



SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Monday, September 27, 2021- 5:00 p.m.
Virginia B. Causey Educational Center - Zoom
29143 Auberry Road, Prather, CA 93651

ALL TIMES NOTED THROUGHOUT THE AGENDA ARE APPROXIMATE

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Documents provided to a majority of the Governing Board regarding an open session item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection in the Superintendent's Office located at 29143 Auberry Road, Prather, CA 93651 during normal business hours. In addition, such writings and documents will be posted on the District's website, www.sierrausd.org. These proceedings are recorded on podcast and are available for review on the District website.

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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, Cortney Burke, Lauri King, Janet Bill, Jeremiah Gilbert, James Hoak, Ben Kimbler
- C. Adopt Agenda
- D. Pledge of Allegiance
- E. Identify Closed Session Topics
- F. Opportunity for Public Comment Regarding Closed Session Items
Persons wishing to address the governing board on any closed session item may do so at this time. The Board may limit comments to no more than 3 minutes pursuant to Board policy. Speakers are requested to state their name and to address their comments to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is governed by the Brown Act and may briefly respond to public comments but take no action except on items scheduled on the agenda (20 minute time limit per item).
- G. Adjourn to Closed Session

II. CLOSED SESSION

- A. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9)
 - 1. COVID Policies

III. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

- A. Report Action Taken in Closed Session

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

This section of each special session is set aside for members of the public to comment on any item on the agenda. Items presented under public comment may not be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. The public is invited to comment now or at the time the item is called for consideration by the Board. All persons addressing the Board must state their name for the record. In general, individual speakers will be allowed three minutes to address the Board on each agenda item, and the Board will limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes.

NOTE: Background information on Agenda Items is available at the Superintendent's Office and on the district website www.sierrausd.org for public review.

V. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

VII. NEW BUSINESS

NOTE: The following actions represent an array of options for the board to select. Positive action on ALL items is not intended or implied. Legal Documents

1. ACTION: Statement to Acknowledge Sierra Unified School District (SUSD) Intent to comply with CDPH Health Orders as Written.

The Board will decide whether to officially commit to complying with CDPH Health Orders as stated, which includes the mandate that students will be masked indoors. Students who will not mask, without medical exemption, will not be permitted in the classroom.

- a. SUSD Position Statements

1. SUSD Cabinet
2. Sierra Unified Teachers Association (SUTA)
3. Classified School Employees Association (CSEA)

2. ACTION: Statement to Acknowledge SUSD's Intent to Comply with CDPH Health Orders as Modified

The Board will decide whether to officially commit to complying with CDPH Health Orders, as modified by proposed guidelines (attached)

3. ACTION: Adoption of Equal Testing and Quarantining Strategies

The Board will decide whether to direct that the same measures be applied to vaccinated and unvaccinated staff and students in terms of mandated testing and quarantine requirements.

4. ACTION: Direction to Suspend Employee Disciplinary Measures Regarding Weekly Testing Pending Availability of Non-Invasive Test Methods

The Board will decide whether to direct that disciplinary actions resulting from refusal to participate in weekly COVID testing be suspended until non-invasive test methods are available. (e.g. saliva sampling)

5. ACTION: Intent to file Injunction against State of California

The Board will decide if it will pursue filing an injunction regarding the Constitutionality of mandates

VI. ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. Governance Calendar
- B. Next Regular meeting date: October 11, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.
- C. Next Special meeting date(s): October 21, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.
October 29, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- D. Requested Future Agenda Items:

VII. ADJOURNMENT