

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 13, 2014

Sierra County Office of Education, 109 Beckwith Rd., Room 4, Loyalton, CA 96118

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Mike Moore called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Mike Moore, President
Mr. Tim Driscoll, Vice President
Ms. Sharon Dryden, Clerk
Ms. Patty Hall, Member - Arrived at 5:21 pm.
Mr. Allen Wright, Member

ABSENT: None

VACANT: None

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

DRISCOLL/WRIGHT

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AYE: DRISCOLL, DRYDEN, MOORE, WRIGHT

NO: NONE

ABSENT: HALL (Arrived at 5:21 pm)

D. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION -- 5:05 pm

The meeting opened for any public comments regarding the Closed Session items. There were no comments.

E. CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Trustees and Superintendent Dr. Merrill M. Grant moved into Closed Session to discuss the following items:

1. Government Code §54957.6, Conference with Labor Negotiators
Agency Negotiator for the Board: Dr. Merrill M. Grant, Superintendent
Employee Organization: Represented Employees-Certificated
2. Government Code §54957, Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
3. Government Code §54957, Public Employee Employment, Superintendent Contract Negotiation

F. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION at 5:55 pm.

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REPORT OUT AT 5:56 pm.

The Closed Sessions were for the purpose of discussion only. No direction was given; no vote was taken.

Discussion for Item 3, Government Code §54957, Public Employee Employment, Superintendent Contract Negotiation, was incomplete due to time restrictions. This Closed Session was moved to the end of the Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District Governing Board meeting tonight in order to complete the task at hand.

ADJOURN FOR SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AT 5:57 pm.
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THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 6:50 PM

G. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Loylton High School Oval Track – Dr. Grant discussed the schematic, drawn by Steve Alfred, included in the agenda packets. This will not be a regulation track, due to the fire lane which must remain. It will be 320 yards, compiled of decomposed granite. Inside the track can be used for another playing field.
- b. Loylton High School Paving Project – This will be discussed under Action Items.
- c. Technology Task Force – The district is close to providing 1 to 1 ratio for computers to students.
- d. Report to Board BP 5030 (Student Wellness) Dr. Grant reported to the Board and the public that our District is complying with the state of California standards for proper nutrition. Vending machines contain healthy choices. Cafeteria lunches are meeting state standards; discussion regarding a salad bar at LHS for next school year is in process.

2. BUSINESS REPORT

There were no comments on the Board Report-Expenditures by Object 07/01/13 to 4/30/14 or the Eighth Month Enrollments for the 2013-2014 School Year.

The correspondence from California Department of Education, FY 2012-13 Federal Audit Findings, was discussed. The only finding is lack of separation and internal control because we are a small administration.

3. STAFF REPORTS

Marla Stock, Administrator for Loylton High School and Derek Cooper, Administrator for Loylton Elementary and Downieville School, gave reports on the end of the year accomplishments and activities of their schools.

4. SPTA REPORTS

There were no reports.

5. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

MOORE stated that he visited Downieville School last week. As always, a great staff and positive atmosphere.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Moore opened the meeting for public comment at 7:03 pm.

Megan Meschery of the Sierra Schools Foundation reported that Spring for the Schools Soak in the Sierras had a smaller turnout than last year and that cooler weather may have played a part. The Foundation will extend the Spring Grant cycle to June 10; Grantees will be decided by June 12. Sunday Sept 14 will be the date for the Gran Fondo.

Megan Meschery, Loyalton High School teacher, spoke in regards to the Athletic Director item on the agenda. She is in favor of raising the stipend for the AD and stated that it is a difficult job that includes overseeing three athletic sports and preparing for the school year during the summer. She stressed the title "Director" as a term that includes authoritative responsibility.

Pat Doyle, Loyalton Elementary School teacher, agreed that the Athletic Director should be better compensated. He stated that the amount of work is nonequivalent to the amount compensated. He listed several stipends that have been eliminated over the past years that could account for funding an increase in the Athletic Director's compensation.

President Moore closed the meeting for public comment at 7:11 pm.

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items were included on the consent calendar:

1. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held April 8, 2014
2. Approval of the bill warrants for the month of April 2014
3. Assignment of Sandra Anderson, Noon Supervisor, Loyalton Elementary
4. Approval for Out Of State Staff Development for Educators Conference for Ann Fisher, Karen Gress, Alicia Schofield, and Andrea White, July 7-10, 2014, in Las Vegas, Nevada
5. Authorization to submit Career Technical Education Application (Perkins) for 2014-2015 Funding
6. Acknowledgement of Review of BP and AR 5116.1 (Intradistrict Open Enrollment)

WRIGHT/HALL

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I. ACTION ITEMS

1. NEW BUSINESS

- 1314-206 Action on Superintendent's Recommendation Regarding the Termination of 1.0 FTE Certificated Employee and Reduction of .5 FTE Certificated Employee as a Result of Reduction of Particular Kinds of Service

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- 1314-207 Acceptance of letter of resignation from Catherine Stewart, Instructional Aide, Downieville School, effective June 30, 2014
Ms. Stewart was described by Ms. Schofield as “A Rock” for her class. DRISCOLL motioned to accept, with regret, the resignation of Ms. Stewart.
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- 1314-208 Authorization to fill Instructional Aide position, Downieville School, 5 hours daily, funded by Title 1 and Unrestricted resources
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- 1314-209 Authorization to hire 1.0 FTE Instructional Support and Intervention Teacher, Loyalton Elementary School
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PUBLIC HEARING-Prop 30/EPA

- 1314-210 **The Purpose of the Public Hearing** is to receive public comment on the Use of Proposition 30 funds, Education Protection Account
Ms. Asquith explained that the Education Fund Proposition was approved by the voters. The major target of funding will be the Loyalton High School teachers.

