

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

December 11, 2012

Downieville School, Downieville, California

This meeting was videoconferenced to Loyalton Middle School, Room 4, Loyalton, CA

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

President MIKE MOORE called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

**B. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mr. Mike Moore, President  
Mr. Allen Wright, Vice President  
Ms. Sharon Dryden, Member  
Mr. Tim Driscoll, Member

ABSENT: None

VACANT: One

STAFF: Mr. Stan Hardeman, Superintendent  
Ms. Rose Asquith, Business Manager  
Ms. Hannah Tomatis, Administrative Assistant  
Ms. Marla Stock, Site Administrator (via videoconference)  
Mr. Derek Cooper, Site Administrator  
Ms. Marlene Mongolo, Testing/SELPA Director (via videoconference)

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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**D. BOARD ORGANIZATION**

1. Oath of Office
  - a. Timothy Driscoll, Board Trustee, District 3, was sworn in by Mr. Stanford J. Hardeman
2. Board Trustee, District 1, Provisional Appointment Candidate Interview
  - a. Allison Baca
  - b. Patricia Hall

Allison Baca was interviewed at 6:06 p.m.; Patricia Hall was interviewed at 6:19 pm. The board discussed the attributes of both candidates.

DRISCOLL: Commented that his business relationship with Ms. Hall may influence his vote and offered to abstain.

WRIGHT: Stated that he has had professional relationships with both candidates. He mentioned to the candidates that they consider the importance and sometimes inconvenience of driving over the pass at all times of the year. He also mentioned that whoever is chosen should be aware that District 1 concerns Alleghany and Pike, areas that need attention, as well as Downieville.

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DRYDEN: Declared that the decision will be a tough one since both candidates are fabulous. She commented that Ms. Hall's background of a career in banking would provide more of a business and financial perspective.

MOORE: Agreed that this will be a tough decision. He stated that Ms. Baca was better prepared for the interview. He commented that both candidates had excellent answers.

WRIGHT: Remarked that both are capable candidates. He appreciated Ms. Baca's comment on her objective answer on her ability to be prepared to vote for a decision that might benefit one school and not another.

DRISCOLL: Commented that he should abstain.

DRYDEN: Responded to DRISCOLL stating that if he knew the qualities of one candidate, then that information should be valuable.

DRYDEN motioned to appointment Patricia Hall as board member of Trustee #1. There was no second.

DRYDEN motioned that the provisional appointment be opened for vote. WRIGHT seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

WRIGHT: Vote for Ms. Baca

DRYDEN: Vote for Ms. Hall

MOORE: Vote for Ms. Baca

DRISCOLL: Vote for Ms. Hall

MOORE: Stated that the results were tied. Called for a recess for 15 minutes to come up with additional questions and interview the candidates again.

WRIGHT: Commented that he didn't think it will change the vote.

The board recessed for 15 minutes at 6:50 pm.

The board reconvened at 7:04 pm and interviewed Allison Baca.

The board interviewed each candidate four additional questions:

- What do you see as your responsibility that goes with your role as a board member? Also, what about the personal liability involved?
- Aside from the fiscal challenges, what do you see as the other major challenges regarding our district?
- The District 1 seat has been vacated since July, what has happened recently to interest you in the position?
- Specifically, how would you promote the district's vision? How would you support the schools and the district as a whole?

The board interviewed Patricia Hall at 7:14 pm.

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The board will be acting on the same motion to vote for the provisional appointment candidate:

DRYDEN: Vote for Ms. Hall  
WRIGHT: Vote for Ms. Baca  
MOORE: Vote for Ms. Hall  
DRISCOLL: Vote for Ms. Hall

3. **OATH OF OFFICE** – Patricia Hall, Board Trustee, District 1, was sworn in by Superintendent Stanford J. Hardeman.
4. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2013**
  - a. President- WRIGHT motioned that MOORE be elected president. DRYDEN seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Vice-President- WRIGHT motioned that DRISCOLL be elected Vice President. DRYDEN seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
  - c. Clerk- WRIGHT motioned that DRYDEN be elected Clerk. HALL seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**E. RECESS TO SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING-7:36 pm**

**F. RECONVENE THE SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING-7:59 pm**

**G. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Federal Program Monitoring Final Report – This report has given us a better idea of the minute details of mandatory programs and requirements that are ordered by the state.
- b. Loyalton Middle School Restroom Project – The district submitted a claim to the surety company as well as to the California Department of Insurance, Consumers Affairs Division. The surety company has agreed to authorize Kevin Nolen, CRM Group, to obtain estimates for making repairs. The City of Loyalton has been notified of these results. Mr. Hardeman plans to inform the City Council personally.
- c. Negotiations – The negotiations meeting resulted in adding one more evaluation step (#6), additional criteria on how staff is evaluated.
- d. District Advisory Committee –Budget reviewed.

*REQUEST FROM STAFF: Marla Stock requested that Cali Griffin, Loyalton High School Ag Teacher, be given a chance to give a staff report at this time considering her time constraints.*

Cali received an Outstanding Superior Ag Teacher award and will be moving forward in competition. Cali presented an award for Outstanding Administrator to Mr. Stanford J. Hardeman for supporting the agriculture department. Cali also mentioned a scheduled Ag Dept. work day Jan 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

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- e. Sierra Schools Foundation – This foundation continues to support students’ needs and take grant applications.
- f. Cafeteria - The district is still looking into other companies/options for cafeteria. There are only two companies found that serve the frozen prepared food.

**2. BUSINESS REPORT**

- a. Board Report-Expenditures by Object 07/01/12 to 11/30/12
- b. Third Month Enrollments for the 2012-2013 School Year
- c. Business Office Closure for the period of December 24, 2012 through January 1, 2013

There were no comments on the Board Report-Expenditures by Object 07/01/12 to 11/30/12 or the Third Month Enrollments for the 2012-2013 School Year.

