

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
October 12, 2021

*In accordance with AB 361, effective October 1, 2021, pertaining to the convening of public meetings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sierra County Board of Education held this meeting via Zoom videoconferencing.*

6:00pm Regular Session

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A. CALL TO ORDER

*President PATTY HALL called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.*

B. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: *None*

C. APPROVAL OF UTILIZING AB 361 TO CONDUCT THIS BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCING – OCTOBER 12, 2021

*STANNARD/MOORE*

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D. APPROVAL OF UTILIZING AB 361 TO CONDUCT THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCING – NOVEMBER 09, 2021

*STANNARD/POTTER*

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E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*WRIGHT/STANNARD*

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F. FLAG SALUTE

G. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Report

- a. Professional Services Agreement with Jenna Artaz for Counseling Services, Contract 2022-011C

*BERARDI: Additional counseling services for students starting next week after students return to in-person learning.*

- b. COVID-19 Prevention Program

*BERARDI: Written plan mandated by the state, protocols meant to help with control of employee exposures.*

- c. Temporary Extra Duty hours for Support Services

*BERARDI: Due to added duties across the district with COVID-19 monitoring/testing our administrators are in need of help with other duties that are being neglected or receiving less attention than normal. We plan to extend some hours to someone with more availability for support services.*

- d. Copy Kristie Jacobsen on Superintendent emails (kjacobsen@spjused.org)

*BERARDI: Reminder to please add Kristie to all emails to me, unless it is a private matter, so she can help me catch and respond to as much as possible in a timely manner.*

2. Business Report
  - a. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/2021 to 09/30/2021
3. Staff Reports
 

SELPA—BETHKE: *Thank you to the Board for your support for Special Ed! We have great new additions to our Special Ed staff this year and everyone is doing a stellar job!*

ADULT ED—JACKSON: *Not present*
4. Board Member Reports
 

*None*
5. Public Comment
 

MEGAN MESCHERY—*Sierra Schools Foundation: There was a great turnout at the annual golf tournament with lots of funds raised, so we encourage teachers to apply for grants this winter – grant session to open sometime in November, closing at the end of December. Our newsletter should be going out in November.*

SAMANTHA INGLE—*parent: Will school boards be voting on vaccine mandates? For homeschooled and ISP students, is it true that they will not be required to get vaccinated? What are the board member views on this vaccine mandate? When there are more definitive instructions from the governor will you send out the information to parents?*

#### H. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held September 21, 2021
2. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 09/01/2021 through 09/30/2021

MOORE/WRIGHT

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#### I. ACTION ITEMS

1. New Business
  - a. Masks in Schools
 

*Discussion only, no action. Make this a recurring agenda item for continued discussions and possible action in the future.*

**PUBLIC HEARING—Textbooks and Instructional Materials**
  - b. Public Hearing *opened at 6:27pm* to receive comments on the sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials for Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in each subject and to assure that they are aligned with the state standards adopted pursuant to Ed Code 60605 or 60605.8. Also meet the reporting and sufficiency requirements contained in Ed Code 60119. *Closed at 6:29pm with no comment.*
  - c. Adoption of Resolution No. 22-005C, Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials
 

WRIGHT/MOORE

ROLL CALL VOTE:

STANNARD – AYE

POTTER – AYE

WRIGHT – AYE

HALL – AYE

MOORE – AYE

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- d. Approval of Textbook Adoption Lead Teacher Extra Duty Stipend (*as was approved on the District side in September*)  
 MOORE/WRIGHT  
 WRIGHT: *Lead Teacher – I don't believe "Lead Teacher" needs to be used as part of the title for this position as it was meant for a teacher taking on quasi-admin duties as needed which implies more responsibilities and more pay. "Lead Teacher" doesn't relate to the Textbook Adoption process. General consensus: Leave it as-is for now with the understanding that there are specific guidelines that go with the current job description and stipend for textbook adoption, no admin duties.*  
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- e. Approval of Teacher in Charge Extra Duty Stipend for Downieville Schools for the 2021-2022 School Year  
 STANNARD/POTTER  
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- f. Approval of updated Injury and Illness Prevention Plan  
 MOORE/WRIGHT  
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- g. Approval of Technology Specialist job description and salary schedule  
 MOORE/WRIGHT  
 BERARDI: *Interviews for Technology Director did not result in an acceptable candidate, so looking to go a different route. Hire an outside company to maintain infrastructure (i.e. mainly servers), and then have the Technology Specialist with boots on the ground taking care of other technology needs at all sites. This hybrid model looks like it will cost about the same as replacing the role of Technology Director. The Specialist can go through training to work up to qualifying for the Director position.*  
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- h. Approval of Addendum to Superintendent Contract 2020-07D, Addendum Contract 2022-012C  
 STANNARD/POTTER  
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BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, EXHIBITS, BOARD BYLAWS

WRIGHT motioned to approve i, j and k as presented, no changes. Second by STANNARD.  
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- i. 0470—COVID-19 Mitigation Plan
  - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
- j. 3516.5—Emergency Schedules
  - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
- k. 4131—Staff Development (*certificated*)
  - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*

J. ADVANCED PLANNING

- 1. Next Regular Board Meetings will be held on November 09, 2021, beginning with Closed Session as needed at 5:00pm and the Regular Board Meetings at 6:00pm. Location TBD. Zoom videoconferencing will be available for the public.  
*Zoom videoconferencing for all per AB 361 – see agenda item D.*

2. Suggested Agenda Items

*-Liberty electric charging stations: update on details for school sites vs. city or county sites (District item)*

*-Update on sale of Sierraville School site (District item)*

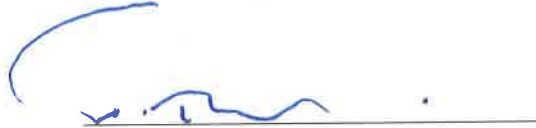
K. ADJOURN at 6:56pm

HALL/WRIGHT

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Christina Potter, Clerk



James Berardi, Superintendent  
Secretary to the County Board of Education