

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

November 10, 2020

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order pertaining to the convening of public meetings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sierra County Board of Education held this meeting via Zoom Videoconferencing for the public.

6:00pm Regular Session

A. CALL TO ORDER

President PATTY HALL called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

B. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

WRIGHT/STANNARD

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D. FLAG SALUTE

E. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Report

a. Update on holding future Board Meetings in-person

BERARDI: Due to the recent cases of COVID reported there's a possible change for Sierra County in the tier system, so we may not be able to go back to in-person meetings with public access and COVID protocols in place as anticipated next month. We will continue getting updates from the County Health Department.

b. Adult Education: Academic and Career Guidance Advisor, job description and salary schedule

BERARDI: The Adult Education program is funded through an Adult Education Consortium, so the funding for this position does not come out of our County Office of Education budget/general fund. This position will help the program and the students all continue to progress and grow.

JACKSON: This position is a requirement as part of our WASC accreditation. This is a part-time position serving the entire county, max 5 hours per week.

c. Professional Services Agreement with Barbara McKurtis for 2020-2021, Hearing Services

BERARDI: Service needed in the absence of a full-time school nurse.

d. Professional Services Agreement with Donita King for 2020-2021, Counseling Services

BERARDI: Donita is serving the Downieville Schools.

e. Professional Services Agreement with Kelli Grock for 2020-2021, Counseling Services

BERARDI: Kelli is serving the Loyalton Schools along with Mary Lowe.

- f. .26 FTE Intervention/Support, Downieville
BERARDI: We lost this extra support for students when Niecea Freeman picked up the extra duty as Lead Teacher, so we are replacing this Intervention/Support for Downieville students.
STANNARD: How does this overlap with the District-Wide Intervention program put in place for this year?
BERARDI: This fills in gaps and is in conjunction with the District-Wide program. Staci Armstrong essentially leads the program evaluating and setting up plans for students, so we also need additional staff who can work with students on a day-to-day basis.
- g. Changing Adult Education Coordinator to Program Specialist on the salary schedule
BERARDI: This is a stand-alone program doing well and growing. Again, this program pays for itself with the funds coming from a grant through the Consortium. The Adult Education Coordinator is building and running a program as well as acting as the Administrator for the Adult Education school and aligns more with being paid as a Program Specialist.

2. Business Report

- a. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/2020 to 10/31/2020

3. Staff Reports

ADULT ED—JACKSON: We currently serve 43 students – same as Plumas County even with their higher population and larger staff than Sierra County. We are being awarded additional grant money over the next three years that will help fund program administration, the new Academic/Career Advisor position, and looking to also get an Administrative Assistant. Lots of ongoing work to expand on new and existing courses and programs.
SELPA—BETHKE: The last 24 hours have been a flurry trying to pivot back to Distance Learning for two weeks while still ensuring we get services to the students that need it.

4. Board Member Reports

WRIGHT: After visiting school sites in both Loyalton and Downieville I wanted to commend staff, students and parents for playing a part in getting the students back into classrooms. Also, my daughter is a graduate of Downieville School and is a teacher in Paradise. She was recently nominated by the Computer-Using Educator's committee to be the representative for Northern California at the state award ceremony. I imagine that teachers involved with Distance Learning can understand and appreciate what that means and the work that goes into that. I just wanted to share a story of a local graduate's recognition and accomplishments.

5. Public Comment

JENNA HOLLAND—The Sierra Schools Foundation would like to donate refillable water bottles for all district students. Can you tell me if the school sites have a way for students to sanitarily fill up their water bottles? If none, can hydration stations be quickly installed, potentially using COVID funding? I heard the district is currently purchasing single-use plastic water bottles for students. A hydration station with refillable water bottles would save the district money long-term, reduce waste and ensure our students are healthy and hydrated. Thank you!

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held October 13, 2020
2. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 10/01/2020 through 10/31/2020

WRIGHT/STANNARD

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G. ACTION ITEMS

1. Old Business

- a. Adoption of Resolution No. 20-013C, Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials

MOORE/STANNARD

ROLL CALL VOTE:

HALL – AYE

STANNARD – AYE

WRIGHT – AYE

MOORE – AYE

GANT – AYE

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2. New Business

- a. Per Board Policy 6200, approval of Adult Education courses to be added

MOORE/WRIGHT

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BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, EXHIBITS, BOARD BYLAWS

- b. 5141.22—Infectious Disease

1. Board Policy, *revisions*

2. Administrative Regulation, *NEW*

GANT/STANNARD

GANT revised motion to change paragraph on page 2 of BOARD POLICY to read "...the district may take action, with parental input, that the health officer recommends to control the spread of the disease..." Second by MOORE.

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- c. 5145.3—Nondiscrimination/Harassment

1. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*

- d. 5145.6—Parental Notifications

1. Board Policy, *revisions*

2. Exhibit, *revisions*

- e. 5145.7—Sexual Harassment

1. Board Policy, *revisions*

2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*

- f. 5145.71—Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures

1. Administrative Regulation, *NEW*

2. Exhibit, *NEW*

WRIGHT motioned to approve items c-f as presented. Second by STANNARD.

4/0, 1 abstention (GANT) for item c

5/0, for items d, e and f

H. ADVANCED PLANNING

1. Next Regular Board Meetings will be held on December 14, 2020 beginning with Closed Session as needed at 5:00pm and the Regular Board Meetings at 6:00pm.

****Location to be determined****

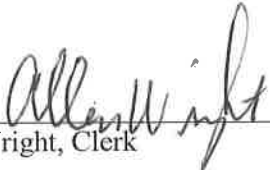
2. Suggested Agenda Items

-Report on Sierraville School Site (District)


I. ADJOURN at 7:05pm

WRIGHT/GANT

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Allen Wright, Clerk



James Berardi, Superintendent
Secretary to the County Board of Education