

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

October 08, 2019

Downieville School, 130 School St, Downieville CA 95936

Videoconferenced to Sierra County Office of Education, 109 Beckwith Rd, Loyalton CA 96118

6:00pm Regular Session

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A. CALL TO ORDER

President PATTY HALL called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Patty Hall, President  
Allen Wright, Vice President  
Nicole Stannard, Clerk  
Mike Moore, Member  
Jenny Gant, Member

ABSENT: None

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOORE/GANT

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D. FLAG SALUTE

E. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Report

- a. Acknowledgement of Thomas Jones' performance as Interim Superintendent  
*BERARDI: Huge THANK YOU to Tom for stepping up to the role as Interim Superintendent over the summer and into the beginning of the school year. He did an exemplary job taking on those responsibilities and executing the duties of a Superintendent as needed in that time.*
- b. Acceptance of resignation for Megan Meschery, Curriculum Coordinator, 1.0 FTE, effective September 30, 2019
- c. Advertising for Curriculum Coordinator, 1.0 FTE
- d. Assignment of Julie Ann Madrigal, Special Education Instructional Aide (Severely Handicapped), Loyalton High School, 1.0 FTE (6 hours daily)
- e. Assignment of Alexa Wells, Speech and Language Aide, Loyalton Elementary School, .60 FTE (18 hours weekly)
- f. Discussion of possible hire for another Special Education Instructional Aide in Downieville  
*BERARDI: Looking at a temporary position to provide additional services to a Special Ed student. Would last approximately two months.*  
*MOORE: Would like to suggest reaching out to Sierra County Health/Social Services to see if there are additional services they can help us provide for students.*
- g. Updated job description for Workability Coordinator
- h. Contract 2020-11C with Lassen County Office of Education to purchase Adapted Physical Education services through June 10, 2020
- i. Adult Education Staff Hiring Requirements and Salaries  
*BERARDI: Reaching out to other Counties to develop the necessary job descriptions and salary schedules needed for staff needed as we continue to develop the program and it's offerings.*

2. Business Report
  - a. 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Audit Certification Letter
  - b. 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget Approved
  - c. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/2019 to 09/30/219
3. Staff Reports  
*None*
4. Board Member Reports  
*None*
5. Public Comment
  - a. Current location –  
*Sierra County Arts Council—BJ JORDAN: Three programs that are funded by a grant from the California Arts Council: Poetry Out Loud, Artist in Schools and Art Exposure. This year arts education grants are due in November – typically not due until January. Keeping the school district informed of programs and grant applications and process. Also looking for how much more the school district might be able to contribute to leverage the funding we can get with matching fund grants.  
\*handout\**
  - b. Videoconference location –  
*SSF—JENNA HOLLAND: Golf Tournament had a record number of golfers over the weekend. Great success again this year! Update on grants going on so far this school year. We are funding senior projects – \$500 can be funded per student, but they need to submit an application.*

#### F. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held September 10, 2019
2. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 09/01/2019 through 09/30/2019
3. Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for quarter ending 09/30/2019. It is required per Education Code 35186 section (d) that a school district shall report summarized data on the nature and resolution of all complaints on a quarterly basis to the county superintendent of schools and the governing board of the school district.
  - a. 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 09/30/2019.
4. Authorization for Out of State Travel Request to Boston, MA for National College Transition Network Conference—Wendy Jackson, Adult Education Coordinator  
*MOORE/WRIGHT*  
*5/0*

#### G. ACTION ITEMS

1. New Business
  - a. Adoption of Resolution No. 20-005C, Recognition of Megan Meschery  
*\*\*Read by GANT\*\**  
*GANT/STANNARD*  
ROLL CALL VOTE:  
*GANT – AYE*  
*MOORE – AYE*  
*HALL – AYE*  
*STANNARD – AYE*  
*WRIGHT – AYE*  
*5/0*

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

- b. Public Hearing to receive comments on the sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials for 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 6:29pm.*

