

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

February 09, 2021

5:00pm CLOSED Session

Regular Session immediately followed the 6:00pm meeting of the Sierra County Board of Education

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.

A. CALL TO ORDER

President MIKE MOORE called the meeting to order at 5:07pm.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mike Moore, President
Allen Wright, Vice President
Christina Potter, Clerk
Patty Hall, Member
Nicole Stannard, Member

ABSENT: None

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

HALL/WRIGHT

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D. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION

None

E. CLOSED SESSION

STANNARD/WRIGHT

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The Board of Trustees, Superintendent James Berardi and Business Manager Nona Griesert moved into Closed Session at 5:10pm to discuss the following item(s):

1. Government Code 54957

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

2. Government Code 54957.6

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency Negotiator for the Board: James Berardi, Superintendent

Employee Organizations:

Unrepresented Employees: Sierra-Plumas Teachers' Association
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Administrative Employees

F. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION and ADJOURN FOR BREAK

~~G.A. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION~~

~~H.G. 6:00PM – RECESS TO THE SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING~~

~~I.H. RECONVENE THE SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING at 6:23pm~~

~~I. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION~~

~~MOORE: Both items were for discussion only. Discussed potential layoffs, but no decisions were made and no action was taken.~~

J. BOARD REORGANIZATION^^

WRIGHT: Would like to take myself off of the Technology committee.

MOORE: Appoint STANNARD to replace WRIGHT on Technology committee.

STANNARD: Would like to be considered as an alternate for Negotiations committee.

WRIGHT: Agree to remove myself as alternate for Negotiations committee.

MOORE: Appoint STANNARD to replace WRIGHT as alternate on Negotiations committee.

K. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Report

a. Governor's 2021-2022 Budget Update

BERARDI/GRIESERT: 3.8% COLA for 2021-22 and 1.26% COLA for 2021-23. There are still deferrals in place for this year which will affect our cash flow, but next year the deferrals will not be continued. No update on Forest Reserve funds as to whether or not that will be renewed. No update yet on any further Federal or State COVID funding, but that would be restricted money if we received any.

b. Planning for Special Meeting due to potential layoffs

BERARDI: The March 15th deadline is coming up. There will be pink slips, but our intention is to keep as many people as possible, so we hope to be able to rescind many of those pink slips. A Special Meeting may need to be held before March to finalize and vote on the layoff notices that will go out.

c. Transportation Committee meetings (East and West)

BERARDI: Meeting for West side was held to discuss the private contractor used for Downieville Schools. East side meeting scheduled for next week to discuss the transportation for Loyalton Schools.

d. Electric bus update

BERARDI/GRIESERT: Charging stations are installed and working properly. Currently looking at the options for meters and calculating the most cost-effective option for our needs.

e. Science curriculum update

BERARDI: I've been delayed in getting over to Loyalton to finalize the set up for the Science Curriculum due to weather. Plan to have that ready for viewing later this month.

f. Board retreat/training

BERARDI: I will have Kristie poll the Board Members to determine the best date to hold retreat and training with Bob Ferguson's availability.

2. Business Report

a. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/2020 to 01/31/2021

b. Fifth Month Enrollments for the 2020-2021 School Year

3. Staff Reports

LHS—JONES: We are currently in finals week. Moved semester end date back one week to help remediate some Distance Learning issues. WASC visit went very well. Final report expected in the coming days. LHS staff intends to hold as many traditional events as possible in collaboration with Health Department.

I.F.S—CERESOLA: Kudos to my staff, students and parents for rolling with all the changes occurring this year. Letter received from CDPH supporting LES to remain open with the current social distancing guidelines in place. We were able to distribute new water bottles with the help of the Sierra Schools Foundation. Started "Coffee with the Principal" this week on Zoom for parents to stay in touch with me. Professional Development tomorrow will focus on Fostering Relationships.

DES & DHS—BERARDI: The Sierra Schools Foundation is assisting us with art supplies and water hydration systems. We were able to hold an assembly last week for the high school students even with our social distancing guidelines which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Repairs not completed yet on the wall and area of the roof with water damage, but we are working through that.

TECHNOLOGY—DONNELLY: *Nothing to report.*

AG DEPT—CALI GRIFFIN: *FFA still has a lot going on virtually. We have two state degrees approved for Connor Kilmurray and Chance Morgan. Our floral fundraiser is going strong.*

4. SPTA Report

PRESIDENT—PETTERSON: *Our scholarship committee met last week to refine some of the scholarship aspects. Applications will be available soon for two \$500 awards to high school seniors. Shout out to all teachers and support staff for rolling with the punches and flexing between in-person and Distance Learning throughout the year.*

5. Board Members' Report

WRIGHT: *I want to reiterate how amazed I am with everything being done by all staff and administrators to keep the schools operating as fluid as possible with all the changes throughout the year.*

STANNARD: *I also want to express how happy I am as a Board Member and a parent to see firsthand the amazing feats the staff and administrators are taking on. The Coffee with the Principal at LES is a great idea and a great form of communication with the parents. I'm judging Poetry Out Loud again this year.*

