

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

July 10, 2018

Sierra County Office of Education, 109 Beckwith Rd, Loyalton CA 96118
Videoconferenced to Downieville School, 130 School St, Downieville CA 95936
Immediately followed the 6:00pm meeting of the Sierra County Board of Education

A. CALL TO ORDER

President MIKE MOORE called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mike Moore, President
Sharon Dryden, Vice President
Jenny Gant, Clerk
Allen Wright, Member
Patty Hall, Member

ABSENT: None

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

HALL/WRIGHT
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D. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Report

- a. Summer Maintenance Projects
DVL Boiler Project moving along
LES Concrete project is underway
Asphalt project expected to begin 7/16/18
Routine deep-cleaning at each school site in progress
- b. Back to School In-Service Day Information
Monday 8/27/18 and Tuesday 8/28/18
At LES – ALICE training for all staff; all Board members invited
First day of school Wednesday 8/29/18
- c. Update on LES 4th Grade Class Size and Resource Allocation
35 students enrolled—some students have IEPs and pulled out at different times; days are split up into different activities which will split up the class throughout the days/weeks
Many creative solutions possible—adding an aide to the classroom currently
- d. Inter-District Variance Requests

2. Business Report

- a. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/17 to 06/30/2018
- b. Tenth Month Enrollments for the 2017-2018 School Year

3. Staff Reports (5 minutes)
 - a. GRANT: administrator meeting today—goals and vision for 2018-19
 - b. Curriculum – MESCHERY:
Productive administrator meeting
Academic Advising next year—working on glitches in PowerSchool for accurate, clean transcripts generated
 - c. AG Dept—Cali Griffin: 2 kids getting American Degrees this year; 1 student moving on to compete nationally in beef proficiency
 - d. SSF—Jenna Holland: Sierra County Arts Council lost grant funding for 3 key art education programs, so Sierra Schools Foundation is funding those programs for 2018-19 school year. Calling on the Board to solidify dedication to arts education. ***letter attached to minutes*

4. Board Members' Report (5 minutes)
 - a. WRIGHT: Visited DVL School to see progress of Boiler Project. Also wanted to note that there's a summer custodial helper on site in DVL and it's a student that recently graduated.

5. Public Comment
 - a. Current location –

Mr. Jason Pinedo—Requesting to hire an additional teacher for 4th grade class; large class size, including special-needs students, needs additional resources
MOORE: we will add to next month's agenda for further discussion
Ms. Maggi Del Barba—Encouraging Board to agendize hiring an additional 4th grade teacher to cut down class size
HALL: How quickly we can respond as problems arise will be a big factor in this class's success
Ms. Hayden Stahl—Town of Loyalton growing; need to prepare for accommodating more students to offer same level of quality education
Ms. Casandra Martinetti—For grades 4-8 class size should not exceed an average of 29.9 students per teacher per CA Dept of Ed. There's space in the school to add another teacher and split the class up into two groups. There's also a large kindergarten class entering the school this next school year...need to prepare for that class moving through each grade level as well.
Mr. Jason Pinedo—Safety issues need to be addressed (i.e. GFI circuits; special door locks for locking down classrooms from inside)
Mr. Vinnie Del Barba—ALICE training—what is it?
GRANT: Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate—technique used by many school districts now to formalize responses to threats on campus
Del Barba: Agree with discussion that training and certification needs to be required for any employee/teacher wishing to carry/use pepper spray.
In favor of this as a less lethal option.
 - b. Videoconference location – none

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held June 12, 2018
2. Approval of minutes for the Special Meeting held June 21, 2018
3. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 06/01/2018 through 06/30/2018
4. Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for quarter ending 06/30/2018. It is required per Education Code 35186 section (d) *that a school district*

shall report summarized data on the nature and resolution of all complaints on a quarterly basis to the county superintendent of schools and the governing board of the school district. No complaints regarding textbooks and instructional materials, teacher vacancy or misassignment or conditions of facilities were filed with Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District during the quarter ending 6/30/2018

No complaints during the entire 2017-2018 school year.

5. Authorization for Out of State Travel Request to Indianapolis, Illinois, for Cali Griffin for FFA Convention in October, LHS
6. Approval of assignment of 2018-2019 Extra Duty Athletic Coaches
7. Approval of assignment of 2018-2019 Extra Duty Non-Athletic positions
8. Job description for .49 FTE District Music Teacher
9. Approval of Agricultural Career Technical Incentive Grant

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F. ACTION ITEMS

1. New Business

- a. Adoption of Resolution No. 19-001D, Ordering Election, Requesting County Elections to Conduct the Election, Requesting Consolidation of the Election, and Specifications of the Election Order

DRYDEN/HALL

DRYDEN: Working with Laura Marshall in county office on Boundary Map—may be changes to boundary descriptions before election in November.

