

MINUTES FOR THE *SPECIAL MEETING* OF THE
GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
March 13, 2020
3:30pm
Sierra County Office of Education, Room 4, 109 Beckwith Rd, Loyalton CA 96118

A. CALL TO ORDER

SPJUSD President MIKE MOORE called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mike Moore, President
Jenny Gant, Vice President
Nicole Stannard, Member
Patty Hall, Member

ABSENT: Allen Wright, Clerk
**MOORE read an email from Trustee WRIGHT explaining his reasoning for not attending*

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Special Meeting Agenda Items only, please.

1. Current location –

APRIL BURNS, TK & Primary Intervention Teacher – **Read aloud the LES Mission Statement. Read aloud the District Mission Statement. Continued with reading aloud personal statement addressing the Board.*

ANN FISHER, Kindergarten & Intervention Teacher – **Read aloud personal statement addressing the Board.*

STACI ARMSTRONG, 4-6 Intervention Teacher – **Read aloud personal statement addressing the Board.*

JOANNA HAUG, 4th Grade Teacher – **Read aloud personal statement addressing the Board.*

EMMA SHAFFER, 5th Grade Teacher (1 of 2) – **Read aloud personal statement addressing the Board.*

MIRANDA PRAKASH, Special Education Teacher – **Read aloud personal statement addressing the Board.*

LAURIE PETTERSON, 6th Grade Teacher – **Read aloud personal statement addressing the Board.*

JOEL ARMSTRONG, community member/parent/coach – **Gave personal statement addressing the Board.*

JOY MARKUM, community member/grandmother/City Council Member – **Gave personal statement addressing the Board.*

***Public Comment ended at 3:58pm*

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. New Business

a. Discussion of Budget Plan

NONA GRIESERT, Business Manager, JAMES BERARDI, Superintendent, and all Board Members in attendance addressed staff and public in attendance discussing processes, events leading up to today's meeting, answering questions, and discussing ideas for potential areas of savings and generating revenue.

Ideas/Comments/Suggestions from staff and public included:

Look at outsourcing positions to lower the cost of benefits

Improve distribution of agenda items and meeting information to the public

Personal statement from a parent of their son benefiting from Intervention Program

Seek out more grants

Look at cutting Board Member benefits

If being asked to come to Board Meetings, encourage all Board Members to come into classrooms

Curriculum Coordinator not being hired this year saved money

How much would be saved hiring a brand new teacher at the low end of the salary schedule for just one year replacing a retired teacher at the high end of the salary schedule?

Jenny Gant and Nicole Stannard volunteered to be on an Ad Hoc committee to meet with staff, parents and community members to discuss ideas for potential savings and revenue streams.

MIKE MOORE: Appointing Jenny Gant and Nicole Stannard to chair the Ad Hoc committee to discuss and make a plan of action for Budget Plan.

NICOLE STANNARD: What can we leave here concluding? What can we legally do with a motion and vote tonight?

HALL motioned to leave the Resolution in place with the condition that the Intervention Program be reinstated with new-found revenue before the next school year. No second was made. The motion died.

TIFFANY WILLIAMS – Propose adding Intervention Program to May agenda to add back in if funding is found for next school year.

JEREMY MILLER – Don't want to see the Board making a commitment to something that they cannot follow-through on based on pressure from community and staff.

MOORE motioned to leave everything as-is and move forward with the Ad Hoc committee to work on a plan to keep the Intervention Program if possible – search for additional on-going revenue as well as making cuts elsewhere. Second by HALL.

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F. ADVANCED PLANNING

1. Next Regular Board Meeting will be held on April 14, 2020 at Downieville School, 130 School St, Downieville CA 95936, beginning with Closed Session as needed at 5:00pm and the Regular Board Meeting at 6:00pm.

G. ADJOURN at 6:07pm

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Allen Wright, Clerk


James Berardi, Superintendent