POTTER: *Thankful for the transparency and communication from the staff and schools with all the changes and working through periods of Distance Learning.*

MOORE: *Juvenile Justice Commission meeting at least once a month. Member HALL and I welcome ideas, suggestions, comments, etc. to provide better services for Juveniles in Sierra County.*

HALL: *Thinking of adding a Student member on our School Board.*

6. Public Comment

CALI GRIFFIN: *Regarding the Ski Team we'd like to get started at LHS. We are already part of CIF, and need to get into CNISSF for skiing. There are four races we can participate in once we receive approval. Seven kids signed up already.*

WALT CHRUPALO: *Regarding the Ski Team for LHS. I work with CIF, I'm a Division Coordinator and I'm a coach at two different high schools. On behalf of CNISSF I'm working to help LHS with getting the Ski Team up and running so students have an opportunity to participate in a sport with the limited opportunities for sports this year.*

BOB BREWER: *Regarding the Ski Team for LHS. I'm a coach at Davis, a Division Coordinator, and the CA rep for the Western United States Ski Championships. Advocating for any opportunity to hold sports for kids everywhere possible for their emotional, social and physical wellbeing.*

L. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held January 12, 2021
2. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 01/01/2021 through 01/31/2021
3. Authorization to submit 2020-2021 Consolidated Application
4. Authorization for the Superintendent to enter into the 2021-2022 Interlocal Contract with Washoe County School District, Contract 2021-007D

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M. ACTION ITEMS

1. New Business

- a. Approval of Benjamin Raymond's employment on a Provisional Internship Permit to teach Social Science and English at Downieville High School
BERARDI: *Benjamin is in the process of getting his teaching credential. We had to shift assignments, and the PIP allows him to continue teaching at the High School level while he is going through this process.*

STANNARD: How long does it take to finish the credential process? Can the PIP run out?

BERARDI: There are different ways to go about it. He has a Masters in Education, so it's a matter of how many units can be used towards his credential and then he can take a test to complete the requirements. The PIP can run out. He's working to get this done as soon as possible.

WRIGHT/HALL

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- b. Approval of the formation of a Ski Team at Loylton High School

BERARDI: I support this move completely to get any sports we can in motion for kids.

STANNARD: Can Downieville students participate? What's the financial impact to the District?

BERARDI: Downieville will be discussed at a later time. This year we will have a minimal fee to pay to get started. Cali is taking on the role as the coach on a volunteer basis. Going forward a stipend will need to be negotiated through SPTA for a coach.

CALI GRIFFIN: \$300 fee to CIF. Transportation will be on parents at this time due to COVID and no carpooling allowed.

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BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, EXHIBITS, BOARD BYLAWS

HALL motioned to approve all policies as was done in County meeting.

Second by POTTER.

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- c. 4157~4257~4357—Employee Safety
 - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
 - 2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- d. 4157.1~4257.1~4357.1—Work-Related Injuries
 - 1. Administrative Regulation, *NEW*
- e. 5113.2—Work Permits
 - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
 - 2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- f. 5126—Awards for Achievement
 - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
 - 2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- g. 5141.31—Immunizations
 - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
 - 2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*

N. ADVANCED PLANNING

- 1. Next Regular Board Meetings will be held on March 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

HALL: Look at adding a Student member to the District Board

STANNARD: Update on East side transportation meeting


O. ADJOURN at 7:25pm

HALL/WRIGHT

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Christina Potter, Clerk



James Berardi, Superintendent

**SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT—SPJUSD
CLOSED SESSION REPORTING FORM**

DATE: February 09, 2021

CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT: 5:10 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patty Hall Allen Wright Mike Moore Christina Potter Nicole Stannard

OTHERS PRESENT:

James Berardi, Superintendent
 Nona Griesert, Business Manager

I. SESSION TOPIC(S):

<p>Item #1—Government Code 54957 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE</p> <p>RESULT:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DIRECTION WAS GIVEN TO SUPERINTENDENT</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THE CLOSED SESSION WAS FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION ONLY. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: HALL _____ WRIGHT _____ MOORE _____ POTTER _____ STANNARD _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN IN OPEN SESSION: HALL _____ WRIGHT _____ MOORE _____ POTTER _____ STANNARD _____</p> <hr/> <p>Item #2—Government Code 54957.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS</p> <p>Agency Negotiator for the Board: James Berardi, Superintendent Employee Organizations: Unrepresented Employees: Sierra-Plumas Teachers' Association Classified Employees Confidential Employees Administrative Employees</p> <p>RESULT:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DIRECTION WAS GIVEN TO SUPERINTENDENT</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THE CLOSED SESSION WAS FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION ONLY. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: HALL _____ WRIGHT _____ MOORE _____ POTTER _____ STANNARD _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN IN OPEN SESSION: HALL _____ WRIGHT _____ MOORE _____ POTTER _____ STANNARD _____</p>
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II. MOTION TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AT 5:59 P.M. AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

BY: Nicole Stannard (NAME) SECONDED: Patty Hall (NAME)

MOTION PASSED / FAILED

PRESIDED BY: Mike Moore
Mike Moore, PRESIDENT

RECORDED BY: Christina Potter
Christina Potter, CLERK