*SAMANTHA INGLE: Asked if this was about new curriculum to be adopted.*

*BERARDI: Explained that this is an annual procedure where districts must certify that there are sufficient textbooks provided to all students. This is not adopting new curriculum. That has a separate process.*

*Closed at 6:31pm.*

- c. Adoption of Resolution No. 20-006C, Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials

*MOORE/WRIGHT*

*GANT: Wondering about other subjects not listed on the Resolution. For instance Health isn't specifically listed in this Resolution.*

*BERARDI: This is a list reflecting subjects that have textbooks adopted, and then the district must ensure all students have access to a textbook for those subjects. There are no textbooks adopted for Health so that doesn't fall under this list/Resolution specifically. Not all subjects are required to have textbooks.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE:*

*GANT – AYE*

*MOORE – AYE*

*HALL – AYE*

*STANNARD – AYE*

*WRIGHT – AYE*

*5/0*

**BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, EXHIBITS, BOARD BYLAWS**

- d. 3511—Energy and Water Management
1. Board Policy, *revisions*
  2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- e. 3514—Environmental Safety
1. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- f. 5123—Promotion/Acceleration/Retention
1. Board Policy, *revisions*

*MOORE motioned to approve d, e & f with the Storm Water Management sections removed from BP & AR 3511. Second by GANT.*

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- g. 5136—Gangs
1. Board Policy, *DELETE*
  2. Administrative Regulation, *DELETE*

*MOORE/WRIGHT*

*5/0*

- h. 4212—Appointment and Conditions of Employment (Classified)
1. Administrative Regulation, *minor revision*
- TABLE to next meeting for further review and additional updates/revisions.*
- i. Update on adding fingerprinting to Board Bylaws for Appointees
- BERARDI and JACOBSEN will work on something to present for approval adding verbage into Board Bylaws at next meeting.*

H. ADVANCED PLANNING

1. Next Regular Board Meeting will be held on November 12, 2019 at Sierra County Office of Education, 109 Beckwith Rd, Loyalton CA 96118, beginning with Closed Session as needed at 5:00pm and the Regular Board Meeting at 6:00pm.

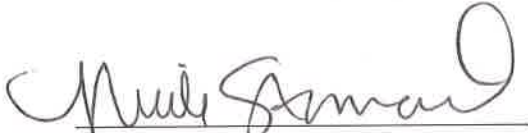
2. Suggested Agenda Items

*None*

I. ADJOURN at 7:02pm

*MOORE/WRIGHT*

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Nicole Stannard, Clerk



James Berardi, Superintendent  
Secretary to the County Board of Education

**Artist in Schools and Arts Exposure  
Sierra County Arts Council  
School Year 2020-2021  
Artists Education Grants from the  
California Arts Council(CAC)**

Welcome to another school year and the opening of grant season at The California Arts Council(CAC). The CAC has completely changed their on-line grant application system in the last year. Sierra County Arts Council is the only arts organization in Sierra County that currently meets guidelines to apply for these grants. These grants are now on the CAC website under the grant menu heading Youth Support: "Artists in Schools" and "Exposure" grants. Historically our Arts Education grants have been due in January. **This year our arts education grants are due in November.** These grants require 1:1 dollar matching funds. We would like to thank the Sierra Schools Foundation(SSF) for funding arts education in our schools and Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District(SPJUSD) for providing a matching funds to the Arts Council for our grants. The balance of our matching funds come from community contributions. We would also like to thank school staff who organize student activities and the many volunteers who work in our programs.

**Poetry Out Loud (program funded through State-Local Partnership program no match required):**

We introduced the Poetry Out Loud program in Sierra County high schools last year with support from the CAC. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to participate in a national poetry recitation competition that could take them all the way to Washington DC and a substantial scholarship. We will be having a county competition with cash awards and will be sending our POL county champion and chaperon on an expense paid trip to the State Capitol where they will read on the floor of the Assembly this March. Our champion from last year was Bella Acuma from Downieville High School. We hope that the high school teachers will take advantage of this amazing opportunity for our students. This program is being facilitated by local poet Paul Guffin. Paul will be visiting our school sites soon: [paul@guffin.net](mailto:paul@guffin.net) or 289-2751 information at <https://www.capoetryoutloud.org/> We do not require matching funds for this grant.

