. Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene Open Session
  - B. Report Action Taken in Closed Session - NONE

XI. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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Chrissy Falk, President

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Alan Harris, Ph.D., Superintendent

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Ron Eldridge, Clerk