

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

November 09, 2021

In accordance with AB 361, effective October 1, 2021, pertaining to the convening of public meetings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sierra County Board of Education held this meeting exclusively via Zoom videoconferencing.

6:00pm Regular Session

A. CALL TO ORDER

President PATTY HALL called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

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

*WRIGHT/MOORE
5/0*

D. FLAG SALUTE

E. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Report

a. Strategic Planning update

BERARDI: First meeting held last Friday (11/5), and second meeting scheduled for tomorrow (11/10) with board members and administrators. During the second meeting we will schedule a community meeting for input districtwide at a later date.

b. Assignment of Danielle Jackson, Instructional Aide, Loyalton Elementary School, .71 FTE (4.25 hours per day), effective November 1, 2021

c. Acceptance of resignation for Amy Burt, Loyalton Elementary School, Special Education Instructional Aide, .76 FTE (4.58 hours/day), effective November 1, 2021

d. Authorization to fill Special Education Instructional Aide, Loyalton Elementary School, .76 FTE (4.58 hours/day)

e. Assignment of Michael Muyanjga, Technology Specialist, 1.0 FTE, effective November 22, 2021

BERARDI: Looking forward to having Michael onboard to help with the technology needs of the district.

f. Vaccine Mandate update

BERARDI: I attend weekly meetings with the Sierra County Health Department to discuss many things related to COVID-19. I also meet with other County Superintendents across California. What I know at this time is that there is a mandate in the pipeline intended to go into effect July 1st, but I also know that this will be challenged on many levels. It is yet to be seen whether or not any vaccine mandate will come to fruition. We will hold a community meeting in the near future to keep a dialogue going.

2. Business Report

a. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/2021 to 10/31/2021

3. Staff Reports

SELPA—BETHKE: *Happy to have our new-hire, Danielle Jackson! She's a quick learner and doing really well so far. Hoping to also get someone to apply for the open position we currently have.*

ADULT ED—JACKSON: *Overview of the new Adult Education website (www.thescsa.org). We've opened a Community Work Space at the Adult Ed location four days a week. Partnering with Plumas, Lassen and Modoc County to become Heart Safe – starting first round of CPR, AED and First Aid classes second week of December to help Sierra County become Heart Safe certified. New signs going up soon for the Adult Ed building.*

4. Board Member Reports

MOORE: *I'm responsible for the items regarding mask and vaccine mandates being on the County agenda so the public wouldn't have to wait all the way into the District meeting to discuss. I apologize for misstating the meetings this month were being held via Zoom because of the Health Department.*

STANNARD: *I misunderstood what we were voting on with AB 361 last month and will not be making that mistake going forward. I believed it was to be an in-person meeting with a Zoom option for anybody who may need it. It should be more clear in the language on the agendas what is being voted on (i.e. exclusively via Zoom). There shouldn't be any more Zoom-exclusive meetings going forward. No one is trying to be less transparent intentionally, but we need to look at being more transparent.*

POTTER: *I thought the language for AB 361 was ambiguous, and I too thought I was voting on an in-person meeting with Zoom as an option. Parents feel like they are being silenced and not heard. I am not ok with being part of something where mandates are being forced on parents and their children that I don't agree with.*

HALL: *Our last meeting on October 12th was in the middle of our own outbreak in the schools which was when we voted on utilizing AB 361 for the November meeting. We were not trying to hide anything, but I apologize if that was the impression people got.*

5. Public Comment

Multiple speakers were heard regarding the following topics in no particular order:

- speaking against mask mandates*
- speaking against vaccine mandates*
- asking what the ramifications are of not following and/or enforcing the mandates*
- requests for in-person meetings*
- calling for the resignation of Board member Mike Moore*

JENNA HOLLAND—community member, SSF president: ***Kristie Jacobsen read Jenna's statement received via email: (summary for minutes) Thank you to the teachers and staff for all of their hard work through these continuously challenging times. Glad to see the Board is underway with the Strategic Planning process. Sierra Schools Foundation is awarding 13+ seniors with at least \$500 each to work on their Senior Projects. Annual newsletter coming out this month.*

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held October 12, 2021
2. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 10/01/2021 through 10/31/2021

G. ACTION ITEMS

1. Old Business

- a. Masks in Schools
Discussion only. No action was taken.

2. New Business

- a. Approval of Substitute Daily Rate increase to \$80 for Half Days and \$140 for Full Days, effective October 12, 2021
STANNARD/POTTER
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- b. Approval of Long-Term Substitute Daily Rate increase to \$165
STANNARD/POTTER
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- c. Acceptance of the Sierra-Plumas Teachers Association Sunshine Proposal for the 2021-2022 School Year to open negotiations
MOORE/STANNARD
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- d. Educator Effectiveness Plan discussion (approval in December)
BERARDI: *Looking to receive money for Educator Effectiveness (professional development). Has to be discussed here to show that we are willing to accept the funds. Next month we will vote on a plan on how we intend to spend the funds.*
GRIESERT: *County is getting approximately \$10,000 and District getting approximately \$150,000. We have several years to spend the funds. This is for Certificated and Classified staff for professional development.*
WRIGHT *motioned to approve the intent to write a plan for receiving and utilizing Educator Effectiveness funds. Second by HALL.*
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- e. Approval of agreement with Cadence for Network Infrastructure equipment and services, Contract 2022-015C
WRIGHT/MOORE
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- f. Approval of utilizing AB 361 to conduct the next scheduled board meeting via Zoom videoconferencing – December 13, 2021
STANNARD *motioned to utilize AB 361 with a hybrid model for Board members. Second by MOORE.*
The meeting will be held in-person in Downieville in December, but Board members have the option to attend via Zoom if they so choose due to health and safety concerns. Zoom will also be available for the public.
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H. ADVANCED PLANNING

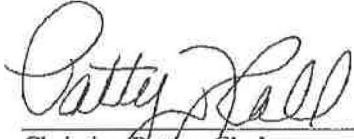
1. Next Regular Board Meetings will be held on December 13, 2021 (**a Monday**), beginning with Closed Session as needed at 5:00pm and the Regular Board Meetings at 6:00pm.
Location TBD. Zoom videoconferencing will be available for the public.
In Downieville for in-person option.
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requirements for any Board members that choose to participate via Zoom videoconferencing.

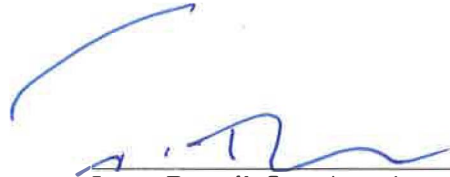
2. Suggested Agenda Items

-Hold a Special Meeting to discuss mask and vaccine mandates before the December meeting

- I. ADJOURN at 7:56pm
HALL/MOORE
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Christina Potter, Clerk
Patty Hall,



James Berardi, Superintendent
Secretary to the County Board of Education