

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

April 12, 2022

5:00pm CLOSED Session

6:00pm Regular Session

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 5:05pm.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: *Patty Hall, Vice President, District 1
Tom Mooers, District 2 (appointed during Board Organization)
Christina Potter, Clerk, District 3
Nicole Stannard, President, District 4
Mike Moore, District 5 (left meeting at 7:33pm)*

ABSENT: *None*

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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D. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION

None

E. CLOSED SESSION

*HALL/MOORE
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The Board of Trustees, Superintendent James Berardi and Business Manager Nona Griesert moved into Closed Session at 5:06pm to discuss the following item(s):

1. Government Code 54957
PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT: Consideration of appeal regarding complaint against employee pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(2)
2. Government Code 54957
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Title: Superintendent
3. Government Code 54957.6
CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
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- F. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION and ADJOURN FOR BREAK at 5:53pm
- G. 6:00PM – RECONVENE THE SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

H. FLAG SALUTE

I. BOARD ORGANIZATION

- 1. Candidate Interviews for the Board Trustee vacancy – District #2
 - a. Annie Tipton
 - b. Glen Haubl
 - c. Jeremy Miller
 - d. Tom Mooers
- 2. Appointment to fill vacancy
 - MOORE motioned to appoint Jeremy Miller. No second, motion died.*
 - HALL motioned to appoint Tom Mooers. Second by MOORE.*
 - POTTER – NO*
 - MOORE – AYE*
 - STANNARD – NO*
 - HALL – AYE*
 - 2/2 – does not pass*
 - STANNARD motioned to appoint Annie Tipton. Second by POTTER.*
 - POTTER – AYE*
 - MOORE – NO*
 - STANNARD – AYE*
 - HALL – NO*
 - 2/2 – does not pass*
 - STANNARD motioned to appoint Tom Mooers. Second by MOORE.*
 - POTTER – NO*
 - MOORE – AYE*
 - STANNARD – AYE*
 - HALL – AYE*
 - 3/1 – passed*
- 3. The Superintendent gave the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Trustee,
TOM MOOERS

-Trustee MOORE left the meeting at 7:33pm.

- J. RECESS TO THE SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING at 7:35pm
- K. RECONVENE THE SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING at 8:14pm

L. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

STANNARD: An appeal to a complaint was discussed – no action was taken. Continued to next month due to legal counsel not available. Superintendent Evaluation was discussed – no action. Discussed updates with negotiations, moving along – no action.

M. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Partial approval letter from the California Department of Education for the 2020-2021 Form J-13A Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions
 - b. Letter of Support for Assembly Bill 2337
 - BERARDI: Supporting AB 2337 written by Assemblywoman, Megan Dahle – giving more support and voting power to small county districts in California.*

- c. Facilities
BERARDI: Recent walk-through at LHS showed major structural issues that need to be addressed. Working to refresh Deferred Maintenance plan. Looking to bring in someone that can help us find and apply for funds to assist with deferred maintenance projects district-wide.
- d. Downieville Admin/Principal
BERARDI: Interviews took place last week to get an idea of what candidates can do and their availability. No action at this time. Hoping to possibly hire a teaching principal for next school year so we have someone that can be in Downieville in a full time capacity. Need Board approval for filling a teaching principal position if we go in that direction.
- e. Air purifiers
BERARDI: Working through the process of receiving and utilizing grant money for additional air purifiers in the District. These additional units will go in rooms that don't currently have one, or could use two, plus we will have back-up units on-hand.
- f. Most Recent Inter-District Variance Requests (see table below)

New/Renewal	School Year	Grade Entering	District of Residence	Receiving District	Reason Given by Requestor	Backup Documentation Received?
Renewal	2022-2023	2	SPJUSD	Washoe	Proximity to schools	n/a
Renewal	2022-2023	6	SPJUSD	Washoe	Proximity to schools	n/a
Renewal	2022-2023	3	SPJUSD	Washoe	Parent works in Reno	Yes
Renewal	2022-2023	5	SPJUSD	Washoe	Parent works in Reno	Yes
New/Renew	2022-23	9	SPJUSD	Tahoe-Truckee Unified	Parent works in Tahoe City – drives thru Truckee	Yes
Renewal	2022-23	11	Washoe	SPJUSD	Continue education with LHS	n/a

2. Business Report

- a. Letter received from the California Department of Education confirming positive certification for the 2021-2022 First Interim Reports
- b. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/2021 to 03/31/2022
- c. Seventh Month Enrollments for the 2021-2022 School Year

3. Staff Reports

LHS—MESCHERY: *Wrapped up Quarter 3 with a big academic awards assembly. Over 60% of students on Blue and Gold Honor Rolls. PBIS positive behavior program is going strong and improving the climate at LHS. Huge fundraising month: Crab Feed for sports, Senior Variety show for the Senior Class Trip. Senior Planning coming up after Spring Break. April is a big testing month. LHS top structural needs, bleachers and windows.*

LES—CERESOLA: *Welcome to the new Board member. Annual Science Fair, Art Show and Taco Feed is back tomorrow. Tomorrow is also 4th and 5th Grade violin performance. TK/K Registration taking place the week after Spring Break – April 25th. Garden is back open to students. Testing for LES this month as well.*

DES & DHS—BERARDI: *High School students participated in South Yuba River Citizens League and made a presentation based on data collected. Career Day recently held at the school for students and community – participants from all over the County. Big New York trip next week for a few students supported by Sierra Schools Foundation.*

