

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

October 13, 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 for the public.

6:00pm Regular Session

A. CALL TO ORDER

President MIKE MOORE called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

WRIGHT motioned to approve agenda with addition of Flag Salute following Approval of Agenda. Second by *GANT*.
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D. FLAG SALUTE

~~D~~.E. BOARD ORGANIZATION

BERARDI: Recommending this action be tabled and wait until the seat is made vacant in December due to legal/conflict-of-interest concerns considering one of the candidates listed tonight is a current sitting Board Member.

MOORE: Poses potential legal issues when considering the California Fair Political Practices Act.

****NO ACTION ON 1 & 2****

1. Board Trustee, Area 4, Appointment Candidate Interviews
 - a. Nicole Stannard
 - b. Ben Hitchcock

2. Motion to Appoint Candidate

***Appointee will be seated at the organization meeting of the board in December as if elected*

~~E~~.F. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Report

- a. Transportation Update

BERARDI: Charging stations on the Loyalton side moving forward. Downieville buses all currently out of commission—using school vans to drive students to and from school until the Downieville buses we are contracted with can get replacements up and running.

- b. Reopening Plan for the High School Sites

BERARDI: ALL SCHOOL SITES NOW OPEN DISTRICT-WIDE!! Two days in with the Jr/Sr high schools it's going well with current systems in place and adjusting as needed. We are the only district that I'm aware of with both elementary and high schools open.

- c. Independent Study Program
BERARDI: Seeing at least half of the kids on FuelEd (Distance Learning ISP option) wanting to come back to the regular classrooms at LHS.
- d. Arts in Schools/Grant Match
BERARDI: We are matching the grant along with Sierra Schools Foundation and California Arts Council. Funds going a long way. Lindsay McIntosh from Sierra Musica is doing a great job with the music program!
- e. Donated vans
BERARDI: Thank you to the Sierra County Board of Supervisors for the vans! One went to Loyalton and one went to Downieville.
- f. District Budget Review with SPTA
BERARDI: According to the Collective Bargaining Agreement a District committee is supposed to be meeting with SPTA representatives three times each year starting in November. We are honoring that and setting up our first regular meeting next month. Members of the public will have opportunities to be part of budget reviews at other appropriate junctures.
- g. Most Recent Inter-District Variance Requests

2. Business Report

- a. Letter from California Department of Education, 2020-2021 Budget approved
- b. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/2020 to 09/30/2020
- c. First Day Enrollments for the 2020-2021 School Year
- d. First Month Enrollments for the 2020-2021 School Year
- e. Traditional Long-Term Independent Study Program Enrollments for 2020-2021

	LES		LHS
TK/K	3	7 th Grade	--
1 st Grade	2	8 th Grade	3
2 nd Grade	--		
3 rd Grade	--	9 th Grade	3
4 th Grade	--	10 th Grade	--
5 th Grade	2	11 th Grade	3
6 th Grade	3	12 th Grade	--
Site Total	10		9

3. Staff Reports

LHS—JONES: *Super grateful to everyone involved in helping to get the high schools reopened on Monday! Smooth transition back into the classrooms so far. Everyone is following the plans to ensure we are doing everything we can to keep from going back to the Distance Learning model. Adjusting as needed where we find blips. First Site Council meeting was held last week—parents giving us very helpful feedback. Kudos to the bus drivers and transportation team for working so well with all the adjustments with the high school reopening!*

LES—CERESOLA: *Things are going well going into our sixth week aside from an uptick in strep throat. The staff are staying flexible and making adjustments where and when needed. The Intervention Program is also going very well so far. There is a high need for it, so very grateful to still have it in place!*

DES & DHS—BERARDI: *Intervention Program is definitely benefiting the whole district with the expansion to a district-wide program. The reopening transitions went very smoothly with all the plans laid out. Water issues, bus issues, power outages—and we're still getting kids in the classrooms!*

