

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
May 26, 2020

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order pertaining to the convening of public meetings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governing Board of the Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District held these meetings via Zoom Videoconferencing.

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 5:11pm.

B. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

HALL/GANT
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D. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION

None

E. CLOSED SESSION

GANT/HALL
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The Board of Trustees and Superintendent James Berardi and Business Manager Nona Griesert moved into Closed Session at 5:27pm to discuss the following item(s):

1. Government Code 54957.6

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

Agency Negotiator for the Board: James Berardi, Superintendent
Employee Organizations:

Unrepresented Employees: Classified Employees

2. Government Code 54957

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

F. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION at 5:42pm and ADJOURN FOR BREAK

G. RECONVENE at 6:01pm

H. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

MOORE: Discussions only. No action on either item in closed session.

I. 6:03PM – RECESS TO THE SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

J. RECONVENE THE SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING at 7:05pm

K. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Report

a. Budget and District Update

BERARDI: Information changing every day. Looking at a potential 10% cut across the board for K-12 education, but governor working to see that hopefully doesn't happen. Regular meetings and updates with Admin team to look at how information applies to our district. Hoping for opening "as normal as possible" next SY, but discussing other plans as we get closer and see how the environment looks due to COVID-19. Going as far as we can to hold a normal graduation, but we have several plans in mind and will determine final plan closer to graduation date.

b. Rescinded third RIF notice

BERARDI: Notified LES staff that the third/last RIF notice was rescinded

c. Most Recent Inter-District Variance Requests

2. Business Report

a. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/2019 to 04/30/2020

b. Eighth Month Enrollments for the 2019-2020 School Year

c. Letter from California Department of Education, 2019-2020 Second Interim Reports approved with warning of unknown impacts due to COVID-19

3. Staff Reports

LHS—JONES: Would like to applaud LHS staff and students for keeping everything going—learning and relationships in light of the current obstacles and challenges. Trying to keep year-end activities happening in the best way possible. Planning for many different contingencies for graduation and will use the best plan possible when we reach that date.

DVL—BERARDI: Teachers meeting one-on-one with students on Zoom. Holding "tea times" for parents. Teachers recognizing that students need more than what's in the packets and reaching out for more one-on-one interaction.

LES—CERESOLA: LES staff has been working hard to get what we can to the students. Report card going home this week with pass/fail evaluation. Activities planned for last week to keep students involved. Teachers met last week to discuss classes next year.

4. SPTA Report

LAURIE PETERSON—SPTA President: Thank you for having us back! It's been awhile since SPTA was here.

First of all, a special thank you to the Kindness Crew at Loylton Assembly of God Church and to the Sierra Schools Foundation for recognizing us during Teacher Appreciation Week.

For the last three months, our teachers have been busy planning and implementing lessons and work for all of our students. All of us have learned new and innovative ways to teach and communicate with our students. We miss our students and we miss our classrooms and are hopeful for the upcoming year. SPTA members recently took a survey regarding distance learning and I shared the results with Mr. Berardi. As we move through the end of the year, and get ready for however next year may look, the findings will be very helpful in navigating all of us.

SPTA has been in close contact with our CTA rep throughout the COVID-19 epidemic. We are briefed weekly on budget information, policies and in general, receiving much support with everything.

And Despite the current financial status of California and the governor's May revise, we are confident that SPTA and the district will work together to weather the storm and do what is best for the students of this district.

5. Board Members' Report

WRIGHT: Moving insurance which will save the district approximately \$9K. Downieville school group is doing a great job sharing what is going on with students.

STANNARD: Have heard the Loyalton Senior Services is donating small buses to our District.

BERARDI: These will be great for many different events down the road (i.e. field trips, sports, etc.)

GANT: Would like to see a graduation ceremony as close to normal as possible and would like to be involved. This graduating class is the first class I taught during my time as a student teacher.

6. Public Comment

BLAINE DONNELLY—Hoping to see graduation schedule kept. Graduation being moved would definitely impact many schedules—my son for instance is set to leave on June 16th for military. I know many families would like to see the students get to participate in graduation no matter how it looks on that date.

L. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held April 14, 2020
2. Approval of minutes for the Special Board Meeting held May 07, 2020
3. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 04/01/2020 through 04/30/2020
4. Approval of Stacey Hood, Tom Jones and James Berardi as additional California Interscholastic Federation representatives for the 2020-2021 School Year
5. Authorization for Superintendent to enter into agreement with School Services of California for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year, Contract 2021-01D
6. Authorization for Superintendent to enter into agreement with Einen Grandi for July 2020-June 2023 (*renewal*), Contract 2021-02D
7. Authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District and Sierra County Office of Education, Contract 2021-03D

WRIGHT/HALL

JACOBSEN: Correction will be made to April 14 meeting minutes under Superintendent Report regarding "Grant Update"

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M. ACTION ITEMS

1. Old Business

PUBLIC HEARING – Collective Bargaining Disclosure Statement

- a. Public Hearing *opened at 7:51pm* to receive public comment regarding Collective Bargaining Agreement (Item b). *Closed at 7:52pm with no comment.*
- b. Approval of the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement for Classified Employees, 2019-2020 Negotiations for salary and benefits
- c. Completion of Bargaining, Classified Employees, 2019-2020 Negotiations

HALL motioned to approve items b & c as was done in County meeting.

Second by GANT.

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- d. Ad Hoc Committee for 2020-2021 Budget Considerations
BERARDI: Intervention Position needs to be District-Wide if we reinstate the program. We are not in a position budget-wise to have an Intervention Teacher at each school site in the district, but we will have a need for this program particularly over the next year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
MOORE motioned to reinstate a District-Wide Intervention Teacher/Program for the 2020-2021 school year (2 days LES, 2 days LHS, 1 day DVL Schools – adjust as needed), supervised by Superintendent. Second by GANT.
STANNARD: Thank you to James for thinking outside the box to support student needs.
GANT: This should only be a one-year issue with 6th grade class next year moving to LHS the following year and “extra” teacher at LES not being needed after that class leaves LES. Board needs to have a Special Meeting sometime to really look at chopping the budget.
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2. New Business

PUBLIC HEARING – SPJUSD Budget

- a. Public Hearing opened at 8:16pm to receive public comment on the 2020-2021 Proposed Budget. Closed at 8:19pm.
 Notes from County meeting
JENNA HOLLAND—I would like to know how the new Title One Funding is being used. I see that it is being counted as revenue in the budget projections, yet the intervention position is not in the budget projections. Are you using it to offset the unrestricted dollars from the general fund?
BERARDI: As of this moment the intervention position is not part of the budget/program – waiting to vote it back in later on the District agenda.
GRIESERT: Reduced the contribution from the general fund. Using the funds in the same manner, just not putting as much from the general fund into the Title One program.
JENNA HOLLAND—Title One funding is to help low-achieving children meet state standards in core academic subjects. I know the Federal Government loosened restrictions on how it is spent, but the spirit of the funding is relevant. How are you going to use that money to help children with greatest need for educational assistance?
BERARDI: Title One used for a variety of different positions. If the Board reinstates the intervention program/position for next school year then those funds can be used there.
GRIESERT: A lot of unknowns at this point. We are looking at a very tight budget. Will do what we can to keep cuts away from classrooms. Welcoming any suggestions/ideas.

PUBLIC HEARING – Proposition 30, Education Protection Account

- b. Public Hearing opened at 8:19pm to receive public comment on the use of Proposition 30 Funding for 2020-2021. Closed at 8:20pm with no public comment.
 **GRIESERT gave an overview of Prop 30 and purpose of public hearing
- c. 2020-2021 Budget Slides
 **Presentation by Business Manager Nona Griesert

- d. Approval of 2020-2021 Extra Duty Assignments and Stipends
GANT/HALL
*MOORE: **Reiterated same concerns as in the County meeting*
STANNARD: Will assignments come through the Board??
JACOBSEN: Short answer—yes!
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- e. Acceptance of resignation for Shelly Fischer, Library Aide, .33 FTE, 10 hours/week, Downieville School, effective June 12, 2020
HALL/WRIGHT
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- f. Authorization to fill Library Aide, Downieville School, .33 FTE, 10 hours/week
HALL/WRIGHT
BERARDI: Looking at cutting this position temporarily. For now please vote “yes” so I have the opportunity if needed, but may decide not to fill it.
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- g. Adoption of Resolution No. 20-010D, Use of funds in special Fund 40 for Downieville Capital Outlay projects
WRIGHT/HALL
BERARDI: Fund initially established for capital improvements in Downieville. Some of the funds were utilized for the boiler project, but funds not completely used up. You are voting on pulling the remaining money out of the account so it can be used elsewhere for Downieville.
STANNARD: Is \$35K the whole of the remaining Fund 40? How much is currently in there total?
GRIESERT: About \$70K is remaining in Fund 40. The \$35K listed in the resolution is proposed to be used for a vehicle for Downieville, but that was proposed before we found out about the small buses being donated by Sierra County.
WRIGHT – I withdraw my motion to entertain hearing a new motion.
GANT motioned to approve an amended version of the resolution removing the wording “for the replacement of a Downieville School District Vehicle.” We will leave the money in Fund 40 for future projects approved by the Board and Superintendent specific to Downieville Schools. Second by HALL.
 ROLL CALL VOTE:
MOORE – AYE
HALL – AYE
WRIGHT – AYE
GANT – AYE
STANNARD – AYE
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BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, EXHIBITS, BOARD BYLAWS

