

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 7, 2009

Downieville School, Downieville, California

**This meeting was videoconferenced to Loyalton Elementary School, Loyalton,
California**

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Todd York called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

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. Hannah Tomatis, Production Secretary
Ms. Marla Bahiru, Site Administrator-via videoconference
Mr. James Berardi, Site Administrator
Ms. Penny Berry, Site Administrator
Ms. Marlene Mongolo/ Curriculum/SELPA Director-via videoconference

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

APPROVED: MOORE/LANG/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

D. BOARD ORGANIZATION

Authorization to cancel the scheduled April 14, 2009, meeting of the Sierra-Plumas
Joint Unified School District Governing Board

AUTHORIZED: LANG/MOORE/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

E. CLOSED SESSION I

The Board of Trustees and Site Administrator Penny Berry went into closed
session at 6:37 pm to discuss Government Code 54954.5(e) and 54957; Classified
Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release .

The Board of Trustees reported out at 6:56 pm that direction had been given to the
Superintendent.

Open session reconvened at 6:56 pm.

F. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Strategic Planning update: A Mission Statement has been developed and meetings will continue.
- b. Information was given on the application for Title III funding for approximately \$100,000.
- c. New Feature: Every board meeting will include a moment of employee recognition.
This month, acknowledgement goes to Jason Perry, science and mathematics teacher at Downieville Jr/Sr High. Besides being an extraordinary teacher, Jason pursued a mathematics credential through the CSET while teaching at Downieville. He has written independent study curriculum and our Edusoft benchmark study exams. He assisted with the WASC report, aids the athletic director, coaches golf and basketball, is teacher in charge and League Pioneer representative. He constructed the Athletic Category VI, allowing competition for small schools. He and his wife, Deidra, have three children and they travel one hour and forty-five minutes to arrive at Downieville School.
- d. Inter-District Transfers were listed.

2. BUSINESS REPORTS

There was one comment on the Board Report-Expenditures by Object 07/01/08 to 3/31/09 to be answered upon Ms. Asquith's return from vacation. There was no comment on the Seventh Month Enrollments for the 2008-2009 School Year.

3. STAFF REPORTS

James Berardi:

- A successful incentive program was funded by an individual donation. K-12 students were given ipod shuffles, digital cameras and gift certificates to encourage excellence during the STAR exam.
- Joann Fites-Kaufman has created a Round Table club, which is a student driven "clean up" of the school, and a Student Court that has already brought positive changes.
- "Character Counts" is a school-wide focus addressing issues of integrity and responsibility.
- Drama: "Wipe Out" is scheduled for May 29th and 30th
- There are ten graduating seniors with one returning to complete credits, five attending local community colleges, the valedictorian accepted at three accredited colleges and three entering the workforce.
This year's Senior Projects are community outreach focused, including optical care, suicide prevention, skateboard park, teaching Spanish to elementary children and the Second Annual Cancer Walk.

Penny Berry:

- The science fair/taco feed was well attended and successful.

Marla Bahiru:

- Janet McHenry and BTSA teachers are finishing their portfolios.
- Craig Sheridan is finishing his SDAIE portfolio.
- Two assemblies were recently held: a swing choir from Lowrey High School and a speaker sponsored by Friday Night Live, both well received.
- The Booster Club Crab Feed raised \$10,000, mostly accredited to the auction.

4. SPTA REPORTS

There were no reports.

5. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Mike Moore commented that the Strategic Planning of the District is supported by the Probation Department. He is impressed with the expertise of the leadership.

Todd York thanked the teachers and counselors for educating students in researching and obtaining scholarships.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

President York opened the meeting for public comment at 7:18 pm.

There was no public comment.

President York closed the meeting for public comment at 7:18 pm.

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items were included for approval on the consent calendar:

1. Approval of the bill warrants for the month of March 2009;
2. Approval of the Regular Board meeting minutes, March 10, 2009;
3. Appointment of Marla Bahiru, Athletic Director, 2008-2009 School year;
4. Approval of Mary Johnsen, 2008-2009 Downieville School Tennis team Athletic Coach;
5. Approval of Diana Salego, 2008-2009 Loyalton High School Golf team Athletic Coach;
6. Acceptance of notice of resignation from Jeffrey Boncutter, certificated employee, effective June 12, 2009.

APPROVED: MOORE/DRYDEN/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I. ACTION ITEMS

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1. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consideration and Approval of 2009-2010 school calendar
APPROVED: LANG/MOORE/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- b. Authorization to fill Social Science certificated teaching position, 1.0 F.T.E., Downieville Jr/Sr High School, effective 2009-2010 school year
AUTHORIZED: DRYDEN/MOORE/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- c. Consideration and Approval of Resolution 08-020, Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Classified Employee
APPROVED: MOORE/LANG/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- d. Consideration and Approval of Superintendent's recommendation regarding the dismissal of two certificated employees as a result of reduction of particular kinds of service effective the last working day of the 2008-2009 school year and authorize Superintendent to send final notices to affected employees
APPROVED: LANG/MOORE/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- e. Consideration and Approval of recommendation by Site Administrator to grant a 2009 graduation Certificate of Completion to one student at Loyalton High School
APPROVED: MOORE/LANG/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- f. Consideration and Approval of Completion of 2007-2008 Sierra-Plumas Teachers' Association bargaining negotiations
APPROVED: MOORE/LANG/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- g. Consideration and Approval of Completion of 2007-2008 Sierra-Plumas Classified Employee's bargaining negotiations
APPROVED: LANG/MOORE/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- h. Consideration and Approval of Completion of 2007-2008 Sierra-Plumas Confidential Employee's bargaining negotiations
APPROVED: MOORE/LANG/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- i. Consideration and Approval of Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions, Downieville Elementary, Downieville Jr/Sr High
APPROVED: LANG/MOORE/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- j. Consideration and Approval for Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Leggo Corporation not to exceed \$2,760; funding source, Gifted and Talented Education
APPROVED: LANG/MOORE/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- k. Consideration and Authorization for Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Absolute Communication Solutions to rewire cabling at Downieville School, not to exceed \$15,000; funding source: categoricals

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- I. Consideration and Approval of budget revision for Downieville Cabling Project
APPROVED: MOORE/LANG/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- m. Consideration and Authorization for Superintendent to enter into agreement with CRM Group, Kevin Nolan, for Preliminary Development of Construction Projects; not to exceed \$2,500
AUTHORIZED: LANG/MOORE/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- n. Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for quarter ending March 31, 2009. 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.* No complaints regarding textbooks and instructional materials, teacher vacancy or misassignment of conditions or facilities were filed with Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District during the quarter ending March 31, 2009.
APPROVED: DRYDEN/MOORE/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

J. ADVANCED PLANNING

1. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on May 12, 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. Preliminary Budget
 - b. Revision of BP/AR 6146.1: Graduation Requirement/Senior Projects
 - c. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
 - d. AB 70
 - e. 21st Century Grant
 - f. Specialized Secondary Grant

K. CLOSED SESSION II

1. The Board of Trustees entered into Closed Session at 7:30 pm for the purpose of discussing Government Code 54957(b) Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Superintendent. Stan Hardeman joined the Closed Session at 8:00 pm.

The Board of Trustees reported out at 8:52 pm that the Closed Session was for purposes of discussion only.

Motion to Adjourn Closed Session: LANG/MOORE/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Closed Session adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Return to Open Session at 8:52 pm.

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L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: LANG/DRYDEN/PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
ADJOURNED at 8:53 pm.

Mark Lang, Clerk

Stanford J. Hardeman, Secretary, S-PJUSD