

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 13, 2018

Sierra County Office of Education, 109 Beckwith Rd, Loyalton CA 96118  
Teleconferenced to Downieville School, 130 School St, Downieville CA 95936

5:00pm Closed Session

6:00pm Regular Session

A. CALL TO ORDER

President PATTY HALL called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Patty Hall, President  
Allen Wright, Vice President  
Sharon Dryden, Clerk  
Mike Moore, Member  
Jenny Gant, Member

ABSENT: None

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOORE/WRIGHT

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D. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION

1. Current location – no comment
2. Videoconference location – no comment

E. CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Trustees, Superintendent Dr. Merrill Grant and Business Manager Nona Griesert moved into Closed Session to discuss the following item(s):

MOORE/WRIGHT

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1. Government Code §54957.6, Conference with Labor Negotiators  
Agency Negotiator for the Board: Dr. Merrill M. Grant, Superintendent  
Employee Organizations:  
Represented Employees: Sierra-Plumas Teachers' Association  
Unrepresented Employees: Classified Employees  
Confidential Employees  
Administrative Employees  
Classified Management

F. RECESS TO THE SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING  
BOARD MEETING at 5:32pm

DRYDEN/MOORE

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The Board of Trustees moved into Closed Session to discuss the following item(s):

HALL/GANT

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2. Government Code §54957, Public Employee Performance Evaluation – (Annual)  
Title: Superintendent

G. RECONVENE SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
WRIGHT/HALL  
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H. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION at 5:55pm and ADJOURN FOR BREAK

I. 6:02PM – RECONVENE  
MOORE/WRIGHT  
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J. FLAG SALUTE

K. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION – MOORE: The County closed session was to discuss Negotiations and we gave direction to the Superintendent as to our offer. The Superintendent Evaluation was for District only which was the reason for moving back and forth tonight between the County and District meetings for closed sessions.

L. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Report – GRANT
  - a. Budget Update – hopeful for addition to our bottom line
  - b. Assignment of Amber Baca-Sainsbury, Downieville School Instructional Aide, .833 FTE, 20 hours weekly, effective March 1, 2018
  - c. Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPA) Report – proposal for SELPA director coming in April or May
  - d. Submitting California Department of Education J-13 Report for 2017-2018 School Closures  
The SCOE J-13 includes all school site closures because special education encompasses all campuses.
2. Business Report – GRIESERT
  - a. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/17 to 2/28/18
  - b. School Innovations & Achievement Mandated Claims Update – monies found to be owed to county and district
  - c. California Department of Education Letter of Acceptance of 2017-18 First Interim Reports – positive certification
3. Board Members' Report (5 minutes)
  - a. No report
4. Public Comment
  - a. Current location – no comment
  - b. Videoconference location – no comment

M. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held February 13, 2018
2. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 02/01/2018 through 02/28/2018  
WRIGHT/MOORE  
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N. ACTION ITEMS

1. New Business

a. Approval of Safe Schools Plan, annual revisions (this plan can be found in its entirety on our website,

[http://www.sierracountyofficeofeducation.org/upload/?action=viewer&path=SCHOOL\\_SAFETY\\_PLAN/&file=2018\\_v.9\\_SAFE\\_SCHOOLS\\_PLAN.pdf](http://www.sierracountyofficeofeducation.org/upload/?action=viewer&path=SCHOOL_SAFETY_PLAN/&file=2018_v.9_SAFE_SCHOOLS_PLAN.pdf))

DRYDEN: any modifications that need to be discussed before approval?

GRANT: no proposed modifications right now

DRYDEN: let's discuss now; want to hear Superintendent's ideas

GRANT: engage law enforcement more, tighten up and perform more drills

HALL: school resource officers not available

GRANT: looking at entry points/doors/keys at all school sites for better security

– invited Jones & Ceresola to comment

JONES: discussing logistics between class times

CERESOLA: stricter on visitors checking in/wearing visitor passes

WRIGHT: are students involved with plan ideas/updates?

MOORE: lock people out, not in, right?

LOYALTON MAINTENANCE: need to do more to deter people from entering school sites

TEACHER in public: brought up stats about school shooters and male students versus female students; students want to be involved with plans (intruder drills are followed by lengthy discussions in his class)

DRYDEN: ask for more law enforcement coordination; welcome and appreciate public comment

MOORE motioned to approve the Safe Schools Plan with the understanding of being able to make modifications as needed throughout the year. Seconded by WRIGHT.

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b. 2018-2019 School Calendar

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c. Approval of 2017-2018 Second Interim Reports as of January 31, 2018

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GRIESERT: reported out on highlights of reports – positive status

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O. ADVANCED PLANNING

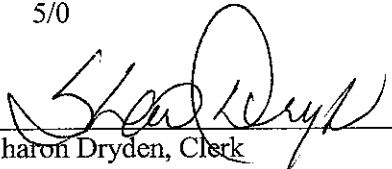
1. Next Regular Board Meeting will be held on April 10, 2018 at Downieville School, 130 School St., Downieville, CA 95936, beginning with Closed Session, as needed, at 5:00pm and the Regular Board Meeting at 6:00pm.

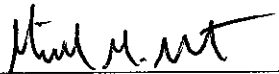
2. Suggested Agenda Items – none

P. ADJOURN at 6:35pm

WRIGHT/MOORE

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Sharon Dryden, Clerk

  
Dr. Merrill M. Grant, Superintendent