

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

September 10, 2013

Sierra County Office of Education, 109 Beckwith Rd., Room 4, Loyalton, CA 96118

This meeting was videoconferenced to Downieville School, Downieville, CA.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

President MIKE MOORE called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: None

VACANT: None

STAFF: Dr. Merrill M Grant, Superintendent  
Ms. Rose Asquith, Business Manager  
Ms. Hannah Tomatis, Administrative Assistant  
Ms. Marla Stock, Site Administrator  
Mr. Derek Cooper, Site Administrator-via videoconference  
Ms. Marlene Mongolo, SELPA Director

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

HALL motioned to approve the agenda with the removal of Item 1314-068, Board Bylaw 9250, Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits, to be brought back at the October meeting. DRISCOLL seconded.

**D. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. An appreciative letter was received from Lion's International for use of our football field.

**2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Dr. Grant reported on the Staff In-service. He mentioned that this is a big transition year, including the STAR test being replaced and common core.
- b. First Day of School: impressed with the interaction between teachers and kids. Great participation.
- c. Goals: The Board discussed the initial evaluation and expectations at the Special Board Meeting today.
- d. Loyalton High School Roof – complete but for a few punch-list items.
- e. Student Teacher, Ben Roberti, Loyalton High School, History
- f. Report to Board – ISP Students (2012-13) – initial enrollment was approx 9; 12 courses were completed; 5.69 ADA; 2.5 for middle and high school.
- g. Kindergarten: First Day of School enrolled 29; today enrollment was 23. Tomorrow we will start with 21. Of the initial enrollment, some students will be attending preschool or will

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qualify to attend the learning center with a modified schedule, and two are ISP students. Thank you to Andrea White and Learning Center staff.

- h. Report to Board – Donations, Gifts, Bequests (2012-13)
  - a. Basalite Corporation
  - b. Model Dairy
  - c. U.S. Foods
- i. Sierra Schools Foundation - Districtwide Grants Total for 2012-13: \$28,770.85
- k. AYP/API Presentation, Marlene Mongolo, SELPA Director and Testing Coordinator

**1. BUSINESS REPORT**

- a. Board Report-Expenditures by Object 7/1/13 to 8/31/13
- b. Initial Enrollment for the 2013-2014 School Year
- c. Correspondence from California Department of Education

**2. STAFF REPORTS**

Marla Stock, Site Administrator for Loyalton High School, and Derek Cooper, Site Administrator for Loyalton Elementary School and Downieville School gave activity reports.

**3. SPTA REPORTS**

Pat Doyle, Loyalton Elementary School teacher, presented a question from the teachers regarding the classified, confidential and credentialed pay scale steps and stated that they wished for equality. He also stated that the teachers are at 43% of the Minimum Classroom Compensation. Mr. Doyle asked that the Board look at installing the COLAs again.

**4. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

WRIGHT reported Loyalton High School looked good on Friday afternoon before school started. He also stopped by the Kindergarten class at Downieville School.

HALL chaperoned the Downieville School's Ashland field trip to the Shakespeare Festival. Thank you to Mrs. Fillo. She reported that a Downieville parent asked if Loyalton and Downieville can do more things together.

DRYDEN reported that the cost of moving the County/District Office was \$24,000. She estimated that the cost will be quickly recovered with Sierra County utilizing the site at Sierraville. The City of Loyalton is interested in using the old Middle School property.

MOORE attended the In-Service at Loyalton Elementary School.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

President MOORE opened the meeting for public comment at 7:56 pm.

Stacey Armstrong, parent, thanked Mr. Cooper and Mrs. White for their work in reducing the Kindergarten class size. She also stated her support for a raise for the teachers and asked the Board to be creative in funding an increase.

Janet McHenry, teacher at Loyalton High School, commented that the Loyalton and Downieville high schools are working together with opportunities such as SAT workshops, Feather River College trip, Mock Interviews, College Prep Night, Financial Aid Night.

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Sue Gressel, teacher at Loyalton High School, stated how the education in this district has helped provide her daughters the educational foundation to attend private schools.

President Moore closed the meeting for public comment at 8:02 pm.

**E. CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following items were included on the consent calendar:

1. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held August 13, 2013
2. Approval of the bill warrants for the month of August 2013
3. Authorization to approve corrected Resolution 13-002 and accept as otherwise adopted on August 13, 2013

Staffing:

4. Assignment of Stephen Tassone, 1.0 FTE Certificated Teacher (Science and Math) Downieville Jr/Sr High School, effective August 22, 2013
5. Assignment of Amber Baca-Sainsbury, Library Aide, Downieville School, effective August 26, 2013, 54 minutes daily
6. Assignment of Allison Baca, School Secretary, Downieville School, effective August 22, 2013, 5 hours daily
7. Assignment (transfer) of Jamie Shiltz, Instructional Aide (Title 1), Loyalton High School, effective August 26, 2013, 4 hours daily
8. Assignment of Adriana Lopez, 1.0 FTE Custodian, Loyalton High School, effective September 30, 2013
9. Assignment of Augustine Corcoran, 2013-2014 WASC Lead, Maintenance Year, Downieville School
10. Assignment of Augustine Corcoran, 2013-2014 Lead Teacher, Downieville School
11. Assignment of Brad Campbell, 2013-2014 Baseball Coach, Loyalton High School
12. Approval of Assignment to teach core subjects outside of credential area for 2013-2014 school year (Ed Code 44258.3), Stephen Tassone, Downieville Jr/Sr High School, Chemistry, Biology, Geometry, Algebra 2, Calculus (4 sections)  
MSCU/HALL/WRIGHT

**F. ACTION ITEMS**

1. NEW BUSINESS

- 1314-048 Discussion on Formation of District Advisory Committee  
Dr. Grant stated that he plans to schedule the District Advisory Committee (DAC) meetings ahead six weeks to two months in advance keeping the composition of the preceding committee. A schedule should be ready by October.
- 1314-049 Discussion on Formation of Technology Committee  
Dr. Grant stated that the tech committee will be part of the DAC.
- 1314-050 Initial Discussion on Physical Improvement to Loyalton High School (Grant)  
Dr. Grant stated that he would like to use the positive momentum to keep working on site improvement. He commented that Downieville School needs painting.

