

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

September 21, 2021

6:00pm Regular Session

Loyalton: Sierra County Office of Education, Room 4, 109 Beckwith Rd, Loyalton CA 96118  
Zoom videoconferencing was also available for the public.

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A. CALL TO ORDER

*President PATTY HALL called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.*

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: *Patty Hall, President  
Allen Wright, Vice President  
Christina Potter, Clerk  
Mike Moore, Member  
Nicole Stannard, Member*

ABSENT: *None*

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*MOORE/STANNARD  
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D. FLAG SALUTE

E. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Report

a. Superintendent Email Process

*BERARDI: Please copy my Administrative Assistant on all emails, Kristie Jacobsen ([kjacobson@spjUSD.org](mailto:kjacobsen@spjUSD.org)). This is to help ensure all emails are seen and addressed in a timely manner.*

b. Board Participation in CSBA Annual Conference, December 2-4

*BERARDI: California School Boards Association is putting on their annual conference and I encourage board members to participate for ongoing training opportunities and refreshers.*

c. Assignment of Alicia Misita, TK/K/1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, Downieville Elementary School, .67 FTE (4 hr/day), effective August 23, 2021

d. Professional Services Agreement with Kelli Grock for Counseling Services, Contract 2022-008C

e. Professional Services Agreement with Micah Cohen for Occupational Therapy Services, Contract 2022-009C

f. Professional Services Agreement with Barbara McKurtis for Hearing Services, Contract 2022-010C

g. Request for Leave of Absence for Amy Burt, Loyalton Elementary School Special Education Instructional Aide

2. Business Report

a. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/2021 to 08/31/2021

3. Staff Reports

*ADULT ED—JACKSON: Go-Teach Program is in third year – very positive impact on Sierra CDC/Toddler Towers. Working to expand daycare services in the County. EMT Basics class opened in Loyalton this fall. Adult Education program received 4.2% COLA increase this year. Moving forward with Paramedic Academy, but in need of a Medical Director and Program Director. Part-Time*

Secretary recently came onboard and is a great asset. New website is currently being built, expected to go live mid-October.

SELPA—BETHKE: *Plugging away with student assessments. CPI class next month – non-violent crisis intervention class for staff.*

4. Board Member Reports

*None*

5. Public Comment

*MEGAN MESCHERY—Sierra Schools Foundation: Annual Golf Tournament coming up on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Newsletter is in the works and expected to come out around Thanksgiving.*

*REID—member of public on Zoom: \*comment read from Zoom chat\* “At what point are we as a common sense community just going to accept that covid is our reality and we will all get it. If covid is something you want to avoid, then enter ISP or homeschool. Let our kids return to a normal classroom setting without masks and the constant threat of being shut down”*

*KELLY CHAMPION—parent: Concerns with continued masking in schools. It effects student health (i.e. strep throat and sinus infections), emotional and social development, and educational advancements. It looks to me like a form of child abuse. Many parents, including ours, are looking at alternatives to public schools.*  
*STACI ARMSTRONG—teacher and parent: Would like to hear responses from the board regarding public comments. There are so many comments that warrant a response.*

*HALL: As much as board members want to engage in discussions during public comment, unfortunately there are restrictions on that due to the Brown Act.*

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held August 10, 2021

2. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 08/01/2021 through 08/31/2021

*WRIGHT/STANNARD*

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G. ACTION ITEMS

1. New Business

a. Authorization for Superintendent to enter into Memorandum of Understanding with Sierra-Plumas Teacher’s Association for the 2021-2022 School Year, Contract 2022-006C

*WRIGHT/POTTER*

*MOORE: MOU discussed in Closed Session and ready to approve with amendments.*

*BERARDI: Amendments include – page 1, paragraph 3; page 2, item 1.4; page 2, item 2.5*

*WRIGHT amended motion to include amendments to the MOU as stated by BERARDI. Second by POTTER.*

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b. Adoption of Resolution 22-004C, Adopting the Gann Limit

*MOORE/WRIGHT*

*ROLL CALL VOTE:*

*POTTER – AYE*

*MOORE – AYE*

*HALL – AYE*

*WRIGHT – AYE*

*STANNARD – AYE*

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- c. Adoption of Unaudited Actuals for the Fiscal Year End June 30, 2021

*MOORE/STANNARD*

*\*Overview given by the Business Manager, Nona Griesert*

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- d. Appointment of members of the Student Attendance Review Board as follows:

- 1. J. Lon Cooper, Sierra County Public Defender
- 2. Sandra Groven, Sierra County District Attorney
- 3. Chuck Henson, Sierra County Chief Probation Officer (alternate: Sofia Gonzalez)
- 4. Laurie Marsh, Sierra County Behavioral Health (alternate: Cara Bowling)
- 5. Sheri Roen, Parent Representative
- 6. Jamie Shiltz, Sierra County Social Services (alternates: Kristal Evans, Tamara Powers)
- 7. Mike Fisher, Sierra County Sheriff (alternate: Brad Dempster)

(Ed Code 48321 (a) (4) The school district representatives on the county school attendance review board shall be nominated by the governing boards of school districts and shall be appointed by the county superintendent of schools. All other persons and group representatives shall be appointed by the county board of education.)

*STANNARD/POTTER*

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#### BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, EXHIBITS, BOARD BYLAWS

*MOORE motioned to approve e-l as presented, no changes. Second by POTTER.*


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- e. 0410—Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities
  - 1. Board Policy, *minor revision*
- f. 5141.4—Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting
  - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
  - 2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- g. 5141.52—Suicide Prevention
  - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
  - 2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- h. 5145.12—Search and Seizure
  - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
- i. 5145.9—Hate-Motivated Behavior
  - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
- j. 6142.5—Environmental Education
  - 1. Board Policy, *“NEW”*
- k. 6162.51—State Academic Achievement Tests
  - 1. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- l. 7211—Developer Fees
  - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
  - 2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*

#### H. ADVANCED PLANNING

- 1. Next Regular Board Meetings will be held on October 12, 2021 at Downieville School, 130 School St, Downieville CA 95936, 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
  - *“Masks in Schools” as an ongoing item on agendas so the board can engage in discussions with the public during meetings*
  - *County vs. District employees (main concern with evaluations – i.e. County employee performing evaluations on District employees and vice versa)*

I. ADJOURN at 6:48pm  
MOORE/STANNARD  
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Christina Potter, Clerk

  
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James Berardi, Superintendent  
Secretary to the County Board of Education