**3. STAFF REPORTS**

Marla Stock, Site Administrator, Loyalton High School, reported on the following activities:  
Financial aid night  
Seniors are receiving acceptance letters from colleges  
PLC’s  
FFA Computers and Accelerated Reader/Grant from the Sierra Schools Foundation  
Spring Musical

Derek Cooper, Site Administrator, reported on the following activities  
Downieville School– Board room  
Sierra Schools Foundation – Thank you for grants towards music programs district wide  
Holiday on Main

**4. SPTA REPORTS**

There were no reports.

**5. BOARD MEMBERS’ REPORTS**

WRIGHT spoke his appreciation for the work done by Bernie Stringer turning the media room at Downieville School into a meeting room.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

President MOORE opened the meeting for public comment at 8:20 pm.  
There was no public comment.  
President MOORE closed the meeting for public comment at 8:20 pm.

**H. CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following items were included on the consent calendar:

- 1. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held November 13, 2012

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2. Approval of the bill warrants for the month of November 2012
3. Approval of Appointments:
  - a. Sarai Mendoza, Loyalton High, Noon Supervisor, effective November 20, 2012, 3.3 hours weekly
  - b. Nancy McCollum, Loyalton High, Cheerleading Advisor, Semester 2
  - c. Dorothy Hughes, Loyalton Elementary/Middle Library Aide, effective November 26, 2012, 10 hours weekly
  - d. Penny Berry, Loyalton High Music Teacher, short term assignment, 14 days, effective November 26, 2012  
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**I. ACTION ITEMS**

1. New Business

- a. Accept letter of resignation from Laraine Sei, Loyalton Middle School Noon Supervisor, effective October 18, 2012  
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- b. Accept letter of resignation from Laraine Sei, Loyalton Middle School Secretary, effective October 18, 2012  
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- c. The Public Hearing to receive comment on the Developer Fee Fund Accounting was held at 8:23 pm.  
There was no comment. The Public Hearing closed at 8:24 pm.
- d. Adoption of Resolution No. 12-012, Developer Fee Fund Accounting  
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ROLL CALL VOTE:  
DRYDEN:            AYE  
DRISCOLL:         AYE  
HALL:                ABSTAIN  
MOORE:             AYE  
WRIGHT:            AYE
- e. The Public Hearing to allow the community to speak toward the proposed Loyalton Middle School/Loyalton High School consolidation opened at 8:24 pm. There was no public comment. The Public Hearing closed at 8:25 pm.
- f. Discussion only: Resolution No. 12-013, School Closure – Loyalton Middle School; Reconfigure Loyalton High School  
Discussion included:  
    Mr. Hardeman’s visit to Portola Jr/Sr High School  
    Plans for a student lunch/break area  
    Supervision  
    Advanced Education  
    Fully Credentialed Teachers  
This Resolution will be brought to vote at the January 8, 2013, school board meeting.

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- g. Discussion only: Resolution No. 12-014, Relocate District Administration Office to Loyalton Elementary/Middle School Portable Buildings  
Discussion included:  
Mr. Hardeman and MOORE met some Sierra County officials regarding the District Office moving from Sierraville School location. If this is approved, the MOU will be amended to reflect some changes in responsibilities, such as for utilities.  
This Resolution will be brought to vote at the January 8, 2013, school board meeting.
- h. Assignment of two Board Trustees to the District Advisory Committee for year 2013  
WRIGHT, DRISCOLL
- i. Assignment of two Board Trustees to the Transportation Committee for year 2013  
MOORE, HALL
- j. Assignment of two Board Trustees to the Negotiations Committee for year 2013  
WRIGHT, MOORE
- k. Assignment of two Board Trustees to the Facilities Committee for year 2013  
DRISCOLL, DRYDEN  
  
(NOTE: It was recommended that a Child Nutrition (Cafeteria) Committee be created by the Superintendent and placed on the January agenda for board members to be assigned. MOORE and HALL volunteered. It will be placed on the January agenda.)
- l. Authorization for Superintendent to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with BTSA Induction Program  
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- m. Adoption of 2012-2013 First Interim Actuals as of October 31, 2012  
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**J. ADVANCED PLANNING**

- 1. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on January 8, 2013, Loyalton Middle School, Loyalton, California, immediately following the 6:00 pm meeting of the Sierra County Board of Education.
- 2. Suggested Agenda items:  
  
Financial Audit Report  
Consolidation Resolution  
District Office Resolution  
Cafeteria Committee  
Site plan adoptions  
Preliminary Discussion: Students attending out of district schools.

**K. PUBLIC COMMENT**

At 8 pm, the meeting opened for public comments regarding the following Closed Session item:

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1. Government Code §54954.5, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

There was no public comment.

**L. CLOSED SESSION**

Open Session closed at 8:58 pm. The Board of Trustees moved into Closed Session to consider and/or take action upon the preceding item. Superintendent Hardeman attended the closed session. Sue Roberts' (Personnel Technician) presence was not required.

**M. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Report Out

1. WRIGHT motioned to authorize the Release of Classified Employee, 1.0 FTE, Loyalton High School Custodian, without benefits and with 39 month re-hire rights. DRISCOLL seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

DRYDEN: AYE

DRISCOLL: AYE

HALL: AYE


MOORE: AYE

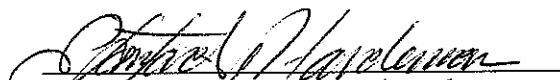
WRIGHT: AYE

Motion Passed Unanimously

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ADJOURNED at 9:58 pm.

  
Sharon Dryden, Clerk

  
Stanford J. Hardeman, Superintendent