There was no public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING-LCAP

- 1314-211 **The Purpose of the Public Hearing** is to present the 2014-15 Local Control and Accountability Plan and to address any public comments and questions
The Four main goals are as follows: Conditions of Learning, Pupil Outcomes and Engagement and Facilities. Where the County LCAP focuses more on services, the District LCAP will focus highly on the classroom.
The State of California strongly recommends student topics as stated in the California Education Code. One of those topics is K-12 science, using science fairs as a type of culminating experience. Therefore, it is listed as a Goal.
Rose: In regards to #3, Actions, Services and Expenditures, the local control base funding can funnel through all students. Depending on the unduplicated count, we are allotted extra funds. A percentage of those funds must be set aside for that group. We will justify how this is accomplished in the LCAP.

There were no comments from the community. The Public Hearing Closed at 7:20 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING-S-PJUSD Budget

- 1314-212 **The Purpose of the Public Hearing** is to receive public comment on 2014-15 Proposed Budget
Page 2 on the Financials/Increase and Decrease, Estimated Actuals for this year we should increase our fund balance by almost \$400,000; next year deficit spending almost \$70,000. SRS came in about \$25,000 less.

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Computers costs written in the budget are: \$21,000 LES iPad lab, \$13,000 for Google Chrome for LHS; \$7,000 for DVL.
Roughly \$51,000 is set aside for sports stipends and \$11,500 for other sports costs.
We anticipate Office of Public School Construction monies for the Loyalton High School re-roof project by the end of the year.

Public Question: Please confirm that Prop 39 money will carry over and explain how we can use it? Response: Yes, it will carry over into 2014-15 for energy efficient projects only, i.e., windows, heaters.

The Public Hearing Closed at 7:42 pm.

- 1314-213 Adoption of Resolution No. 13-010, Use of School Facilities
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ROLL CALL VOTE
TRUSTEE DRISCOLL AYE
TRUSTEE DRYDEN AYE
TRUSTEE HALL AYE
TRUSTEE MOORE AYE
TRUSTEE WRIGHT AYE
- 1314-214 Adoption of Resolution No. 13-011, Old Loyalton Middle School
DRYDEN motioned to adopt Resolution No. 13-011 with the following changes:
Indicate a selling price of \$25,000 for Exhibit A, Parcel 1 and a selling price of \$1 for the Exhibit A, Parcel 2 (school site)
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DRYDEN/DRISCOLL
ROLL CALL VOTE
TRUSTEE DRISCOLL AYE
TRUSTEE DRYDEN AYE
TRUSTEE HALL AYE
TRUSTEE MOORE AYE
TRUSTEE WRIGHT AYE
- 1314-215 Approval of Loyalton High School Interim WASC Report (*presented at April 2014 Board Meeting*) WRIGHT/DRISCOLL
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- 1314-216 Approval of Loyalton High School Mission Statement and Athletic Mission Statement\
DRYDEN/DRISCOLL
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- 1314-217 Discussion on Stipend for Athletic Director, Loyalton High School
MOORE stated that this is a negotiable item and must go through SPTA and a formal request must be made to the Board. There was no discussion.
- 1314-218 Approval to Award Bid to McCuen Construction, Inc., for Loyalton High School Paving Replacement Project

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DRYDEN motioned to award the Bid to McCuen Construction, Inc., for Loyalton High School Paving Replacement Project, choosing Option #2 as presented by the CRM Group-bid price of \$185,908.

DRISCOLL seconded.

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BOARD POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

WRIGHT motioned to approve Items 121 to 123 with the following edition to AR 5144, Discipline: REMOVE "Students may be offered the choice of serving their detention on Saturday rather than after school"/HALL seconded

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- 1314-219 Approval of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3260, Fees and Charges, revision
- 1314-220 Approval of Administrative Regulation 3460, Financial Reports and Accountability, revision
- 1314-221 Approval of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5144, Discipline, revision, removing reference to optional Saturday detention.

J. ADVANCED PLANNING

- 1. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, Downieville School, Downieville, California, immediately following the 6:00 pm meeting of the Sierra County Board of Education, or at 5:00 pm when a Closed Session is necessitated.
- 2. Suggested Agenda items:
 - a. LCAP
 - b. Budget
 - c. Downieville painting
 - d. WASC progress report for Downieville

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

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The Board moved into Closed Session to discuss Government Code §54957, Public Employee Employment, Superintendent Contract Negotiation at 8:07 pm.

REPORT OUT at 9:09 pm.

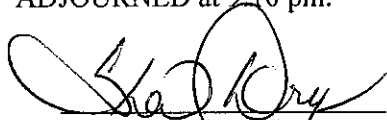
No Action was taken. The Board made recommendations regarding the Superintendent Contract.


K. ADJOURNMENT

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ADJOURNED at 9:10 pm.


Sharon Dryden, Clerk


Dr. Merrill M. Grant, Superintendent