

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

August 09, 2022

6:00pm Regular Session

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

Vice President CHRISTINA POTTER called the meeting to order at 6:13pm.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: *Patty Hall, Clerk, District 1*
Tom Mooers, District 2
Christina Potter, Vice President, District 3 (via Zoom)
Dorie Gayner, District 5

ABSENT: *None*

VACANT: *District 4*

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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D. FLAG SALUTE

E. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Report

a. District 4 Board Member Vacancy

BERARDI: Nicole Stannard resigned for District 4 as of July 31. There is no intent to make an Appointment to fill the position due to the upcoming election in November.

Discussion ensued with a request from the audience asking the Board to entertain the idea of appointing someone despite the upcoming election and to direct the Superintendent to do so on the next agenda. It was concluded that this item can be added as a Suggested Agenda Item and reviewed further before the next meeting in September.

b. Resignation for Alyssa McCollum, Instructional Aide, Loyalton High School, .67 FTE (4 hours/day), effective July 29, 2022

c. Assignment of Alyssa McCollum, Severely Handicapped Aide, Loyalton High School, 1.0 FTE (6 hours/day), effective August 24, 2022

2. Business Report

a. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/2022 to 07/31/2022

3. Staff Reports

SELPA—BETHKE: None

ADULT ED—JACKSON: None

4. Board Member Reports

MOOERS: I am not running for the next term. I look forward to serving the rest of my Provisional Appointment as best I can, and then transitioning back into parent-volunteer.

GAYNER: Trying to visit the schools, learn how things run and get caught up with district matters.

5. Public Comment

John Martinetti—If an Appointment goes on the next agenda, would the Appointment take place in September or October?

BERARDI: It could take place in September with enough notice given.

Kelly Champion—Would like to see more money put into regular maintenance of our facilities. A particular concern was the field inside the track by LES typically used for soccer.

BERARDI: We have hired a company to help us find additional funds to put towards major updates by priority of safety concerns and regular maintenance.

Don Russel—I would encourage the Board to think very carefully about naming someone to the Board with the election looming. As soon as you name someone to the Board they become an incumbent and that is an advantage in any election.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held July 12, 2022
2. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 07/01/2022 through 07/31/2022
3. Approval of 2022-2023 SCOE Certificated Substitute List

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G. ACTION ITEMS

1. New Business

PUBLIC HEARING – Declaration of Need

- a. Public Hearing opened at 6:28pm to receive public comment regarding the announcement of the adoption of the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2022-2023 School Year (Item b).

Kelly Champion—I just heard that there were applicants that just weren't being hired. Is it that we don't have the applicants, or we don't have the process to get them hired, or what is the hold up?

BERARDI: I'm not sure which positions you're referring to, but there are still interviews taking place for a number of positions. There have been offers made, some that have been declined. There are a variety of reasons that applicants have declined an offer (i.e our rural location).

Closed at 6:31pm.

- b. Approval of the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2022-2023 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)*
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- 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 five (5) day-to-day substitutes on variable term CBEST waiver for the 2022-2023 school year)*
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- d. Approval of Teacher On Special Assignment job description and position
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- e. Approval of utilizing AB 361 for meetings conducted through September 13, 2022
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~AB 361 expires January 01, 2024
~Zoom will be available for the public with or without utilizing AB 361*

H. ADVANCED PLANNING

- 1. Next Regular Board Meetings will be held on September 13, 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
-Appointment for District 4?

I. ADJOURN at 6:33pm
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Patty Hall, Clerk


James Berardi, Superintendent
Secretary to the County Board of Education

