

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

February 12, 2019

Downieville School, 130 School St, Downieville CA 95936

Videoconferenced to Sierra County Office of Education, 109 Beckwith Rd., Loyalton, CA 96118

5:00pm Closed Session

6:00pm Regular Session

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A. CALL TO ORDER

President PATTY HALL called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Patty Hall, President  
Allen Wright, Vice President  
Mike Moore, Member  
Jenny Gant, Member – *attended via videoconference in Loyalton*

ABSENT: Andy Genasci, Clerk

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

WRIGHT/MOORE

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D. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION

1. Current location – *none*
2. Videoconference location – *none*

E. CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Trustees, Superintendent Dr. Merrill Grant and Business Manager Nona Griesert moved into Closed Session at 5:03pm to discuss the following item(s):

1. Government Code 54957  
THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES  
Consultation with: Mike Fisher, Sierra County Sherriff
2. 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

F. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION at 5:45pm and ADJOURN FOR BREAK

G. 6:09PM – RECONVENE

H. FLAG SALUTE

I. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

MOORE: Discussed school safety issues with Sheriff Mike Fisher and possibly setting up a Risk Management Team—he left at 5:30pm. Then discussed negotiations—offering SPTA 2% increase for the current school year and 2.5% increase for the next school year.

## J. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Correspondence
  - a. Hat Creek Memo
2. Superintendent's Report
  - a. California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) Quarterly Meeting Report
  - b. Letter of Resignation from Amy Filippini, Career Technician, Loyalton High School, .50 FTE, effective January 22, 2019
  - c. Offer of Employment to Brittany Lane, Instructional Aide, Loyalton Elementary School, .9 FTE, effective January 7, 2019
  - d. Offer of Employment to Veronica Vazquez-Martinez, Instructional Aide, Loyalton Elementary School, .83 FTE, effective January 7, 2019
  - e. Offer of Employment to Adrianna Petro, Workability Aide, .17 FTE, effective January 31, 2019
  - f. Offer of Employment to Wendy Jackson, Adult Education Coordinator, 1.0 FTE, effective January 30, 2019
  - g. Speech and Language Pathologist Assistant—Barbara McKurtis is retiring June 30, 2019, so looking at this as an option with Barbara overseeing/supervising this position if can't fill her position.
  - h. Small School Districts' Association (SSDA)—new platform for policies launching in the spring
  - i. Authorizing Wendy Jackson as designee Board Member to Feather River Adult Education Consortium
3. Business Report
  - a. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/18 to 01/31/2019
4. Staff Reports
  - a. CURRICULUM—MESCHERY: Reintroducing Marzano framework and having teachers choose their second semester goals. Took another group for an observational visit to North Tahoe High School last week. Working on the scholarship applications with students with that season upon us now.
  - b. SELPA—BETHKE: Interviewing on Friday to fill a full-time teacher position at LES. Also looking for a Speech and Language Pathologist and school/county nurse. Starting to look more closely at staffing in Downieville due to the increasing number of Special Ed students there. Crisis Prevention Institute training next month.
  - c. ADULT ED—JACKSON: Students showing interest already just by word of mouth—six students. Two community meetings planned for March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Golden West in Loyalton and March 14<sup>th</sup> in Downieville (venue TBD), both at 6-7:30pm—looking for feedback from the community to see what they are interested in.

5. Board Member Reports

- a. WRIGHT: Did a site visit in Downieville as a Facilities Committee member. Will get over to Loyaltan sites with GENASCI as well. Also have been working on Tech Task Force Committee duties since last meeting.
- b. MOORE: Visited LHS last week—four classrooms including Special Ed. Met the new math teacher and thought he was doing a great job considering he has no prior teaching experience.
- c. HALL: Saw Wild Things in Downieville. Have been helping at concession booth during games which is a great way to meet and greet parents.

6. Public Comment

- a. Videoconference location –  
Sierra Schools Foundation—MESCHERY: New board members from Downieville introduced at meeting this afternoon. Starting discussions around Golden Green Garden in Downieville and how we can try to help and support that program there.
- b. Current location – *none*

K. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held January 8, 2019
- 2. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 01/01/2019 through 01/31/2019
- 3. Authorization to submit Consolidated Application  
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L. ACTION ITEMS

1. New Business

- a. Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Audited Actuals  
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***PUBLIC HEARING – Collective Bargaining Disclosure Statement***

- b. Public Hearing opened at 6:28pm to receive public comment regarding Collective Bargaining Agreement (Items c-d). Closed at 6:29pm with no comment.
- c. Public Disclosure and Approval of Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement for Sierra-Plumas Teachers' Association (SPTA) Certificated Employees, 2018-2019, per Assembly Bill (AB) 1200 and Government Code Section 3547.5  
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- d. Presentation and Approval of the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement for SPTA Certificated Employees, 2018-2019, Negotiations for salary and benefits  
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- e. Approval of 2017-18 Sierra County Office of Education School Accountability Report Card  
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- f. Approval of Sierra County Adult Education School through Feather River Adult Education Consortium  
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- g. Approval of National External Diploma Program (NEDP)  
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**BOARD POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS**

- h. Administrative Regulation 3311.1—Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Procedures, *NEW*
- i. Administrative Regulation 3543—Transportation Safety and Emergencies, *revisions*
- j. Administrative Regulation 5113—Absences and Excuses, *revisions*
- k. Administrative Regulation 5131.41—Use of Seclusion and Restraint, *NEW*
- l. Board Policy 5141.52—Suicide Prevention, *revisions*
- m. Administrative Regulation 5141.52—Suicide Prevention, *revisions*
- n. Board Policy 5144—Discipline, *revisions*
- o. Administrative Regulation 5144—Discipline, *revisions*
- p. Board Policy 5146—Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students, *revisions*

*WRIGHT* motioned to table the policies to the next meeting due to receiving the packet late because of unforeseen delays. Second by *MOORE*.  
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**M. ADVANCED PLANNING**

- 1. Next Regular Board Meeting will be held on March 12, 2019 at Sierra County Office of Education, 109 Beckwith Rd., Loyalton, CA 96118 beginning with Closed Session, as needed, at 5:00pm and the Regular Board Meeting at 6:00pm.
- 2. Suggested Agenda Items
  - a. Continue with negotiations

N. ADJOURN at 6:41pm  
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Andy J. Genasci, Clerk

  
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Dr. Merrill M. Grant, Superintendent

