

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
February 10, 2009
Loyalton Elementary School, Loyalton, California

This meeting was available by videoconference at Downieville School

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Todd York called the meeting to order at 6:19 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Todd York, President
Ms. Sharon Dryden, Vice President
Mr. Mark Lang, Clerk
Mr. Mike Moore, Member

ABSENT: None

VACANT: One

STAFF: Mr. Stan Hardeman, Superintendent
Ms. Rose Asquith, Business Manager
Ms. Hannah Tomatis, Production Secretary
Ms. Marla Bahiru, Site Administrator
Mr. James Berardi, Site Administrator (via video)
Ms. Penny Berry, Site Administrator

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

AGENDA amended to reflect CONSENT CALENDAR Item 1, Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held January 13, 2009, moved to New business Item " F 2 f ".
AMENDED AGENDA APPROVED: MOORE /LANG/ PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

D. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. The Reduction spreadsheet 2009-10 handout reflects potential programs to be eliminated. Mr. Hardeman and Ms. Asquith will be meeting again on February 17th to review the budget cuts. The March meeting will indicate any further reductions. In response to Mr. York's question of the probability of these reductions, Mr. Hardeman responded [that this](#) year (2008-09) the cuts would be minimal. For the year of 2009-2010, cuts will probably be more severe. Mr. Lang questioned the possibility of using 10% reserve funding or reducing that to a lower number in order to sustain current programs until funding comes through.
- b. A Leadership Team Evaluation has been performed, with emphasis on improvement and attaining goals.
- c. Meetings for Negotiations, Transportation & Strategic Planning Committees have been scheduled.

- d. Sierra County Schools & County Coalition (SCSCC) has pursued three grants in support of facilities.

2. BUSINESS REPORT

There were no comments on the Board Report-Expenditures by Object 07/01/08 to 1/31/09, or the Fifth Month Enrollments for the 2008-2009 School Year.

Ms. Dryden had a question on the warrant amount of \$9893.00. Ms. Asquith explained it as an insurance reimbursement.

Mr. Tim Driscoll asked for clarification on pass-throughs and Ms. Asquith responded.

3. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Penny Berry reported that Loyalton Middle School will be participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress on February 17, 2009. The 8th grade scores meld with other students tested within the US.

Ms. Marla Bahiru reported that Winterfest is this weekend, including an assembly and marathon basketball games of Jr. Varsity v. Portola and Varsity v. Greenville. Ms. Bahiru also acknowledged the coaches present in the audience, thanked them for their dedication, and commented that sports programs are an essential part of our schools.

Mr. James Berardi reiterated Ms. Bahiru's affirmation of the coaches and sports programs. He reported that several players who were considering dropping out of school have decided to stick it out and raise their grades in order to play sports. Mr. Berardi also thanked Mr. Stan Hardeman for the beneficial administrator evaluations given last week.

4. SPTA REPORTS

There were no reports.

5. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Mr. Mark Lang brought up an issue regarding reimbursement to coaches for gas money for sports events. Ms. Asquith replied that she has recently recommended that the student body apply for a Voyager card since their funds reimburse expenditures for gas.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

President York opened the meeting for public comment at 6:48 pm.

There was no public comment.

President York closed the meeting for public comment at 6:48 pm.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items were included on the consent calendar:

1. Approval of the minutes of the Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District Organization of Policies meeting held January 13, 2009;
2. Approval of the bill warrants for the month of January 2009;
3. Appointment of Amber Donnelly to Loyalton High 2008-2009 Girls Softball Athletic Coach;
4. Approval of the Consolidated Application, Part II.
APPROVED/AUTHORIZED: DRYDEN/MOORE/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Approval of Policy 5142 AR, Safety
APPROVED: MOORE/LANG/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- b. Approval of Policy 7310 AR, Naming of Facility
APPROVED: LANG/MOORE/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- c. Approval to pay walk-on coaches
DISCUSSION:
Mr. Hardeman commented that facing teacher layoffs and paying walk-on coaches is a tough decision. In the long run, the district financially benefits from extra curricular activities because it supports our ADA. Extra curricular activities lend value to the entire school. His recommendation is to pay walk-on coaches for 2008-09.
Mr. Moore mentioned that kids are in the homework club at the Loyalton High School to ensure they maintain their GPA and remain eligible to play sports.
Ms. Bahiru confirmed that the discussion was only in regards to paying coaches for this year.
APPROVED: MOORE/DRYDEN/PASSED
ABSTENTION: LANG

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval of Policy 3452 AR, Student Organization Funds and Financial Transactions
APPROVED: LANG/DRYDEN/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- b. The Public Hearing to receive public comment on Applying for 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program Cohort 6 - 2009-10, was opened at 6:58 pm.
There was no public comment.
The Public Hearing closed at 6:58 pm.
- c. Approval to submit 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program Cohort 6 - 2009-10 Application

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Mr. Hardeman explained that the grant would provide ½ million dollars over four years for lunchtime and after school programs for elementary/middle school levels.

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- d. Authorization for Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Thomson & Hendricks for calendar year 2009
APPROVED: LANG/DRYDEN/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- e. Authorization for Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Stephen Roatch Accountancy Corporation
APPROVED: MOORE/LANG/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- f. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held January 13, 2009.
CORRECTION: Ms. Dryden moved for the amendment of the minutes to reflect the following: Item D6 should read:
*President York opened the meeting for public comment at 6:55 pm.
There was no public comment.
President York closed the meeting for public comment at 6:55 pm.*
AMENDED MINUTES APPROVED: LANG/MOORE/ PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

G. ADVANCED PLANNING

1. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on March 10, 2009, Loyalton Elementary School, Loyalton, California, immediately following the 6:00 pm meeting of the Sierra County Board of Education.
2. Suggested Agenda items:
 - a. Personnel Planning for 2009-2010
 - b. Approval of 2008-09 Second Interim Report
 - c. Gasby 45 Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Study
 - d. Evaluation of the Superintendent in closed session

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: LANG /MOORE/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
ADJOURNED at 7:05 pm.

Mark Lang, Clerk

Stanford J. Hardeman, Secretary, S-PJUSD