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1314-051 The Public Hearing was opened at 8:15 pm. to hear comments on textbooks or instructional materials for kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in each subject and that they are aligned with the state standards adopted pursuant to Ed. Code §60605 or 60605.8 and also meet the reporting and sufficiency requirements contained in Ed. Code §60119.8:15. There was no comment.

1314-052 Adoption of Resolution 13-004, Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials  
 WRIGHT/HALL  
 TRUSTEE DRISCOLL AYE  
 TRUSTEE DRYDEN AYE  
 TRUSTEE HALL AYE  
 TRUSTEE WRIGHT AYE  
 TRUSTEE MOORE AYE  
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1314-053 Sierra County Office of Education and Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District  
 Technology Plan for 2013-2016  
 HALL/WRIGHT  
 TRUSTEE DRISCOLL AYE  
 TRUSTEE DRYDEN AYE  
 TRUSTEE HALL AYE  
 TRUSTEE WRIGHT AYE  
 TRUSTEE MOORE AYE  
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1314-054 Approval of Randy Hill Construction (Loyalton High School Re-roof Project) Lease  
 Lease-Back change orders #9, 10,11, 12, 13 and 14A  
 DRYDEN motioned for approval of Lease Lease-Back change orders #9, 10, 11, 12, 13  
 and 14A. WRIGHT seconded. Motion Passed Unanimously

1314-055 Authorization for Superintendent to sign Property Damage Release  
 WRIGHT/HALL  
 TRUSTEE DRISCOLL AYE  
 TRUSTEE DRYDEN AYE  
 TRUSTEE HALL AYE  
 TRUSTEE MOORE AYE  
 TRUSTEE WRIGHT AYE  
 5/0

1314-056 Approval of Change Order 1 for Current Electric & Alarm, Inc., for the amount of \$3,687.39  
 DRYDEN/HALL  
 TRUSTEE DRISCOLL ABSTAIN  
 TRUSTEE DRYDEN AYE  
 TRUSTEE HALL AYE  
 TRUSTEE MOORE AYE  
 TRUSTEE WRIGHT AYE  
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1314-057 Approval of Proposal for LHS, Ceilings, Asbestos Science Technologies, Inc., for the amount of \$8,480.  
WRIGHT/HALL  
TRUSTEE DRISCOLL AYE  
TRUSTEE DRYDEN AYE  
TRUSTEE HALL AYE  
TRUSTEE MOORE AYE  
TRUSTEE WRIGHT AYE  
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1314-058 Adoption of Resolution No. 13-005, Gann Limit  
WRIGHT/DRISCOLL  
TRUSTEE DRISCOLL AYE  
TRUSTEE DRYDEN AYE  
TRUSTEE HALL AYE  
TRUSTEE MOORE AYE  
TRUSTEE WRIGHT AYE  
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1314-059 Adoption of Unaudited Actuals for FY 2012-2013  
WRIGHT/HALL  
TRUSTEE DRISCOLL AYE  
TRUSTEE DRYDEN AYE  
TRUSTEE HALL AYE  
TRUSTEE MOORE AYE  
TRUSTEE WRIGHT AYE  
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BOARD POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS  
DRYDEN motioned to approve Items 1314-060 through 1314-068. HALL seconded.

1314-060 Approval of Board Policy 0420, School Plans/Site Councils, revision

1314-061 Approval of Administrative Regulation 0420, School Plans/Site Councils, revision

1314-062 Approval of Board Policy 1325, Advertising and Promotion, revision

1314-063 Approval of Board Policy 1431, Waivers, revision

1314-064 Approval of Administrative Regulation 6153, School Sponsored Trips, revision

1314-065 Approval of Board Bylaws, 9010, Public Statements, revision

1314-066 Approval of Board Bylaws 9130, Board Committees, revision

1314-067 Approval of Board Bylaws 9220, Governing Board Elections, revision

1314-068 Approval of Board Bylaws 9250, Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits, revision

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TRUSTEE DRYDEN	AYE
TRUSTEE HALL	AYE
TRUSTEE MOORE	AYE
TRUSTEE WRIGHT	AYE

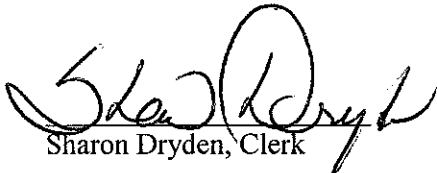
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**G. ADVANCED PLANNING**

1. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on October 8, 2013, Downieville School, Downieville, California, immediately following the meeting of the Sierra County Board of Education.
2. Suggested Agenda items:
  - a. Board Bylaw 9250
  - b. Board Bylaw 9320, Meetings And Notices
  - c. Technology and District Advisory Committee

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

MSCU/ DRISCOLL/HALL  
ADJOURNED at 8:43 pm.

  
Sharon Dryden, Clerk

  
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Dr. Merrill M Grant, Superintendent