**Artist in Schools(in-school instruction, \$20,000 max. request): Due Nov. 15 for School year 2020-2021: 1:1 matching funds required**

The AIS program supports teaching artists in our schools during the school day. Artists must teach at least 12 weeks of classes.

**AIS program for 2019-2020 funded:**

The Arts Council was pleased to hear that our Artists in Schools Graphic Arts instructor, Katherine Genasci, has been hired by SPJUSD to teach at Loyalton High School this year. We are grateful to the Sierra Schools Foundation who funded this program in 2018-2019, when our grant application was unsuccessful.

**Loyalton:** We have been in touch with Jason Rosencrans, who is already funded through SSF, to teach a coding class. I discussed this with our CAC grant administrator and we may consider using the funding that was available for Katherine's Graphic Arts Class to fund a "creative" coding class. We hope to contribute to the program already funded through the SSF. We also have a new musician and arts administrator, Lindsey MacIntosh, who has moved to Loyalton. She may be helping us to coordinate some arts education classes in Loyalton Schools.

**Downieville Schools:**

- Ludi Hinrichs – Music. Ludi will teach two elementary music classes and new this year, we will integrate music into the high school physics program with the physics of music! Thank you Robin Bolle for helping to make this happen.
- Kathy Fischer – Dance: Kathy will continue her program in the high school. She will not be able to teach in the elementary this year and we hope to find someone to teach some other arts classes in her stead. We are open to suggestions

**Exposure (field trips and assemblies, \$20,000 Max request): Due Nov. 8 for School year 2020-2021**

The Exposure program supports attendance at performances and exhibitions and school assemblies for students who are underserved(rural) or who may have limited access to these experiences.

**Exposure Program 2019-2020 funded:**

B Street Theatre and Darabello Cello Concert from the Reno Philharmonic will be our assemblies in Loyalton and Downieville. FYI Last year the Reno Philharmonic Horn Quartet visited our schools. The tuba player from that quartet lives in Chilcoot and could be available for instruction. We are also funding field trips to Ashland for DHS and LHS with additional funding support from the SSF. DHS trip to the Nutcracker with the Sacramento Ballet.

# Arts Education Budget 2019-2020

## Exposure Program

### Field Trips

		<b>Amount</b>
Oregon Shakespeare Festival Downieville High School	estimate	\$ 3,000.00
Oregon Shakespeare Festival Loyalton High School		\$ 2,550.00
Nutcracker Downieville High School		\$ 1,080.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 6,630.00</b>

### Assemblies Loyalton & Downieville Schools

Proposals include performances & transportation to Loyalton & Downieville

Reno Philhamonic Discover Music String Quartet		\$ 2,000.00
B Street Theatre: History or Fantasy including transportation		\$ 1,500.00
<b>Total Assemblies</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,500.00</b>
<b>Total AIS Assemblies and Field Trips</b>		<b>\$ 10,130.00</b>
Administration		\$1,500

## Artists in Schools

Downieville Elementary School Music Ludi Hinrichs		\$ 5,000.00
Downieville Schools Dance Kathy Fischer K-12		\$ 2,500.00
Loyalton High School Music Lindsey MacIntosh		\$ 5,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,500.00</b>
Administration*		\$1,500

**Programs Total** **\$ 22,630.00**

## Funding

CAC grant Artists in Schools		\$ 7,650.00
CAC grant Exposure		\$ 4,752.00
SPJUSD Artists in Schools		\$ 5,000.00
SPJUSD Exposure		\$ 5,000.00
Sierra School Foundation**		\$ 228.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 22,630.00</b>

\*Administration costs are now covered by our State-Local Partnership Operating Grant from the CAC

\*\*Sierra School Foundation direct funding to arts programming