

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

August 10, 2021

6:00pm Regular Session

*Downieville: Downieville School, 130 School St, Downieville CA 95936*  
Zoom videoconferencing was also available for the public.

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A. CALL TO ORDER

*President PATTY HALL called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.*

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: *Patty Hall, President*  
*Allen Wright, Vice President*  
*Christina Potter, Clerk (via Zoom)*  
*Mike Moore, Member*  
*Nicole Stannard, Member (via Zoom)*

ABSENT: *None*

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*WRIGHT/STANNARD*  
*5/0*

D. FLAG SALUTE

E. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Report

- a. Acceptance of resignation for Niecea Freeman, Teacher, Downieville Elementary School, 1.0 FTE, effective June 30, 2021  
*BERARDI: Moving into a different position on the District side.*
- b. In-Person Instruction Grant plan  
*BERARDI: Public meeting held last month. Lots of support for Social and Emotional programs for students.*
- c. Professional Services Agreements  
*BERARDI/GRIESERT: Working with staff looking to renew contracts.*
- d. Memorandum of Understanding with Sierra-Plumas Teacher's Association for the 2021-2022 School Year, Contract 2022-006C  
*BERARDI: MOU regarding changes in working conditions due to COVID. Submitted to the Board for review.*

2. Business Report

- a. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/2021 to 07/31/2021

3. Staff Reports

*SELPA—BETHKE: Thank you to the staff that handled the Extended School Year program this summer for students needing continued support through the summer.*  
*ADULT ED—JACKSON: Not present*

4. Board Member Reports

*None*

5. Public Comment

*Jason & Kelly Champion—parents: Speaking up on behalf of many parents against mask mandates for students in schools. For many who don't have the resources to*

*homeschool their children we are asking the school board to not enforce mask mandates. Parents have the right to choose whether or not their children have to wear masks. We feel the masks are doing more harm than good – consider the large increase in strep throat cases in the schools last year.*

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held July 13, 2021
2. Approval of minutes for the Special Board Meeting held July 21, 2021
3. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 07/01/2021 through 07/31/2021
4. Approval of 2021-2022 SCOE Certificated Substitute List

*WRIGHT motioned to approve 1, 3 & 4. Second by MOORE.*

*5/0*

*MOORE motioned to approve 2. Second by WRIGHT.*

*3/0, 2 abstentions (HALL and STANNARD)*

G. ACTION ITEMS

1. New Business

***PUBLIC HEARING – Declaration of Need***

- a. Public Hearing *opened at 6:30pm* to receive public comment regarding the announcement of the adoption of the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2021-2022 School Year (Item b). *Closed at 6:33pm with no public comment.*
- b. Approval of the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2021-2022 school year. *A diligent search to recruit fully prepared teacher(s) was made and an insufficient number of certificated persons met the Sierra County Office of Education's employment criteria for the position(s)*  
*MOORE/WRIGHT*  
*5/0*
- c. Approval of CBEST Waiver for Substitute Teachers *(The Sierra COE has been unable to recruit enough day-to-day substitute teachers who have not had an opportunity to take and pass all sections of the California Basic Educational Skills Test. The SCOE anticipates employing no greater than three (3) day-to-day substitutes on variable term CBEST waiver for the 2021-2022 school year)*  
*MOORE/WRIGHT*  
*5/0*

BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, EXHIBITS, BOARD BYLAWS

*MOORE motioned to approve d-l as presented, no changes. Second by STANNARD.*

*5/0*

- d. 1312.3—Uniform Complaint Procedures
  1. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- e. 1313—Civility
  1. Board Policy, *NEW*
- f. 3511.1—Integrated Waste Management
  1. Board Policy, *revisions*
  2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- g. 3515.31—School Resource Officers
  1. Board Policy, *NEW*
- h. 4112.42~4212.42~4312.42—Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers
  1. Board Policy, *revisions*
  2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- i. 4141~4241—Collective Bargaining Agreement

1. Board Policy, *revisions*
- j. 4158~4258~4358—Employee Security
  1. Board Policy, *revisions*
  2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- k. 6157—Distance Learning
  1. Board Policy, *DELETE (see guide sheet)*
- l. 6158—Independent Study
  1. Board Policy, *revisions*
  2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*

H. ADVANCED PLANNING

1. Next Regular Board Meetings will be held on September 14, 2021 at Sierra County Office of Education, Room 4, 109 Beckwith Rd, Loyalton CA 96118, beginning with Closed Session as needed at 5:00pm and the Regular Board Meeting at 6:00pm. Zoom videoconferencing will also be available.
2. Suggested Agenda Items
  - High School Graduation requirements*

I. ADJOURN at 6:37pm  
*WRIGHT/POTTER*  
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Christina Potter, Clerk



James Berardi, Superintendent  
Secretary to the County Board of Education

