

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
May 12, 2015
Downieville School, 130 School Street, Downieville CA 95936

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Mike Moore called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None

VACANT: None

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
DRISCOLL/DRYDEN
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D. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION

At this time, the meeting opened at 5:02 pm regarding the Closed Session items and closed without comment.

E. CLOSED SESSION

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

1. Government Code §54957, Public Employee Evaluation
Title: Superintendent

Rose Asquith, Business Manager, joined the following Closed Session:

2. Government Code §54957.6, Conference with Labor Negotiators
Agency Negotiator for the Board: Dr. Merrill M. Grant, Superintendent
Employee Organizations:
Represented Employees: Sierra-Plumas Teachers' Association
Unrepresented Employees: Classified Employees
Confidential Employees
Classified Management Employees
Administration Employees

F. ADJOURN TO SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION at 6:02 pm
WRIGHT/DRISCOLL
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G. RECONVENE/REPORT OUT at 7:32 pm

The Board completed their evaluation of the superintendent and discussed goals which will be presented publicly at the June meeting.
A proposal resulting from discussion regarding bargaining groups will also be presented in June.

H. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Board Assignments:
 - Interview Committees
LHS principal panel: DRISCOLL, DRYDEN
Downieville Math & Science: ALLEN, HALL
 - Graduation Ceremony
LHS: MOORE, DRISCOLL
DVL: WRIGHT (Kentucky Mine)
SP: Loyalton Events Center
 - b. Marlene Mongolo – Reassignment – Mrs. Mongolo will return to 60% SELPA/40% teaching. Sierra Pass will be under the auspices of the new LHS principal.
 - c. Inter-District Attendance Agreements
3. Business Report
 - a. Board Report-Expenditures by Object 7/1/14 to 4/30/15
 - b. Eighth Month Enrollments for the 2014-2015 School Year
 - c. Affordable Health Care estimated assessment for federal Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) and Transfer fee/taxes through June 2015
4. Staff Reports (5 minutes)

Augustine Corcoran, Teacher at Downieville High School, briefed the Board on school activities. He expressed thanks to Miss Alicia Schofield for her teaching skills and dedication to Downieville students. He also expressed appreciation to Dr. Grant for his leadership and professionalism. Dr. Grant responded in kind to Mr. Corcoran.

Marla Stock, Loyalton High School Principal, reported on the end of the year activities at Loyalton High School.

Dr. Grant reviewed the activities at Loyalton Elementary School.
5. SPTA Report (5 minutes)
6. Board Members' Report (5 minutes)

WRIGHT and HALL expressed thanks to the people who spearheaded the Downieville garden, especially Mary Davies and those that donated soil, lumber and time.
MOORE: Visited Loyalton High School this morning and observed the school in testing mode.
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 – No comment
 - b. Videoconference location – No comment

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held April 14, 2015
2. Approval of the bill warrants for the month of April 2015
3. Review of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5116.1 per Education Code §35160.5, 48980
WRIGHT/DRISCOLL
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J. ACTION ITEMS

1. New Business

PUBLIC HEARING-LCAP

1415-0166 The Public Hearing of the 2015-16 Local Control and Accountability Plan opened at 7:53 pm and closed without comment.

PUBLIC HEARING-S-PJUSD Budget

1415-0167 The public hearing of the 2015-16 Proposed Budget opened at 7:54 pm to inform the public and to receive and address public comments
Ms. Rose Asquith reviewed the narrative and answered questions. The governor's revised budget is upcoming.
Public Comment: Future taxes for agriculture communities due to the drought is a consideration for budget planning.
MOORE emphasized that the Secure Rural Schools funds, when they come in, should be a source for major funding only and not used for salaries.
Ms. Asquith reminded the board that the district will need to consider what future staffing will look like. Transparency of excess reserves is crucial.
DRYDEN: Asked for clarification on PowerSchool server and migration costs.
The public hearing closed at 8:01 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING-Proposition 30, Education Protection Account

1415-0168 The Public Hearing to receive public comment on the use of Proposition 30 funding for 2015-2016 opened at 8:01 pm
Ms. Asquith emphasized that the funding is used for certificated salaries. The public hearing closed at 8:02 pm without public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING-Collective Bargaining Disclosure Statement

*The Public hearing for the Collective Bargaining Agreement, Item 1415-0169, opened at 8:02 pm.
Ms. Asquith added that the district budget is built on deficit spending this year as well as the next two years out. The public hearing closed at 8:03 pm.*

