

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

October 11, 2022

5:30pm 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.*

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A. CALL TO ORDER

*Vice President PATTY HALL called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.*

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: *Patty Hall, Vice President, District 1  
Tom Mooers, District 2 (via Zoom)  
Dorie Gayner, District 5*

ABSENT: *Christina Potter, Clerk, District 3*

VACANT: *District 4*

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*GAYNER/MOOERS  
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D. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION

*None*

E. CLOSED SESSION

*The Board of Trustees, and Superintendent James Berardi and Business Manager Nona Griesert moved into Closed Session at 5:35pm to discuss the following item(s):*

1. Government Code 54957

*PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE*

2. Government Code 54957.6

*CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS*

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F. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION and ADJOURN FOR BREAK at 6:00pm

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 6:40pm

I. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

*GAYNER: Discussion in preparation for upcoming negotiations expected in November. Planning Professional Development for teachers, administrators and board members about Sensitivity training.*

J. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Report

a. Bus update

*BERARDI: Setting up meetings with Plumas County regarding the electric buses we have on the east side. We want to approach Lyon about the issues we've been having in both Sierra and Plumas Counties that have been very unexpected and push for them to address the issues. Also, on the west side the company we contract with submitted a new contract proposal which we hope to address by the next board meeting. New bus driver, Isaac Price, is doing a phenomenal job as a driver as well as an addition to the maintenance staff at LHS.*

b. Sports funding

*GRIESERT: Approximately \$100K goes to the sports programs districtwide annually.*

*BERARDI: There is funding for sports, but there needs to be further discussions whether it's enough ongoing and where additional funding would come from.*

c. Soccer field/grass maintenance update

*BERARDI: All of our research so far is showing that this will be a very costly project even with the bare minimum being done: baseline \$200K-\$450K. I'm having ongoing discussions with the administrators and board member Gayner, heading up the committee, to ensure all aspects are covered.*

d. Nurse

*BERARDI: Still no nurse hired due to a number of different circumstances. We are starting to consider virtual options. Will continue to work with Megan Dahle's office to write proposed changes to laws that would allow small rural areas like Sierra County to have an easier time hiring people into positions such as the nurse that are difficult to fill.*

2. Business Report

a. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/2022 to 09/30/2022

b. First Month Enrollments for the 2022-2023 School Year

3. Staff Reports

*LES—CERESOLA: Last month we were dealing with smoke and heat...now dealing with water issues. City providing bottled water. Tutoring and After-School programs are going well. Sports going strong. GCPC fundraiser was successful last weekend. Lots of field trips going on. Wild Things assembly back again this year. First Annual Bike Rodeo held at LES with CHP and Probation and it was a great turnout! Tons of kids brought their bikes to learn about bike safety and run*

*through the courses set up. Pop with a Cop starting up again with local CHP, Sherriff's department and Probation. Participated in dress up days for Homecoming and took students uptown to watch parade. It was a great event for the kiddos to participate in.*

*LHS—MESCHERY: Homecoming last week went well. The parade on Friday instead of Saturday was successful. Great to have the elementary students involved! PSAT coming up. Cash for College night this week. A lot going on with sports – makeup games going on due to heat and smoke.*

*DES & DHS—BERARDI: Prepping for upcoming WASC visitation. Parent-Teacher conferences coming up. Fall carnival on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Wild Things assembly held in Downieville too – the kids love it. Lots of Friday Night Live activities for the kids. Field trips. Having a good time with Pizza with the Principal. College Night – FAFSA for seniors.*

4. SPTA Report

*None*

5. Board Members' Report

*GAYNER: The doors at LHS look amazing. Visiting LES tomorrow.*

*MOOERS: Promoting Downieville 6<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser for Science Camp.*

*HALL: Attended the Wild Things assembly in Downieville. It's one of the best programs that the kids get do.*

6. Public Comment

*Kelly Champion—LES looks really good. Appreciate all of the field trips offered for the kids. Interested in revisiting the MOU with Behavioral Health regarding the grant money to be used for a Wellness Center, how it's being used, what plans are currently in place and being worked on, etc. Would like to see an update on the next agenda.*

