



## MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### I. OPENING BUSINESS

#### A. CALL PUBLIC SESSION TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by Mrs. Connie Schlaefer, Board President.

**B. ROLL CALL:** Board Members: Connie Schlaefer (President); Cortney Burke (Vice President); Lauri King (Clerk); Janet Bill; James Hoak; Jeremiah Gilbert; Ben Kimbler.

**C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Motion to amend Agenda Item #VIII.G to Discussion: Burke: Second: Hoak: 7/0  
Motion to adopt agenda as amended: King: Second: Hoak: 7/0

**D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** James Hoak led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

### II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Westley Rakis-Garabedian  
Krysten Young  
Toni Jones  
Mark Schlaefer  
Howard Creed

Vanessa Rakis-Garabedian  
Chad Linton  
Paul Petty  
Marilyn Biernot-Hess

Jennifer Bethel  
Faren Garabedian  
Angie Cozby  
Jobie Hartwig

### III. COMMUNICATIONS

#### A. Reports

1. ASB President – Emma Jensen: Macy Lloyd, as VP, filled in for Emma Jensen, reporting on recent and upcoming activities and events at SJSHS.
2. Superintendent Report – Ron Hudson
3. Site Reports
  - a. Sierra Junior/Senior High Schools, Sean Osterberg – Principal
  - b. Foothill Elementary School, Danielle Amundsen – Principal
  - c. Alternative and Extended Education, Heather Wheeler, Ed.D. – Director
4. Department Reports
  - a. Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation – Craig Barnes, Supervisor
  - b. Business Services - Janelle Bryson, Assistant Superintendent
    1. [Budget Report](#)
    2. [First Month Enrollment](#)
  - c. Education Services – Teresa Page, Director
  - d. Curriculum and Instruction – Tammy Montgomery, Director
    1. [LCAP](#)
5. Program Reports – NONE
6. Sub-Committee Reports – NONE

#### B. Board Reflections

Ben Kimbler  
James Hoak  
Jeremiah Gilbert  
Janet Bill  
Lauri King  
Cortney Burke

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA:** Motion to approve the Consent Calendar Agenda: Kimbler: Second: King: 7/0

**V. ADJOURN TO PUBLIC HEARINGS – 6:47 p.m.**

- A. Convene Public Hearing pertaining to the matter of determining sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials in accordance with the Williams Act. (Janelle Bryson)
  - 1. Open Public Hearing for Input.
  - 2. Adjourn Public Hearing pertaining to the Williams Act.

**VI. RECONVENE SIERRA UNIFIED REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – 6:48 p.m.**

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **ACTION ITEM:** [Interim Superintendent Contract](#) – Ron Hudson

Motion to approve the Interim Superintendent Contract for Ron Hudson: King: Second: Burke: 7/0

- B. **ACTION ITEM:** [Project Development Agreement](#)

Johnson Controls has proposed a Project Development Agreement to develop a Turn-key Design-Build Energy Performance project with the District. The attached draft agreement provides the basis of the scope of the PDA, the obligations of both parties and the intended outcomes and timelines.

Motion to approve the Project Development Agreement: King: Second: Hoak: 7/0

- C. **ACTION ITEM:** [Additions to the Sierra HS Foundational Literature List](#)

The Board was asked to consider the approval of [2 additions](#) to the Sierra High School Foundational Literature list. *The Absolutely True Story of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie is requested for use in Grade 9 and *There There* by Tommy Orange is requested for Grade 11. The public was welcome to make requests to review the novels between June 14 and July 12, 2021 by contacting the District Office.

Motion to approve “There There by Tommy Orange”: Kimbler: Second: Bill: 6/1 – Opposed: Hoak  
Motion to approve “The Absolutely True Story of a Part-Time Indian”: Kimbler: Second: Bill: 3/4  
Opposed: Burke, King, Gilbert, Hoak

- D. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM:** [RFQ 02-21](#)

Request for an extension for architectural and engineering services for the Sierra Oaks Senior & Community Center Roofing replacement - Photovoltaic System – ADA Door Installation, CDBG Project No.18011.

Motion to approve RFQ 02-21: King: Second: Burke: 7/0

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **INFORMATION:** [District Opener for Sierra Unified Teacher’s Association](#) (SUTA) Collective Bargaining

- B. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM:** [Resolution #07-21/22 - Williams Act](#)

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: King: Second: Burke: 7/0

| Board Member     | In Favor                            | Opposed | Absent |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Connie Schlaefer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |        |
| Cortney Burke    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |        |
| Lauri King       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |        |
| Janet Bill       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |        |
| Jeremiah Gilbert | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |        |
| James Hoak       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |        |
| Ben Kimbler      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |        |

- C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: Resolution # 06/21-22: District Appropriation Limits / Gann Limit**  
 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.

Motion to approve the Resolution as written: Kimbler: Second: Hoak: 7/0

| Board Member     | In Favor                            | Opposed | Absent |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Connie Schlaefer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |        |
| Cortney Burke    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |        |
| Lauri King       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |        |
| Janet Bill       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |        |
| Jeremiah Gilbert | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |        |
| James Hoak       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |        |
| Ben Kimbler      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |         |        |

- D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM: The 2020-2021 District Unaudited Actual Financial Statements and the 2021-2022 Revised District Budget** will be presented and reviewed for your approval. Included will be summary and detail information for all District funds. 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.

Motion to approve the 2020-2021 District Unaudited Actual Financial Statements and the 2021-2022 Revised District Budget: Kimbler: Second: Gilbert: 7/0

- E. DISCUSSION ITEM: RFQ 01-21**  
 Request to approve one (1) or more firms in the interest of streamlining the procurement process for architectural and engineering services in connection with various projects identified in the District LRFMP, including renovation, modernization, and new construction projects throughout the District. All qualified firms will be included in the District's prequalified list of firms to be used in future solicitations of specific projects for a period of five (5) years.  
 RFQ 01-21 to be brought back for action at the October 11, 2021 Regular Meeting

- F. DISCUSSION ITEM: Board Governance Agreement Review**

- G. DISCUSSION ITEM: Update – COVID**

1. [Resources](#)
2. Testing

- H. DISCUSSION ITEM: Sub-Committees Direction**  
 Sub-Committees Direction tabled until the October 11, 2021 Regular Meeting

- I. INFORMATION: Update on the Status of FES / SJSHS Wells**

**IX. ADVANCED PLANNING**

- A. Governance Calendar**

**B.** Next Regular meeting date: Monday, October 11, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

**C.** Next Special meeting date(s)

1. Monday, September 27, 2021–State & Local Measures Report/Dashboard @ 5:00 p.m.
2. Thursday, October 21, 2021 – Superintendent Application Review @ 5:00 p.m.
3. Friday, October 29, 2021 – Superintendent Interviews – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**D.** Requested Future Agenda Items:

**X. CLOSED SESSION – 9:49 p.m.**

**A. Identify Closed Session Topics**

1. *Personnel*
2. *Potential Litigation*
3. *Negotiations*

**B. Adjourn to Closed Session**

1. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Personnel - Public Employee Discipline / Dismissal / Release / Complaint / Appointment / Employment (Government Code § 54957)
2. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9)
3. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Employee Bargaining Group Negotiations (Gov. Code § 54957.6)

**XI. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

**A. Report Action Taken in Closed Session - NONE**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.**

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Connie Schlaefer, President

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Ron Harris, Interim Superintendent

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Lauri King, Clerk