4. SPTA Report

PRESIDENT—PETTERSON: *Welcome to the new Board member. Negotiations to continue in May with the District. Teachers and students all looking forward to the upcoming Spring Break.*

5. Board Members' Report

STANNARD: *Booster and Parent Clubs are doing an amazing job with fundraisers for our students. Musica Sierra is doing great. The kids are really enjoying the music programs.*

HALL: *Career Day was an awesome event with the help of Wendy and Adult Ed. Thank you Sierra Schools Foundation & Arts Council for your support for the New York trip coming up. It's a great opportunity for the students.*

6. Public Comment

John Martinetti—*Please do research when it comes to making decisions in the District for kids. Do not be influenced by messaging from legacy media. Also, empathize with Board member, Nicole. Don't agree with decision made for Appointment, but understand it's important to have that 5th Board member in place.*

Kelly Champion—*Please unify and support this community and what we've been asking for regarding parental rights over their children. Make decisions locally rather than allowing state and federal officials to tell us how to run our rural communities.*

Libby Ryan—*To the new Board member: Are you from the area, or did you recently move here? What is your occupation? Do you believe in masks? Do you believe they are protective?*

N. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held March 08, 2022
2. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 03/01/2022 through 03/31/2022
3. Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for the quarter ending 03/31/2022

HALL/MOOERS

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O. ACTION ITEMS

1. Old Business

a. COVID Update

STANNARD: *Requirement for COVID vaccines for staff has been removed as far as we know. Will review policy regarding testing and quarantine protocols.*

BERARDI: *Assembly Bill proposing to remove personal belief exemption is sitting in hearings and don't expect any movement on it, but keeping in contact with Dahle's office as they monitor. They are in favor of parental choice. We sent out a Resolution in December, but working on another letter for SPJUSD's continued stance against vaccine mandates.*

b. Approval of Safe Schools Plan, annual review and revisions (excerpt)^

(this plan can be found in its entirety on our website,

http://www.sierracountyofficeofeducation.org/upload/?show=/SCHOOL_SAFETY_PLAN/)

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c. Authorization for the Superintendent to enter into an agreement for Loyaltton High School with the NFHS Network School Broadcast Program powered by PlayOn Sports, Contract 2022-013D

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2. New Business

- a. Pathways to Graduation Taskforce Presentation
MESCHERY: We met March 16th to discuss and brainstorm different pathways to graduation for SPJUSD students. Proposed actions:
 - *Increase online opportunities*
 - *Lower unit requirements for graduation*
 - *Revamp Senior Projects with A-G pathway*
 - *Fine-tune CTE pathway*
 - *Improve dual-enrollment opportunities with Feather River College*
 - *Add dual-enrollment opportunities with Sierra College**Some of these actions will potentially require additional staff and support.*
- b. Approval of 2022-2023 School Calendars
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- c. Approval of 2022-2023 Extra Duty Assignments and Stipends to be filled
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- d. Authorization to submit request for Federal Waiver for Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act
HALL/MOOERS
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- e. Authorization for out-of-state field trip request to New York City for Downieville High School students with Patrick Wilson and Niecea Freeman, Project Math and Global Issues classes
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- f. Acceptance of resignation for Niecea Freeman, Teacher, Downieville High School, .635 FTE, effective June 10, 2022
Tabled to May meeting.
- g. Authorization to fill Teacher, Downieville High School, 1.0 FTE
Tabled to May meeting.
- h. Acceptance of resignation for Tom Potter, Plant Maintenance, Downieville Schools, 1.0 FTE, effective June 10, 2022
HALL/MOOERS
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- i. Authorization to fill Maintenance Custodian, Downieville Schools, 1.0 FTE
HALL/MOOERS
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- j. Approval of one-year continuation for additional Teacher at Loylton Elementary School for the 2022-2023 School Year
HALL/POTTER
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- k. Adoption of Resolution 22-011D, Changing Bank Account Authorized Signatory
HALL/MOOERS
ROLL CALL VOTE:
HALL – AYE
MOOERS – AYE
POTTER – AYE
STANNARD – AYE
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1. Approval of utilizing AB 361 for meetings conducted through May 10, 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/POTTER

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P. ADVANCED PLANNING

1. Next Regular Board Meetings will be held on May 10, 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. Zoom videoconferencing will be available for the public.
2. Suggested Agenda Items
 - Closed Session
 - COVID letter
 - Deferred Maintenance plan update
 - Phone system update
 - Bus/transportation issues

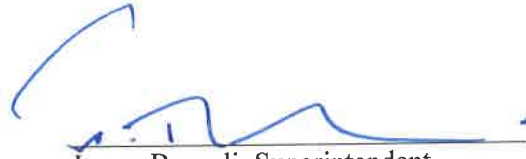
Q. ADJOURN at 9:10pm

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Christina Potter, Clerk



James Berardi, Superintendent

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

DATE: April 12, 2022

CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT: 5:02 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patty Hall Mike Moore Christina Potter Nicole Stannard

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

Item #1—Government Code 54957

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Item #2—Government Code 54957

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

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Item #3—Government Code 54957.6

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II. MOTION TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AT 5:53 P.M. AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

BY: Patty Hall (NAME) SECONDED: Mike Moore (NAME)

MOTION PASSED / FAILED

PRESIDED BY: Nicole Stannard (NAME) RECORDED BY: Christina Potter (NAME)
Nicole Stannard, PRESIDENT Christina Potter, CLERK