

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

February 08, 2022

5:00pm CLOSED Session

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

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 Governing Board of the Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District suspended the Brown Act teleconferencing posting requirements for any Board members choosing to participate via Zoom videoconferencing.

A. CALL TO ORDER

President NICOLE STANNARD called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: *Nicole Stannard, President
Patty Hall, Vice President
Christina Potter, Clerk (via Zoom)
Allen Wright, Member
Mike Moore, Member (arrived at 5:35pm)*

ABSENT: *None*

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*WRIGHT/HALL
4/0*

D. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION

None

E. CLOSED SESSION

*WRIGHT/HALL
4/0*

The Board of Trustees, Superintendent James Berardi and Business Manager Nona Griesert will moved into Closed Session at 5:03pm to discuss the following item(s):

1. Government Code 54957.6

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency Negotiator for the Board: James Berardi, Superintendent

Employee Organizations:

Unrepresented Employees: Sierra-Plumas Teachers' Association
Classified Employees
Confidential Employees
Administrative Employees

2. Government Code 54957

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: Superintendent

F. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION and ADJOURN FOR BREAK at 5:33pm

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

H. RECONVENE THE SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING *at 6:47pm*

I. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

STANNARD: Discussion only on both items. There will be more information at the next board meeting in March.

J. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Report

a. Downieville WASC Accreditation through June 30, 2023

b. Update on Administrative situation in Downieville

BERARDI: We have two applicants interested in a part-time principal position currently posted, but we still need to determine if their availability, qualifications and skill level will be a fit with Downieville's needs.

c. High School Graduation Requirements

BERARDI: Our district currently has slightly higher requirements than the CA minimum requirements for graduation. We are continuing discussions to look at possibly lowering the requirements to meet the CA minimums.

2. Business Report

a. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/2021 to 01/31/2022

b. Fifth Month Enrollments for the 2021-2022 School Year

3. Staff Reports

LES—CERESOLA: Thank you to the Sierra Schools Foundation for all of their support for the student programs in our schools! Fourth graders completed their Mission reports and uploaded them on Facebook. Musica Sierra is bringing multiple music opportunities to the elementary students. Exciting reading challenges going in most of the grade levels currently. Basketball is going well. Finishing up with a tournament in Quincy coming up. Cub bucks being spent for the PAWS program. This week the First Trimester award winners got to go hang out over at the park for a treat.

LHS—MESCHERY: Great Winter Fest week with fun dress up days and a busy basketball schedule. Terrific First Semester which ended January 21st. During awards assembly we announced 3.0 GPA or higher: Q1 72%, Q2 68%. Working to reenergize the ROAR program. Focusing more on literacy in the classrooms. New Technology Specialist is making a huge difference at the school with the work he's completing. Looking again for a Spanish teacher. Looking at installing a system/program to provide a streaming service for sports at no cost to the school, just a fee for users wanting to log-in.

DES & DHS—BERARDI: Would like to recognize the great opportunities students have thanks to the Sierra Schools Foundation and the Sierra Arts Council. Closed down for in-person learning a few days in Downieville due to COVID and limited substitutes for staff. Great guest speakers lined up over the next couple of weeks and exciting field trips coming up.

4. SPTA Report

PRESIDENT—PETTERSON: We met with the District this week to begin updating contract language. The first meeting went well. Big thank you to Sierra Schools Foundation and their continued support of the teachers and programs.

5. Board Members' Report

WRIGHT: This will be my last board meeting. I've put in my time. Now it's time for me to shift my focus more to my family and my health.

6. Public Comment

MULTIPLE SPEAKERS AGAINST EXISTING MASK MANDATES AND ANY POTENTIAL FUTURE VACCINE MANDATES

Despite the disappointment and push-back on the mandates our children do still like and appreciate the teachers and enjoy being able to go to school.

K. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held January 11, 2022
2. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 01/01/2022 through 01/31/2022
3. Authorization to submit 2021-2022 Consolidated Application
4. Authorization for the Superintendent to enter into the 2022-2023 Interlocal Contract with Washoe County School District, Contract 2022-012D

HALL/WRIGHT

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L. ACTION ITEMS

1. Old Business

a. Mask policy

STANNARD appointing a committee to gather information regarding mask and vaccine mandates/requirements to present to the Board as we look at policies going forward. Committee to include up to two board members, parents, community members, district staff, public health department, etc.