*Megan Meschery—Thank you to the community! Sierra Schools Foundation annual Golf Tournament fundraiser was held last weekend and was a success. Thank you to GAYNER for her art contribution and attending the dinner. Fall grant cycle is now open through mid-November. Grants available to help seniors with Senior Projects. Newsletter expected around Thanksgiving time.*

K. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held September 13, 2022
2. Approval of minutes for the Special Board Meeting held September 22, 2022
3. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 09/01/2022 through 09/30/2022
4. Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for the quarter ending September 30, 2022
5. Approval of Assignment of Robin Bolle, 2022-2023 WASC Lead for maintenance year, Downieville Schools

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L. ACTION ITEMS

1. New Business

***PUBLIC HEARING—Textbooks and Instructional Materials***

- a. Public Hearing to receive comments on the sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials for Transitional Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in each subject and to assure that they are aligned with the state standards adopted pursuant to Ed Code 60605 or 60605.8. Also meet the reporting and sufficiency requirements contained in Ed Code 60119.

*Opened at 7:24pm.*

*Kelly Champion—Will look for SARCs for lists of current curriculum/textbook lists. Would like to see this information made more easily available for the public.*

*Note from County meeting: The purpose of this Hearing and the subsequent Resolution is an annual process required by Ed Code to declare at a public meeting that all students have sufficient textbooks and instructional materials for the current school year. Williams Uniform Complaint procedures can be used at any time during the school year if there is any concern that the sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials are lacking in any subject area at any grade level. All materials listed in the Resolution in each subject area were adopted using a rigorous adoption process.*

*Closed at 7:26pm.*

- b. Adoption of Resolution No. 23-003D, Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials

*HALL/MOOERS*

*ROLL CALL VOTE:*

*HALL – Aye*

*MOOERS – Aye*

*GAYNER – Aye*

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- c. Approval of utilizing AB 361 for meetings conducted through November 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*

*MOOERS/GAYNER*

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BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, EXHIBITS, BOARD BYLAWS

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

*Second by GAYNER.*

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- d. 0420.41—Charter School Oversight

1. Board Policy, *revisions*

2. Exhibit, *revisions*

- e. 3517—Facilities Inspection
  - 1. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
  - 2. Exhibit, *revisions*
- f. 3550—Food Service/Child Nutrition Program
  - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
  - 2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- g. 3551—Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund
  - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
  - 2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- h. 3553—Free and Reduced Price Meals
  - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
  - 2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- i. 9100—Organization
  - 1. Bylaw, *revisions*

M. ADVANCED PLANNING

- 1. Next Regular Board Meetings will be held on November 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. Zoom videoconferencing will also be available for the public.

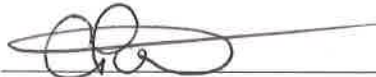
- 2. Suggested Agenda Items

*-Update on MOU with Behavioral Health and progress with plan for Wellness Center*

N. ADJOURN at 7:30pm


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Christina Potter, Clerk



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James Berardi, Superintendent

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

DATE: October 11, 2022

CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT: 5:35 P.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Patty Hall  Tom Mooers  Christina Potter  (Vacant)  Dorie Gayner

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

- James Berardi, Superintendent
- Nona Griesert, Director of Business Services
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**I. SESSION TOPIC(S):**

**Item #1—Government Code 54957**  
**PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE**

**RESULT:**

DIRECTION WAS GIVEN TO SUPERINTENDENT

THE CLOSED SESSION WAS FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION ONLY. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:  
 HALL \_\_\_\_\_ MOOERS \_\_\_\_\_ POTTER \_\_\_\_\_ (VACANT) \_\_\_\_\_ GAYNER \_\_\_\_\_

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**Item #2—Government Code 54957.6**  
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**II. MOTION TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AT 7:30 P.M. AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

BY: Dorie Gayner (NAME)      SECONDED: Tom Mooers (NAME)

MOTION  PASSED /  FAILED

PRESIDED BY:   
 Patty Hall, VICE PRESIDENT

RECORDED BY:   
~~Christina Potter, CLERK~~  
 Dorie Gayner, Member