HALL motioned to approve all policies as was done in County meeting.
Second by GANT.
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- h. 4113.5~4213.5~4313.5—Working Remotely
 1. Board Policy, *NEW*
- i. 6157—Distance Learning
 1. Board Policy, *NEW*

N. ADVANCED PLANNING

1. Next Regular Board Meeting will be held on June 23, 2020 beginning with Closed Session as needed at 5:00pm and the Regular Board Meeting at 6:00pm.

****Location to be determined****

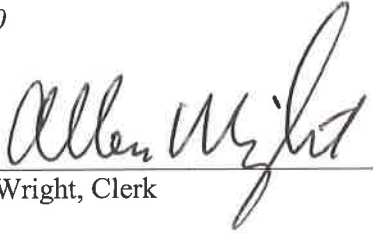
2. Suggested Agenda Items

- a. *District Vehicle Inventory*
- b. *Review of maintenance projects*
- c. *Update on Chromebooks*

O. ADJOURN at 8:51pm

WRIGHT/GANT

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Allen Wright, Clerk



James Berardi, Superintendent

**SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT—SPJUSD
CLOSED SESSION REPORTING FORM**

DATE: May 26, 2020

CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT: 5:27 A.M./P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patty Hall Allen Wright Mike Moore Jenny Gant Nicole Stannard

OTHERS PRESENT:

James Berardi, Superintendent *Zoom Dole*
 Nona Griesert, Business Manager *Zoom Log*
 ~~Blaine Donnelly (Zoom)~~

I. SESSION TOPIC(S):

Go to closure meeting: 2M: JG, PH

<p>Item #1—Government Code 54957.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Agency Negotiator for the Board: James Berardi, Superintendent Employee Organizations: Unrepresented Employees: Classified Employees</p> <p>RESULT:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DIRECTION WAS GIVEN TO SUPERINTENDENT</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THE CLOSED SESSION WAS FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION ONLY. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: HALL _____ WRIGHT _____ MOORE _____ GANT _____ STANNARD _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN IN OPEN SESSION: HALL _____ WRIGHT _____ MOORE _____ GANT _____ STANNARD _____</p> <hr/> <p>Item #2—Government Code 54957 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE</p> <p>RESULT:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DIRECTION WAS GIVEN TO SUPERINTENDENT</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THE CLOSED SESSION WAS FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION ONLY. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: HALL _____ WRIGHT _____ MOORE _____ GANT _____ STANNARD _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN IN OPEN SESSION: HALL _____ WRIGHT _____ MOORE _____ GANT _____ STANNARD _____</p>
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II. MOTION TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AT 5:42 A.M./P.M. AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

BY: PH (NAME) SECONDED: NS (NAME)

MOTION PASSED / FAILED

PRESIDED BY: Mike Moore
Mike Moore, PRESIDENT

RECORDED BY: Allen Wright
Allen Wright, CLERK

Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District

Presents

A BUDGET SCENARIO

Budget scenario presently proposed by the California Department of Education

The numbers presented here are possible projections, not forecasts. Projections are expected to change as various factors change, they are not predictions.

Projections are the mathematical result of today's decisions based on a given set of assumptions. Projections will change anytime the underlying factors change. The following information presented is EXACTLY WRONG but APPROXIMATELY RIGHT.

These numbers will change as more information comes forth from State and Federal sources.

Major Changes to the 2020/21 budget:

10% reduction in LCFF revenues and included categoricals.

- This includes the removal of 2.31% COLA and an additional revenue reduction of (7.91%).

10% across the board reductions in all other State Funding.

50% reduction to all CTE programs

One-time CARES Act funding to Title I of approximately \$66,000

MULTI-YEAR PROJECTION SCENARIO

	19/20 2 nd Interim	20/21 Budget	21/22 Budget
Revenues	7,353,385	6,142,199	5,826,199
Expenditures	8,143,798	6,980,947	7,140,893
Ending Fund Bal	2,802,328	1,963,580	648,886
Net Ending Unassigned	1,250,737	480,795	(608,899)

This presentation is to provide stakeholders with preliminary information of what the State of California is proposing in cuts to the K-12 education budget and specifically how that relates to our district at the time it was prepared.