



SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Monday, April 12, 2021

5:00 p.m. Public Session – Closed Session Immediately Following
Reconvene in Public Session following Closed Session

Virginia B. Causey Educational Center - Zoom
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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Join Zoom Meeting

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PLEASE NOTE: Starting with our regular meeting in April, in-person attendance will be open to the public, with limited capacity. The meetings will continue to be broadcast on Zoom. Public comment may be made in person or by Zoom during the Public Comment period. Comment on agenda items may also be made in person prior to the board's discussion of that item. Questions or comments arising during the meeting may always be shared with the Superintendent at aharris@sierrausd.org or the Board President cschlaefer@sierrausd.org

Vision Statement

Our vision is to be an exemplary student-focused school district that is highly regarded for the competence and character of our students, the rich connection to our mountain community, and the excellence of our people, programs, and 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.

5:00 p.m.

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Call Public Session to Order
- B. Roll Call – Connie Schlaefer, Tom Mendenhall, Cortney Burke, Jeremiah Gilbert, James Hoak, Ben Kimbler
- C. Adopt Agenda
- D. Identify Closed Session Topics
- E. Pledge of Allegiance

II. RECOGNITIONS

- A. Foothill Elementary
 - 1. 3rd – 6th Elementary Lead Teachers
 - a. Jennifer Bethel, Malerie Martinez, Anna Dennison, Michael Rodrigues
- B. Sierra Junior/Senior High School
 - 1. High School Lead Teachers
 - a. Dylan Gault, Karen Low, Heidi Parks, India Saude, Giselle Hallam, Jennifer Cooper, Rich Vandenack, David Haslet
- C. Sierra Alternative Education Lead Teachers
 - 1. Jody Hooker-Silva, Terri McMeen, Mark Stelling
- D. District Classified Management
 - 1. Barbette Dunn
- E. Facilities & Transportation
 - 1. Kelly Capps, Kathy Bradford
- F. Macy Lloyd – 2nd Place in the San Joaquin Region (which represents 67 schools) / Competing at the State Level in April with her speech: “Responsible Forest Management”.

III. 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. 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 this time or when 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. Speakers may not pass their time to another person. 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.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Reports

1. ASB President – Eli Bristow
2. Site Reports
 - a. Foothill Elementary School, Danielle Amundsen – Principal
 - b. Sierra Junior/Senior High Schools, Sean Osterberg – Principal
 - c. Alternative Education, Heather Wheeler, Ed.D. – Director
3. Superintendent Report – Alan Harris, Ph.D.
4. Department Reports
 - a. Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation – Craig Barnes, Supervisor
 - b. Business Services - Janelle Bryson, Chief Business Officer
 1. Monthly Budget Report
 - c. Education Services – Teresa Page, Director
 - d. Curriculum and Instruction – Tammy Montgomery, Director
 1. LCAP Overview
5. Program Reports (Tammy Montgomery)
 - a. Dashboard
 - b. DLA Results
6. Sub-Committee Reports
 - a. Update on Long Range Master Facility Plan (Janelle Bryson)

B. Board Reflections

V. 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 of Donations – NONE
4. Approval of Contracts – NONE
5. Approval of Quarterly Williams Report
6. Approval of March 2021 Legal Updates to Board Policies

B. Certificated Personnel Items

1. Resignations/Retirements:

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

- a) Retirement; Teacher; Marcy Miller; effective 3/27/2021.

2. Terminations: NONE

3. Employments:

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

- a) New Position; Teacher; Joshua Salven; effective 4/6/2021.
- b) New Position; Teacher; Bailey Winiger; effective 4/6/2021.

C. Classified Personnel Items

1. Resignations/Retirements:

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

- a) Resignation; Activity Bus Driver/Utility; Jacquelynn Williams; effective 3/12/2021.
- b) Resignation; Bus Driver/Utility; Rocky Garbarino; effective 3/27/2021.
- c) Resignation; Bus Driver/Custodian; Donald Cooper; effective 4/3/2021.

2. Terminations: NONE

3. Employments:

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

- a) New Position; Bus Driver/Maintenance; Steve Hastie; effective 3/19/2021.
- b) Replacement; Instructional Aide II; Danielle Mullet; effective 3/22/2021.
- c) Replacement; Behavior Aide; Kensington Rickerd; effective 3/22/2021.
- d) Replacement; Instructional Aide II; Kiah Zerr; effective 3/22/2021.
- e) Replacement; Before & After School Program Director; Janee Jackson; effective 3/31/2021.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. INFORMATION: Federal/State Recovery

1. Funding and Process (Janelle Bryson)
2. Recovery/Resiliency Initial Design (Heather Wheeler)

B. DISCUSSION ITEM: Sierra Junior/Senior High School Fire Alarm RFP Recommendation

1. Fire Alarm Architecture and Engineering - SIM-PBK's proposed selection

C. DISCUSSION ITEM: RFP – Architectural Services for the Senior Center Solar/Roof/Door Project.

The Sierra Oaks Senior Center has applied for a Community Based Block Grant through Fresno County to install solar panels at the Senior Center. An agreement was approved by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors between Sierra Unified School District and Fresno County to support the Senior Center in the grant. We would be required to oversee the project and provide documentation to Fresno County for contractors to be paid by Fresno County. In the event the project goes over the \$158,220 budget that was approved, we would be required to pay the overage. This is the 2nd attempt to secure architectural services for this project.

D. DISCUSSION ITEM: Corrective Action Plan of Audit Report for 2019-2020 (Janelle Bryson)

Pursuant to Education Code 41020(i), a corrective action plan must be provided to the County Superintendent of Schools for any audit exceptions contained in the audit. There was one audit exception in the 2019-2020 Audit.

VIII. ADVANCED PLANNING

A. Governance Calendar

B. Next Regular meeting date: May 10, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

C. Next Special meeting date(s):

1. Board Appointment Interviews – April 22, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.
2. Curriculum & Instruction Workshop – May 3, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.

D. Requested Future Agenda Items:

E. Adjourn to Closed Session

IX. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment (Government Code § 54957)
 - 1. Superintendent Request for Annual Evaluation
- B. Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9)
- C. Employee Bargaining Group Negotiations (Government Code Section 54957.6)
- D. Individual Student Disciplinary Matters (Government Code Section 48918)
- E. Adjourn to Open Session

X. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

- A. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

XI. ADJOURNMENT