

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

January 12, 2021

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order pertaining to the convening of public meetings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governing Board of the Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District held these meetings via Zoom Videoconferencing for the public.

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 6:15pm.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mike Moore, President
Allen Wright, Vice President
Christina Potter, Clerk
Patty Hall, Member
Nicole Stannard, Member (appointed – see item D.)

ABSENT: None

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

WRIGHT/POTTER

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D. BOARD ORGANIZATION

1. Candidate interviews for Board Trustee Area 4 vacancy
 - a. Nicole Stannard
 - b. Benjamin Hitchcock
2. Appointment to fill vacancy
POTTER nominated NICOLE STANNARD. Second by WRIGHT.
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3. The Superintendent gave the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Trustee, *NICOLE STANNARD*

E. RECESS TO THE SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING at 6:42pm

F. RECONVENE at 7:05pm

G. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Budget meetings
BERARDI: Proposing that we (the Board, myself and the Business Manager) plan for holding more regular budget meetings as a group to ensure each board member has a solid understanding of the current financial standings for County and District and be better informed to make decisions moving forward. We anticipate having to make cuts in the near future due to our current deficit spending pattern.
 - b. Board trainings
BERARDI: Would like to see ongoing training related to best practices for board members. Looking to set something up with Bob Ferguson. This would be good for new board members as well as seasoned board members – there are new things to learn and areas where we could use refreshers.
HALL: We would have financial help from Sierra Schools Foundation to support Board training.
 - c. Science curriculum adoption update

BERARDI: All the new science curriculum has been received. It will be set up in the next couple of weeks to open up to the staff and the public for viewing before we move forward with the adoption process.

2. Business Report

- a. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/2020 to 12/31/2020
- b. Fourth Month Enrollments for the 2020-2021 School Year

3. Staff Reports

TECHNOLOGY—DONNELLY: *Meeting with BERARDI later to discuss issues with the phones, but no report tonight.*

LHS—JONES: *Continuously forming and working through plans to help those students struggling with school performance. Many students being negatively impacted by the current COVID environment. Teachers are handling communication very well with all the students in the distance learning environment. February 1-2 mid-cycle virtual review with WASC.*

LES—CERESOLA: *My motto for this year with my staff is "Moving from Surviving 2020 to Thriving in 2021!" Many different Professional Development trainings and programs lined up for our Wednesday afternoons – upcoming topic is Fostering Relationships. Staci Armstrong is doing really well with the Intervention Program as a District-Wide program. We are moving into our next 7-week cycle.*

DES & DHS—BERARDI: *After Christmas break the COVID cases soared in Sierra County, particularly on the Downieville side. Our district Admin team is meeting with the Health Department regularly to keep communication open. School site closed to in-person learning for DES through this week and DHS the remainder of January. Unfortunately we are seeing some students and families not engaging when we are in a distance learning model, but we are doing everything we can to reach out to those students and families to support them as best as we can.*

4. SPTA Report

PRESIDENT—PETTERSON: *Welcome back on the Board, Nicole. SPTA participated in a successful Budget Committee meeting a couple weeks ago. Thank you for the continued support for teachers, Administrators and all staff working hard to help make this school year a success.*

5. Board Members' Report

WRIGHT: *Thank you to Megan Meschery for the letter she wrote to the Board members last week. I appreciate the points she made in the letter and will be taking her suggestions into advisement as we move through the year.*

HALL: *Thank you to Megan as well for the letter she wrote.*

MOORE: *Another thank you to Megan for the letter she wrote to the Board.*

6. Public Comment

None

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held December 14, 2020
2. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 12/01/2020 through 12/31/2020
3. Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for quarter ending December 31, 2020. 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.
 - a. 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 December 31, 2020.
4. Approval of Pesticide Use Reporting for 2020 (DO, LES, LHS, DES, DHS)

5. Approval of the Integrated Pest Management Plan for 2020
HALL/WRIGHT
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I. ACTION ITEMS

1. New Business

- a. Approval of School Accountability Report Cards for 2019-2020:
1. Downieville Elementary School
 2. Loyalton Elementary School
 3. Downieville Jr/Sr High School
 4. Loyalton High School
 5. Sierra Pass Continuation School

HALL/WRIGHT

4/0 (1 abstention – STANNARD)

BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, EXHIBITS, BOARD BYLAWS

*HALL motioned to approve all policies as was done in County meeting.
Second by WRIGHT.*

4/0 (1 abstention – STANNARD)

- b. 4119.25~4219.25~4319.25—Political Activities of Employees
1. Board Policy, *revisions^^*
 2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions^^*
- c. 4140~4240~4340—Bargaining Units
1. Board Policy, *revisions^^*
- d. 5113.1—Chronic Absence and Truancy
1. Board Policy, *revisions^^*
 2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions^^*
- e. 5113.11—Attendance Supervision
1. Administrative Regulation, *NEW^^*
- f. 6170.1—Transitional Kindergarten
1. Board Policy, *revisions^^*
- g. 9012—Board Member Electronic Communications
1. Board Bylaw, *revisions^^*
- h. 9320—Meetings and Notices
1. Board Bylaw, *revisions^^*

J. ADVANCED PLANNING

1. Next Regular Board Meetings will be held on February 09, 2021 beginning with Closed Session as needed at 5:00pm and the Regular Board Meetings at 6:00pm via Zoom videoconferencing.

2. Suggested Agenda Items

WRIGHT: Would like to address a reasonable idea if we were to lose our bus contractor for the Downieville area. Transportation Committee meeting.

STANNARD: Would like to hold a Transportation Committee meeting for Loyalton as well due to recent issues with limited bus routes and alternatives.

WRIGHT: Would like to consider reorganizing the Board with STANNARD back on the Board again.

K. ADJOURN at 7:47pm

WRIGHT/HALL

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Christina Potter, Clerk



James Berardi, Superintendent

