

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

April 12, 2022

Immediately followed the Appointment and Oath of Office to fill the vacancy for District 2 in the District meeting.

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

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 suspended the Brown Act teleconferencing posting requirements for any Board members that chose to participate via Zoom videoconferencing.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Member NICOLE STANNARD called the meeting to order at 7:36pm.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: *Patty Hall, Clerk, District 1
Tom Mooers, District 2 (appointed in District meeting during Board Organization)
Christina Potter, Vice President, District 3
Nicole Stannard, District 4*

ABSENT: *Mike Moore, District 5 (left District meeting at 7:33pm)*

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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D. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Report

- a. Partial approval letter from the California Department of Education for the 2020-2021 Form J-13A Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions
- b. Letter of Support for Assembly Bill 2337
BERARDI: Supporting AB 2337 written by Assemblywoman, Megan Dahle – giving more support and voting power to small county districts in California.
- c. Resignation for Gina D'Andrea, Classroom Specialist with Nursing duties, 1.0 FTE, effective March 25, 2022
BERARDI: Actively looking to fill this position.
- d. Nurse
BERARDI: Working to create a salary schedule separate from the Certificated (Teachers) salary schedule. Hoping to open up opportunities for more qualifying nurse applicants.
- e. E-Rate
BERARDI: Money we are applying for from the state to go towards different parts of technology. Expecting funds in 2022-2023 school year.
- f. Placement of Adult Education portable
BERARDI: Ongoing discussion due to the parking that will be lost for events at the old middle school gym next to the Adult Education location.

2. Business Report

- a. Letter from the California Department of Education confirming positive certification for the 2021-2022 First Interim Reports
- b. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/2021 to 03/31/2022

3. Staff Reports

SELPA—BETHKE: *Special Ed staff were able to attend CPR training through Adult Ed recently. Adult Ed is a valuable resource for all staff for professional development.*

ADULT ED—JACKSON: *It was a good experience with the CPR training. Highlights the ability for Adult Ed to provide more PD for all staff. The placement of the new Adult Ed portable discussed will require additional infrastructure expenses if the placement plans need to be changed. Estimates have already been done and budgeted for. Additional expenses are not budgeted.*

4. Board Member Reports

None

5. Public Comment

Megan Meschery—Sierra Schools Foundation Spring Grant Cycle is coming up soon. Teachers look for email! Grants-in-action—YouScience; New York City trip. Golf Tournament info to go out soon as well.

Janet McHenry—Inviting you all to National Day of Prayer for the State of California the first Thursday in May (5th) – public meeting at Loyalton Firehouse. Kelly Champion and John Martinetti—Strongly oppose all mandates relating to COVID vaccines and masking of the children in our schools.

Cali Griffin—Ag Department update: Ag Incentive Grant application will be available May 15th. Should be able to get Career Technical Education Incentive Grant again for 2022-2023 school year. The dog case that occurred at LHS is going to trial the first week in June. April 27th is Local Project Competition – in need of judges. May 13th will be Farm Day. Tier 1 certifications for students coming up. Nominated to a Regional Officer position at the state level. The annual fair has been moved up to the end of July.

James Sedlak—Sierra Business Council: jsedlak@sierrabusiness.org

Sierra Nevada Energy Watch

<https://www.sierrabusiness.org/archives/snew/>

CalShape

<https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/california-schools-healthy-air-plumbing-and-efficiency-program>

HVIP for Public School Buses

<https://californiahvip.org/news/hvip-public-school-bus-set-aside-for-small-and-medium-air-districts/>

Annie Tipton—Plea for professionalism from the Board. Asking the Board stick to the agenda, follow the Brown Act and be professional.

Kelly Champion—The Board decision process when making the Appointment tonight is an example of how this Board has been operating, and it's frustrating to watch. Back in January, I submitted a Public Records Request and I'm just now (yesterday) getting content from that request.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held March 08, 2022
2. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 03/01/2022 through 03/31/2022

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F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Old Business

- a. Approval of Safe Schools Plan, annual review and revisions (excerpt)
(this plan can be found in its entirety on our website,
http://www.sierracountyofficeofeducation.org/upload/?show=/SCHOOL_SAFETY_PLAN/)
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2. New Business

- a. Approval of 2022-2023 School Calendars
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- b. Approval of 2022-2023 Extra Duty Assignments and Stipends to be filled
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- c. Approval of utilizing AB 361 for meetings conducted through May 10, 2022
***This suspends the Brown Act teleconferencing posting requirements for any Board members that choose to participate via Zoom videoconferencing*
***AB 361 expires January 01, 2024*
***Zoom will be available for the public with or without utilizing AB 361*
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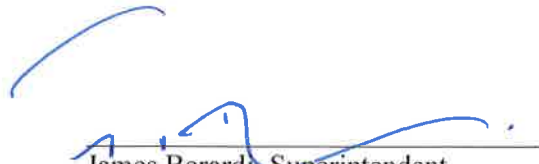
G. ADVANCED PLANNING

1. Next Regular Board Meetings will be held on May 10, 2022, 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 Meetings at 6:00pm. Zoom videoconferencing will be available for the public.
2. Suggested Agenda Items
None

H. ADJOURN at 8:14pm

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Patty Hall, Clerk


James Berardi, Superintendent
Secretary to the County Board of Education