

MINUTES FOR THE **SPECIAL MEETING** OF THE
SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 10, 2009
5:00 pm
Loyalton Elementary School, Loyalton, California

This meeting will be available for videoconferencing at Downieville School, Downieville CA

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- A. President YORK called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. FLAG SALUTE
- D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
MSCU/DRYDEN/MOORE
- E. BOARD DISCUSSION ON BOND FEASIBILITY

Mr. Hardeman began the discussion with a handout of the principals' priority need list. The American Disability Act compliance review has been completed on Loyalton High School and the Downieville schools.
Discussion: Changes to be made for compliance.

Ms. Karen Copsey, architect, will be meeting with Stan Hardeman and Rose Asquith, pro bono, to review the schools and possible projects.

A cost comparison reveals that the marketing bond consultant, bonding agent, legal services and polling administrator are all competitively priced. A beginning estimate for out of pocket expenses is \$40,000 (polling, marketing, legal services).

Discussion: Eligibility for matching funds from the State, Pros and cons of borrowing 1.5 million to receive matching funds from state.

An investment of \$50,000 may be required to go for a bond which, if failed, could qualify us for hardship status. Pursuing a loan may remove us from hardship status. A district under hardship status receives 60% from the state. A district under extreme hardship status receives 80%.

What we need to do:

Invest \$24,000 to:
Find out financial feasibility before proceeding.
Present our situation to the community.

It was suggested to have a facility master plan.

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F. ADVANCED PLANNING

1. Next Special Board Meeting will be held on December 8, 2009, at Downieville School, Downieville, California, at 5:00 pm. There will be no special meeting, but during the regular meeting 15 minutes will be set aside to discuss this issue.
2. Suggested Agenda Items
 - a. Set up community groups for bond feasibility
 - b. Contract with public relations

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.
MSCU/MOORE/LANG

Stanford J. Hardeman, Superintendent

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