

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

April 8, 2014

4:00 PM for CLOSED SESSION

REGULAR SESSION will begin upon conclusion of the Sierra County Board of Education Meeting
Downieville School, Downieville, California

This meeting was available for videoconferencing at
Sierra County Office of Education, 109 Beckwith Rd., Room 4, Loyalton, CA 96118

A. CALL TO ORDER – 4:00 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 – via videoconference
Mr. Derek Cooper, Site Administrator
Ms. Marlene Mongolo, SELPA Director – via videoconference

C. FLAG SALUTE

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION

At this time, the meeting opens for any public comments regarding the Closed Session items. A letter to the Board of Trustees from Lauriel Wentling, Account Technician, Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District, was read by President Moore.

F. CLOSED SESSION

HALL/WRIGHT

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The Board of Trustees and Superintendent Dr. Merrill M. Grant moved into Closed Session at 4:05 pm to discuss the following items:

1. Government Code §54957, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
2. Government Code §54957, Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: Superintendent

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3. Government Code §54957.6, Negotiations Regarding Employee Matters,
Superintendent Contract

- G. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION at 5:50 pm.
HALL/WRIGHT
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REPORT OUT was given at the reconvening of this meeting.

ADJOURNED at 5:52 FOR SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DRISCOLL/HALL
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- H. RECONVENE

REPORT OUT
The Closed Session items were for discussion only and no action was taken.

- I. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Correspondence

- a. Letters from Patricia Whitley and the Mayor of Loyalton, Brooks Mitchell, were read by President MOORE. President MOORE opened this section to public comment thereafter. There was no public comment.

2. Superintendent's Report

- a. Smithneck Creek Meadow (Learning Landscapes) A plot of land located across from Loyalton Elementary School has been donated to Feather River Land Trust for an outdoor learning center for our students. There will be an ag/environmental area available for exploration when not utilized by the owner for production.
- b. Rotary Scholarships – Dr. Grant mentioned that he was on the Rotary panel which interviewed 13 seniors vying for 3 scholarships. He was impressed with the students' preparations and plans for the future.
- c. County-District Advisory Committee (C-DAC) – The discussion focused on the budget for 2014-15.
- d. Facilities – LHS Paving is progressing/proposal and bid packet is almost out. Heaters have been repaired and many other smaller facility repairs done.
- e. WRIGHT asked how the California drought would affect the district. Maintenance will be aware and adjust accordingly.
- f. Inter-District Attendance Agreements

3. Business Report

- a. Board Report-Expenditures by Object 7/1/13 to 3/31/14
- b. Seventh Month Enrollments for the 2013-2014 School Year
- c. Cafeteria Report per Board Policy 3555, Nutrition Program Compliance
 - i. Eligible individuals have been notified and are participating in the district's nutrition program. The district counts 182 students under our Free or Reduced status.

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- ii. "And Justice for All" or other approved Nutrition Programs Civil Rights posters are displayed in areas visible to the district's nutrition program participants, such as food service areas and school offices.
 - iii. "In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, political beliefs, or disability. In addition, California law prohibits discrimination on any basis identified in Government Code 12940.
4. Staff Reports (5 minutes)
Marla Stock, Loyalton High School Administrator, and Derek Cooper, Loyalton Elementary School and Downieville School Administrator, gave their school reports on activities and accomplishments at their sites.
- Patrick Doyle, Loyalton Elementary School Teacher mentioned the 'Outdoor Classroom' located between Yuba Pass and Downieville; Yuba River Outdoor Classroom. It has come about through a grant from Sierra Schools Foundation and with the partisan efforts of Gale Dupree, Dendrology Specialist; Quentin Youngblood, USFS; J. R. Blair from SF State; and Bill Copren, "Trout Unlimited".
5. SPTA Report (5 minutes)\
Pat Doyle reported on SPTA elections.
6. Board Members' Report (5 minutes)
MOORE: Visited Loyalton High School, Loyalton Elementary School and Downieville School and was impressed with the learning attitude and overall personalities of our students.
7. Public Comment –This is an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the governing board on any item of interest that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the governing board whether or not it is listed on the agenda. Five minutes may be allotted to each speaker and a maximum of twenty minutes to each subject matter. (Education Code 35145.5; Bylaw 9322; Government Code 54954.3)
- a. Current location -
Wayne White publicly thanked the district for the opportunity to work in such a wonderful place for so many years. He mentioned a selection of people he has met over the years. Mr. White stated that he knows that the vote that is made tonight is based on numbers and that he also feels that the decision has already been made for the board and not by the board.
Mr. White also spoke concern about the status of Mr. Cooper's position.
 - b. Videoconference location – No comment.

J. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held March 11, 2014
2. Approval of the bill warrants for the month of March 2014
3. Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for quarter ending March 31, 2014. 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 or conditions of facilities were filed with Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District during the quarter ending March 31, 2014.
4. Retract basketball coaching assignments, due to clerical error, of
 - 7th Grade Girls: Sheri Roen
 - 8th Grade Boys: Bryan Griffin
5. Assignment of Ben Roberti, 2013-2014 Baseball Coach, Loyalton High School

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6. Assignment of Randi Durney, 2013-2014 Basketball Coach 7th Grade Girls, Loyalton High School
7. Assignment of Chris Gavin, 2013-2014 Basketball Coach 8th Grade Boys, Loyalton High School
WRIGHT/HALL

K. ACTION ITEMS

1. Unfinished Business and General Orders

- 1314-186 Public Notification and Approval of Board Policy 6146.1, High School Graduation Requirements, revision
WRIGHT/DRYDEN

2. New Business

- 1314-187 Presentation of the Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District Teachers Association Initial Proposal for the 2014-2015 school year

- 1314-186 Adoption of Resolution No. 13-009, Reduction in Confidential Positions. A letter from Lauriel Wentling, Account Technician, to the Board of Trustees was read by Rose Asquith, Business Manager.
DRYDEN stated that this personnel decision is not related to performance and publicly stated "Thank you" to Lauriel Wentling for her years of service.
DRYDEN/DRISCOLL

ROLL CALL VOTE

DRISCOLL: AYE

DRYDEN: AYE

HALL: AYE

MOORE: AYE

WRIGHT: AYE

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- 1314-187 Authorization to fill Cook I position, Loyalton Elementary School, 1.0 FTE
DRISCOLL/DRYDEN
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- 1314-188 Authorization to Pay Classified (Walk On) Coaches for the 2014-15 School Year
DRYDEN/HALL
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- 1314-189 Approval of 2014-15 Certificated Extra Duty Assignments
WRIGHT/HALL
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- 1314-190 Approval of Single Plan for Student Achievement, Loyalton Elementary School
DRYDEN motioned to approve Item 1314-190 through 192. DRISCOLL seconded.
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- 1314-191 Approval of Single Plan for Student Achievement, Loyalton High School
DRYDEN/DRISCOLL
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- 1314-192 Approval of Single Plan for Student Achievement, Downieville Elementary School
and Jr/Sr High School
DRYDEN/DRISCOLL
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- 1314-193 Approval of 1st Reading, 2014-15 School Calendar
DRYDEN motioned to approve the Calendar as presented/HALL seconded.
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- 1314-194 Authorization for Superintendent to Enter Into a Transportation Agreement with
Plumas Unified School District
WRIGHT/DRISCOLL
Asquith mentioned that this is only a draft form.
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- 1314-195 Adoption of Bus Driver Job Description, No. 217
WRIGHT motioned to Adopt and Authorize Items 1314-195 through 1314-197.
DRYDEN seconded.
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- 1314-196 Adoption of Bus Driver Salary Schedule
WRIGHT/DRYDEN
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- 1314-197 Authorization to Hire Bus Drivers, up to 2.0 FTE
WRIGHT/DRYDEN
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- 1314-198 Authorization for Superintendent to go out to Bid for Downieville School Painting
Project
WRIGHT/DRISCOLL
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- 1314-199 Authorization to go out to Bid for Loyalton High School Paving Project Contracted
on a Lease-Leaseback Basis
DRISCOLL/WRIGHT
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- 1314-200 Old Loyalton Middle School, 605 School Street, Loyalton. Dr. Grant received a formal
letter to the Board from the City of Loyalton expressing a continued desire to utilize the
building for community purposes.

BOARD POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

DRYDEN motioned to Approve Items 1314-201 through 205. DRISCOLL seconded.
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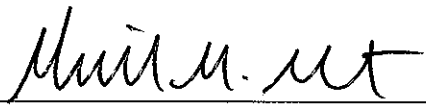
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- 1314-201 Approval of Board Policy 6164.2, Guidance/Counseling Services, new
- 1314-202 Approval of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6173.1, Education for Foster Youth, revision
- 1314-203 Approval of Board Policy 6177, Summer Learning Programs, revision
- 1314-204 Approval of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 7214, General Obligation Bonds
- 1314-205 Approval of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6179, Supplemental Instruction, revision

L. ADVANCED PLANNING


1. Next Regular Board Meeting will be held on May 13, 2014, at Sierra County Office of Education, 109 Beckwith Rd., Room 4, Loyalton, CA 96118, beginning with Closed Session, as needed, at 5 pm and the Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 pm.
2. Suggested Agenda items
 - a. WASC –Approval of Report presented by Janet McHenry, Loyalton High School, at this meeting.
 - b. Old Loyalton Middle School

M. ADJOURNMENT at 7:23 pm.
DRISCOLL/HALL



Dr. Merrill M. Grant, Superintendent

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Sharon Dryden, Clerk