1415-0169 Completion of Bargaining Sierra-Plumas Teachers Association, 2015-2016
Negotiations
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- 1415-0170 Authorization to fill .4 FTE Site Administrator at Loyalton Elementary School, effective July 1, 2015
DRYDEN/ HALL
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- 1415-0171 Accept with regret, notice of resignation from Amber Baca-Sainsbury, Instructional Aide, Downieville School, effective June 5, 2015
WRIGHT/DRISCOLL
Dr. Grant thanked Amber for her dedication and wished her well in furthering her own education.
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- 1415-0172 Accept with regret, notice of retirement from Mary Jane Cox, Noon Supervisor, Loyalton Elementary School, effective June 5, 2015
DRYDEN/DRISCOLL
Dr. Grant thanked Mary Jane for her commitment to the district and her 29 years of service.
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- 1415-0173 Accept with regret, notice of resignation from Robert Morales, Cook I, Downieville School, effective June 5, 2015
WRIGHT/HALL
Dr. Grant represented Downieville School in saying Bob's presence and great cooking will be missed by the students and staff.
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- 1415-0174 Accept with regret, notice of resignation from Amanda Schwiesow, Instructional Aide and Hall/Noon Supervisor, Loyalton Elementary, effective June 5, 2015
DRISCOLL/HALL
Dr. Grant expressed his appreciation for Amanda as one of the district's exceptional instructional aides.
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- 1415-0175 Authorization to fill Instructional Aide position, Downieville School, .83 FTE (5.0 hours daily) (Grant)
DRYDEN motioned to approve items 1415-175 through 1415-179/ HALL seconded.
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- 1415-0176 Authorization to fill Noon Supervisor position, Loyalton Elementary, .417 FTE (2.5 hours daily)
DRYDEN motioned to approve items 1415-175 through 1415-179/ HALL seconded.
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- 1415-0177 Authorization to fill Cook I position, Downieville School, .675 FTE (5.4 hours daily)
DRYDEN motioned to approve items 1415-175 through 1415-179/ HALL seconded.
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- 1415-0178 Authorization to fill Instructional Aide position, .5 FTE, Loyalton Elementary

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DRYDEN motioned to approve items 1415-175 through 1415-179/ HALL seconded.
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1415-0179 Authorization to fill Hall/Noon Supervisor position, .33 FTE, Loyalton Elementary
DRYDEN motioned to approve items 1415-175 through 1415-179/ HALL seconded.
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1415-0180 Authorization to fill .14 FTE Custodian position at Loyalton Elementary School,
effective July 1, 2015
DRISCOLL/HALL
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1415-0181 Authorization to fill .5 FTE Plant Maintenance position for Loyalton Schools, effective
July 1, 2015
DRISCOLL/HALL
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1415-0182 Discussion Regarding Modifications to the District's Graduation Requirements (Stock)
Mrs. Stock read the recommendations from Loyalton High School staff and parents:

Add World Geography class for 9th grade (paired with Health), one semester
Full year of Government and AP Government
Pair Economics with Senior Issues, require one semester of Senior Issues

The following are curriculum changes, but will not change graduation requirements:

Offer English 10 Honors
ERWC English 12 (expository reading and writing through UC system-recommended
for English 12)
Financial Algebra class
Anatomy and Physiology class
Trigonometry (non-honors)
These include some new courses and some graduation requirements. No need for
new staffing.

1415-0183 Authorization – Out of State Travel/Conference Request to Salt Lake City, Utah, for
Stephen Fillo, Downieville High School teacher
DRISCOLL/ HALL
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1415-0184 Approval of Loyalton High School WASC Report
WRIGHT/HALL
Janet McHenry, Loyalton High School teacher, gave the WASC report presentation
and explained the differing sections.
MOORE thanked Janet McHenry for her extensive work on the WASC project.
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1415-0185 Approval of Budget Transfer for FY 2014-15, Perkins Equipment Grant
DRISCOLL/HALL
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1415-0186 A discussion was held regarding a Verizon Letter of Intent to lease the Sierraville School site and place a cell tower at that location.

BOARD POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

DRISCOLL motioned to approve items 1415-0187 through 1415-0192/HALL
seconded.
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1415-0187 Approval to Delete:
Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 0520.4, Quality Education Investment Schools (no longer funded)

1415-0188 Approval of Board Policy 0460, Local Control and Accountability Plan, revision

1415-0189 Approval of Administrative Regulation 0460, Local Control and Accountability Plan, revision

1415-0190 Approval of Board Policy 3312, Contracts, revision


1415-0191 Approval of Administrative Regulation 3514.2, Integrated Pest Management, New

1415-0192 Approval of Minor Revisions to the following Policies and Administrative Regulations:
BP 1250, BP 3350, AR 5020, AR 5141.27, AR 6159, BB9321

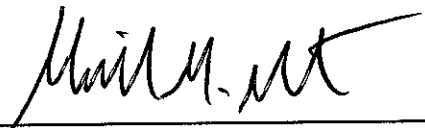
K. ADVANCED PLANNING

1. Next Regular Board Meeting will be held on *Wednesday*, June 17, 2015, 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. LCAP
 - b. BUDGET

L. ADJOURNMENT – 8:48 pm
DRISCOLL/HALL
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Allen Wright, Clerk



Dr. Merrill M. Grant, Superintendent