MOORE motioned to automatically cancel our mask policy if the State of CA does away with the current mask restrictions in place for schools. Second by STANNARD.

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2. New Business

a. Approval of School Accountability Report Cards for 2020-2021:

MOORE/WRIGHT

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1. Downieville Elementary School
2. Loyalton Elementary School
3. Downieville Jr/Sr High School
4. Loyalton High School
5. Sierra Pass Continuation School

b. Adoption of Resolution 22-010D, Approval of James Berardi, Superintendent, as authorized signer in the sale of the Sierraville School site located at 305 South Lincoln St, Sierraville CA 96126 (015-080-006)

MOORE/WRIGHT

ROLL CALL VOTE:

POTTER – AYE

WRIGHT – AYE

HALL – AYE

MOORE – AYE

STANNARD – AYE

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c. Acceptance of resignation for Jeffrey Duneman, Teacher, Loyalton High School, 1.0 FTE, effective February 14, 2022

HALL/MOORE

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d. Authorization to fill Teacher, Loyalton High School, 1.0 FTE

MOORE/HALL

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- e. Negotiations process
STANNARD motioned to establish 3-person committee comprised of one board member, the superintendent and the Business Manager. Second by *MOORE*.
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 - f. Approval of utilizing AB 361 for meetings conducted through ~~February~~ March 08, 2022
 - **This suspends the Brown Act teleconferencing posting requirements for any Board members that choose to participate via Zoom videoconferencing
 - **AB 361 expires January 01, 2024
 - **Zoom will be available for the public with or without utilizing AB 361
- HALL/MOORE*
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BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, EXHIBITS, BOARD BYLAWS


MOORE motioned to **table** the approval of policies to the next meeting in March, same as County meeting. Second by *HALL*.
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- g. 4217.3—Layoff/Rehire
 - 1. Administrative Regulation, *revisions^^*
- h. 6112—School Day
 - 2. Board Policy, *revisions^^*
 - 3. Administrative Regulation, *revisions^^*
- i. 6158—Independent Study
 - 4. Board Policy, *revisions^^*
 - 5. Administrative Regulation, *revisions^^*
- j. 6170.1—Transitional Kindergarten
 - 6. Board Policy, *revisions^^*
- k. 9320—Meetings and Notices
 - 7. Board Bylaw, *revisions^^*

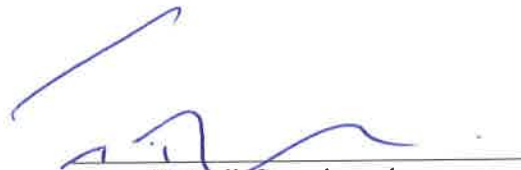
M. ADVANCED PLANNING

- 1. Next Regular Board Meetings will be held on March 08, 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. Masks are required for in-person attendance. Zoom videoconferencing will be available for the public.
- 2. Suggested Agenda Items
 - Negotiations
 - Committee report regarding mandates
 - Provisional Appointment for vacant trustee seat
 - Strategic Planning

N. ADJOURN at 7:46pm
MOORE/WRIGHT
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Christina Potter, Clerk



James Berardi, Superintendent

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

DATE: February 08, 2022

CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT: 5:09 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patty Hall Allen Wright Mike Moore Christina Potter Nicole Stannard

OTHERS PRESENT:

- James Berardi, Superintendent
- Nona Griesert, Business Manager
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I. SESSION TOPIC(S):

<p>Item #1—Government Code 54957.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS 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>
<p>Item #2—Government Code 54957 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION Title: Superintendent</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>

II. MOTION TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AT 5:33 P.M. AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

BY: Christina Potter (NAME) SECONDED: Allen Wright (NAME)

MOTION PASSED / FAILED

PRESIDED BY: Nicole Stannard
Nicole Stannard, PRESIDENT

RECORDED BY: Christina Potter
Christina Potter, CLERK