

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

April 10, 2018

Downieville School, 130 School St, Downieville CA 95936

Teleconferenced to Sierra County Office of Education, 109 Beckwith Rd, Loyalton CA 96118

5:00pm Closed Session

Regular Session immediately followed the 6:00pm meeting of the Sierra County Board of Education

A. CALL TO ORDER

President MIKE MOORE called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mike Moore, President
Sharon Dryden, Vice President
Jenny Gant, Clerk
Allen Wright, Member
Patty Hall, Member

ABSENT: None

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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D. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION

1. Current location – no comment
2. Videoconference location – no comment

E. CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Trustees, Superintendent Dr. Merrill Grant and Business Manager Nona Griesert moved into Closed Session to discuss the following item(s):

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1. 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
Administrative Employees
Management Employees

The Board of Trustees moved into Closed Session to discuss the following item(s):

2. Government Code §54957, Public Employee Performance Evaluation – (Annual)
Title: Superintendent

F. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

DRYDEN: Direction was given to the Superintendent regarding negotiations. Performance evaluation was also presented to the Superintendent.

F.G. _____ RECESS TO SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING at 6:02pm

G-H. _____ RECONVENE SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING at 6:45pm

~~H.A. _____ REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION~~

I. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Report – GRANT
 - a. Loyaltan High School self-study for Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation – presentation later, on this agenda under New Business; WASC visiting before next Board meeting April 29-May 2.
 - b. Update on State of School Community Forums – planning for three evenings in May (no dates set yet): update state of districts and budgets, address school safety
 - c. Inter-District Variance Requests:
DRYDEN: Need backups to accompany requests for Variances (reasons why)
MOORE: Concerns coming to light regarding more and more variances due to residents moving to this area from Truckee, but people still working in Truckee and therefore taking their children to school there.
2. Business Report
 - a. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/17 to 03/31/2018
 - b. Seventh Month Enrollments for the 2017-2018 School Year
3. Staff Reports (5 minutes)
 - a. Loyaltan Elementary School – CERESOLA: Science Night/Taco Feed/Art Show, Sierra Schools Foundation Grant. Sierra Nevada Journeys came in to set up hands-on activities – successful event! Students more engaged. Continue again next year (apply for grant again).
DRYDEN: Great event; more engaging; better experience for kids.
 - b. Loyaltan High School – JONES: Spring sports underway, cooperating weather, home games this week, come check them out! Pennies for Patients – students raising money for children with Leukemia. April 29th will be the kickoff of WASC visit.
 - c. Downieville Schools – GRANT: Spring sports underway with cooperating weather/conditions. Cancer awareness walk May 12th. Open House April 25th. Testing coming up in May at all schools. 9 weeks left – end of year coming up quickly.
4. Board Members' Report (5 minutes)
 - a. WRIGHT: Appreciate Board packets prepared by Kristie
 - b. HALL: Judged FFA projects.
 - c. MOORE: April 16th at 6:30pm Candidates Night at LES. 18-20 candidates expected and 70+ people attending. April 24th in Downieville.
GRANT: FFA doing fundraiser with refreshments.
 - d. MOORE: Attended a Wednesday training put on by Megan and it was fantastic!

5. Public Comment

a. Current location – no comment

b. Videoconference location:

1. Andy Genasci – Working to get more parents/community involved and attend more Board Meetings to stay informed – school safety is very high priority as well as curriculum. Want community more engaged.
2. Megan Meschery – Wasn't here for County meeting, but just want to give an update on Sierra Schools Foundation – funding lots of great activities going on around the county/district.

J. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held March 13, 2018
2. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 03/01/2018 through 03/31/2018
3. Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for quarter ending 03/31/2018. 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 03/31/2018.

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4. Authorization for Out of State Travel/Conference Request to Salt Lake City, Utah, for Stephen Fillo, Downieville High School Teacher
GRANT: Spoke with Stephen about this request – for lathing class, important for training around safety for wood turning.
MOORE: Support staff development but want to discuss and ensure it's something valuable for the kids.
WRIGHT: Would like to see presentation of outcome/results from these trainings – see how it carries over to classroom.

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K. ACTION ITEMS

1. New Business

- a. Approval of California Department of Education J-13 Report for 2017-2018 School Closures on March 16, 2018 (Grant)

The SCOE J-13 includes all school site closures because special education encompasses all campuses.

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- b. Presentation of Loyalton High School self-study report for Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation (Grant/Jones)

WASC Report (LHS draft):

http://www.sierracountyofficeofeducation.org/upload/?action=viewer&path=LOYALTON_HIGH_SCHOOL/&file=2017-18_LHS_ACS-WASC-CDE-Self-Study_Final_Draft.pdf

GRANT: Caleb Dorsey and Tom Jones in Loyalton to present on WASC
JONES: October 2016 received WASC training to see what needed to get done; discovered there to be a number of changes to template and criteria. Had to form new game plan to collect information to showcase the school.

DORSEY: Conducted a WASC kickoff meetings at the end of last school year and beginning of this school year:

- divided attendees into focus groups (student, parent and staff representation)
- common areas of need surfaced – narrowed down to: English Language Arts, Mathematics, more work on cross-curricular and vertical articulation, and focus on school culture (i.e. attendance, behavior).
- WASC touring sites and visiting with teachers during visit April 29-May 1.

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GRANT: Any surprise areas to address?

DORSEY: Some areas that can't be helped due to the characteristic of being such a small district.

GRANT: Early-release Wednesdays – used wisely by spending some of that time on WASC?

DORSEY: Yes, due to collaboration time needed for staff.

JONES: Good use of time with such an extensive process – intertwined/highlighted with need and growth areas (staff development and curriculum enhancements).

DORSEY: Spirit of Wednesdays feels like it's about school improvement – also important to WASC – keeping staff from taking days off and requiring subs to do the work for WASC accreditation.

WRIGHT: School safety addressed?

DORSEY: Did not come up as an area of concern.

JONES: Plenty of indicators that make us aware that students feel safe. WASC is more about addressing school culture overall (which encompasses school safety).

BOARD POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

- a. Board Policy AND Administrative Regulation 1312.3, Uniform Complaint Procedures, revision
- b. Administrative Regulation 3514.2, Integrated Pest Management, revision
- c. Board Policy AND Administrative Regulation 5022, Student and Family Privacy Rights, revision
- d. Board Policy AND Exhibit 5145.6, Parental Notifications, revision
- e. Board Policy 6162.5, Student Assessment, revision

Motion by HALL to approve policies as approved on County side. Seconded by WRIGHT.

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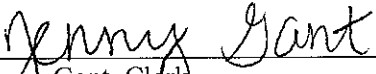
L. ADVANCED PLANNING

1. Next Regular Board Meeting will be held on May 8, 2018 at Sierra County Office of Education, 109 Beckwith Rd., Loyalton, CA 96118 beginning with Closed Session, as needed, at 5:00pm and the Regular Board Meeting following the Sierra County Board of Education meeting at 6:00pm.

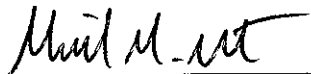
2. Suggested Agenda Items

- a. Finish negotiations next month
- b. WRIGHT: Again, discussion about surplus equipment (i.e. computers)? Can we find out if surplus equipment can be sold?

M. ADJOURN at 7:25pm
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Jenny Gant, Clerk



Dr. Merrill M. Grant, Superintendent