Kristie, please look into timeline for term dates due to change-of-officers needing to occur before December Board meeting where Organizational Meeting normally takes place.

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

WRIGHT – aye

HALL – aye

MOORE – aye

GANT – aye

DRYDEN – aye

- b. Adoption of Resolution No. 19-002D, Fund Transfers for 2018-2019 Fiscal Year

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

WRIGHT – aye

HALL – aye

MOORE – aye

GANT – aye

DRYDEN – aye

- c. Authorization for Superintendent to enter into Memorandum of Understanding with CalPASS for 2018-2019 school year

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- d. Discussion and Possible Approval of restoring 3 hours of custodial time in Downieville not to exceed 200 days

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- e. Approval of assignment of Ron Jacobson, 1.0 FTE Physical Education Teacher, Loyalton High, effective August 27, 2018
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BOARD POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

DRYDEN motioned to approve f-l with the exception of tabling j to August meeting. Second by Hall.

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- f. Board Policy 3514.1, Hazardous Substances, *new*
- g. DELETE Board Policy 6161.3, Toxic Art Supplies (*incorporated into BP 3514.1, Hazardous Substances*)
- h. Board Policy AND Administrative Regulation 3516, Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan, *revisions*
- i. Administrative Regulation 3541, Transportation Routes and Services, *new*
- j. Board Policy AND Administrative Regulation 4158, Employee Security, *revisions*
- k. Administrative Regulation 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8, Family Care and Medical Leave, *revisions*
- l. Board Policy AND Administrative Regulation 6145, Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities, *annual review—no changes per T. Jones (available on GAMUT)*

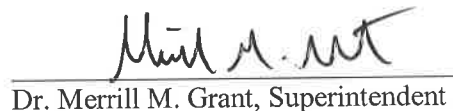
G. ADVANCED PLANNING

- 1. Next Regular Board Meeting will be held on August 14, 2018 at Downieville School, 130 School St., Downieville, CA 95936 beginning with Closed Session, as needed, at 5:00pm and the Regular Board Meeting following the Sierra County Board of Education meeting at 6:00pm.
- 2. Suggested Agenda Items
 - a. LHS leadership class – presentation about Satellite Lunch Cart?

H. ADJOURN at 7:45pm
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Jenny Gant, Clerk



Dr. Merrill M. Grant, Superintendent

July 10th, 2018

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I'm here to sound the alarm bell for arts education in our schools. We just received word from the Sierra County Arts Council that they lost their grant funding for 3 key art education programs:

Music at Downieville

Dance at Downieville

Graphic Arts Program at Loyalton

We are passionate about visual and performing arts so we stepped up to fund these important and loved programs for the 2018-19 school year.

But, there is a bigger picture I urge you to consider.

While the district fully funds Art at LHS, LES and Theatre at DHS, many of other arts education programs are funded by Sierra Schools Foundation with other partners like the Sierra County Arts Council. If it weren't for our two agencies, we would not have programs like various STEAM programs, filmmaking, graphic arts, ceramics, choir, arts field trips, Art in the Garden, musicals in both Downieville and Loyalton, etc.

It is clear that this is not sustainable. We are a donor-dependent, all volunteer organization. We simply can't guarantee funding for these essential programs for the long term.

This is why we consistently seek to partner with you and look to you for leadership. Vision and budget creativity are essential in keeping art education alive in our schools.

As an organization, The Sierra Schools Foundation is the voice of parents and students in our community. They made it very clear that arts education is important to them. We have wonderful and robust sports and Ag. programs, but not every student is interested in sports or Ag. Parents and students want comprehensive public education – performing and visual arts are key to offering a balanced and well-rounded educational experience for all students.

I encourage you to talk with and listen to your constituents who are calling for more commitment to arts education in our schools.

I encourage you to look into arts education and the amazing benefits it provides to students and communities. From higher test scores to increased attendance rates, improved critical thinking skills, you will see

how undeniably important the visual and performing arts are. I will be happy to share resources with all of you.

I want to encourage you to solidify your dedication to arts education in your discussions, your decisions and especially your budget.

We are going to need to work together to keep art education alive and thriving in our schools. I hope it starts with your commitment to a more robust music program, and in the bigger picture, making arts education a priority.

I look forward to working together to ensure we are an exceptional school district that provides a robust, meaningful education that meets the needs of all students.

Our kids deserve it.

Sincerely,

Jenna Holland

President, The Sierra Schools Foundation