

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 11, 2017

6:00 pm REGULAR SESSION

Downieville School, 130 School St., Downieville, CA 95936

This meeting was available for videoconferencing at Sierra County Office of Education, 109 Beckwith Rd., Loyalton, CA 96118

A. CALL TO ORDER

President SHARON DRYDEN called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Ms. Sharon Dryden, President
Mr. Allen Wright, Vice President
Mr. Tim Driscoll, Clerk
Mr. Mike Moore, Member
Ms. Patty Hall, Member

ABSENT: None

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOORE/HALL

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D. FLAG SALUTE

A. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Report
 - a. 2017-18 SELPA Director and Staff Reorganization – Dr. Grant will be the official SELPA Director and act as signatory for the program for the first year. Other duties will be dispersed among the new teacher, the psychologist will step up in leadership roles. The Board is asking for updates when the new plan is in place. Dr. Grant will provide the board with periodic evaluations.
 - b. Unpaid Leave of Absence request from Elizabeth Elorza, August-November 2017, for purpose of student teaching; instructional aide 4.25 hours daily
 - c. Local Control Accountability Plan Stakeholder Meeting Dates:
 - Loyalton Elementary School – May 2, 2017
 - Downieville Schools – May 10, 2017
 - Loyalton High School – May 16, 2017
2. Business Report
 - a. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/16 to 03/31/17
 - b. Positive Certification Letter from California Department of Education
DRYDEN expressed appreciation and noted that the positive certification states: "To the extent that collective bargaining agreements result in additional ongoing costs, we advise you that such increased costs should be supported by additional ongoing revenues or ongoing reduction of expenditures."
3. Staff Reports (5 minutes) - None
4. SPTA Report (5 minutes) - None

5. Board Members' Report (5 minutes) – Sierra Schools Foundation and the District sponsored *Screenagers*, an informational movie recently shows at district schools. The board discussed the dangers of constant use of cell phones for developing students.
6. Public Comment –
 - a. Current location-None
 - b. Videoconference location
 - A concerned parent – speaking on behalf of the working parents regarding school shortened days – expressed her concern with the proposed shortened school day, one per week, next year. She inquired if the district had considered all the students needing day care? She spoke to Sierra Kids and they do not have any additional room for after school kids. She drops her children off daily to the school and Sierra Kids and she expressed how doing so is creating a hardship. She indicated that *Screenagers* supported the fact that there is a concern for teenage students who are unsupervised.
 - Megan Meschery, Loyalton High School teacher: *Screenagers* in Downieville was well received and parents and students both expressed their concerns and appreciation for the need to become aware of the pitfalls of cell phone use.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held March 14, 2017
2. Approval of Board Report – Checks Dated 3/01/17 through 3/31/17
3. Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for quarter ending March 31, 2017. No complaints regarding textbooks and instructional materials, teacher vacancy or misassignment or conditions of facilities were filed with Sierra County Office of Education during the quarter ending 3/31/2017.
MOORE/WRIGHT
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C. ACTION ITEMS

1. New Business

- 1617-88 **Discussion and Public Hearing** on 2017-2018 Shortened Instructional Days (School Days) opened at 6:23 pm and closed at 6:37 pm. Discussion centered on:
1. Child Care concerns-for an early release.
 2. Downieville parent – questions on release times and agendas for PLC days
 3. Possible release times a) 1:30, on the bus at 1:40, b) 1:40 and on the bus at 1:50. The teacher session would be just over an hour.
 4. DRYDEN- many districts have adopted shortened days to relieve the time constraints on teachers learning the new curriculum assigned by the state
 5. MOORE stated he is in favor of the Wednesday early release
Mrs. Meschery, Loyalton High School teacher, suggested to plan sport games early on Wednesday; provide music classes, such as Carnegie, on Wednesdays.
Ms. Ceresola, Loyalton Elementary School Administrator, informed the board that most parents who have commented on the shortened days inquire of the *purpose* of the early release days.
Ms. Robin Bolle, Downieville High School teacher, recommended seeking suggestions from Sierra County Children's Council/First Five

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- 1617-89 Approval of 2017-2018 Shortened Instructional Days
WRIGHT commented that Downieville WASC team identified a need for increased staff development
Thank you to the parent who came forward with concerns.
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- 1617-90 Approval of 2017-2018 School Calendar
MOORE/HALL
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- 1617-91 Adoption of Resolution No. 16-07, Changing Office of Public Construction Authorized Signatory
MOORE/WRIGHT
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TRUSTEE HALL AYE
TRUSTEE MOORE AYE
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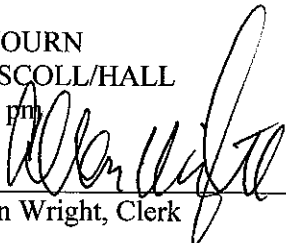
APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS
MOORE motioned to approve Items 1617-92 through and including 1617-98
HALL seconded
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- 1617-92 Board Policy 0460, Local Control and Accountability Plan
1617-93 Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3260, Fees and Charges
1617-94 Exhibit 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9, Employee Notifications
1617-95 Board Policy 5111, Admission
1617-96 Board Policy 5111.1, District Residency
1617-97 Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5113, Absences and Excuses
1617-98 Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5141.52, Suicide Prevention

D. ADVANCED PLANNING

1. Next Regular Board Meeting will be held on May 9, 2017, at Sierra County Office of Education, 109 Beckwith Rd., Loyalton, CA 96118, beginning with Closed Session, as needed, at 5 pm and the Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
2. Suggested Agenda Items
 - a. Negotiations

E. ADJOURN
DRISCOLL/HALL
6:48 pm


Allen Wright, Clerk


Dr. Merrill M. Grant, Superintendent
Secretary of the Board of Education