4. SPTA Report

PRESIDENT—PETTERSON: *In the process of electing the new executive board. All staff and students are doing well with the new norm for this school year—elementary students have made it through five weeks and the high schools were more than ready to open this week. Happy to see budget committee being formed.*

5. Board Members' Report

WRIGHT: *Great to see the changes made to make the in-person learning possible. One district has kids back in classrooms, but they are being monitored by teachers as they work online—the teachers are not actually teaching right now.*

HALL: *Impressed by everything that everyone has accomplished to get all sites opened to in-person learning. Not in the clear entirely, but it's a step in the right direction.*

STANNARD: *Walk through at LES—Can see and feel that the students are well-adjusted to this new norm and happy to be back in the classrooms. Walk through at LHS—They are well prepared for many different scenarios so far.*

MOORE: *Compliments to everyone (parents, staff and students) for working so hard to make it possible to reopen all sites!*

6. Public Comment

JENNA HOLLAND—SSF—*Annual Golf Tournament held this past weekend was a success even with the different event format due to the COVID pandemic. We recently funded an SAT prep workshop put on by Patrick Wilson—offered to high school students for free. Dream Big grant applications are due October 31st for Senior Projects.*

F.G. _____ CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held September 08, 2020
2. Approval of Budget Transfers for September 2020
3. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 09/01/2020 through 09/30/2020
4. Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for quarter ending 09/30/2020. 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.
 - a. 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 09/30/2020.
5. Authorization for Superintendent to enter into three-year Licensing Agreement with Document Tracking Services, Contract No. 2021-006D

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G.H. _____ ACTION ITEMS

1. Old Business
 - a. Proposed comp time for Administrative and Office Staff
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2. New Business
 - a. Discussion with Sierra County Board of Supervisors regarding future planning for the Sierraville School Site
Presentation opened with overview from JAMES BERARDI. This site is not intended to be used as a school site ever again, so do we hold onto it knowing we can't put the proper amount of money into it to maintain and enhance the

space? Or work out a deal to turn it over to the County with the plans and better means to keep the buildings from deteriorating? The Sierraville School Site means a lot of different things to a lot of different people in the community. Discussion opened with TIM BEALS. Current agreement in place secures grant money from the state. To keep this same agreement would require another 20-year commitment. The District can either extend the Lease-Hold agreement or look at selling the site to Sierra County. The County's preference has always been to acquire the building.

Ad-Hoc Committee formed to begin negotiations with BOS: James Berardi, Nona Griesert, Mike Moore and Nicole Stannard

PUBLIC HEARING—Textbooks and Instructional Materials

- b. Public Hearing opened at 7:19pm to receive comments on the sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials for Kindergarten through 12th grade in each subject and to assure that they are aligned with the state standards adopted pursuant to Ed Code 60605 or 60605.8. Also meet the reporting and sufficiency requirements contained in Ed Code 60119. Closed at 7:39pm (comments below).

Emma Shaffer—LES 6th Grade Teacher—6th grade does not have current NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards) aligned science curriculum. Our textbook is copyrighted 2001. I wrote my own curriculum for this year. NGSS standards were released in April 2013.
Andrea Ceresola—LES Administrator—The Curriculum Coordinator was working to set up the next adoption of science curriculum, but when that position was vacated last year the process stopped. There were others areas where curriculum was even more outdated than science, so those were updated first and science was next on the priority list.

- c. Adoption of Resolution No. 20-015D, Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials
STANNARD motioned to table this to November due to outdated science curriculum. Second by HALL.
Administrators will address this for next month
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- d. Career Technical Education Annual Report (Ed Code 52376)
JONES: FFA is the main CTE program. 58 students are currently in this program. About half of the school enters the program, and typically half of the graduating class receives certifications that get them into agriculture-related employment. Last year 11 students completed the entire FFA program. Mechatronics is a new area that we are working to get up and running as another CTE program.
- e. Approval of resignation for Josh Boli, Teacher, Downieville Schools, 1.0 FTE, effective October 31, 2020
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- f. Authorization to fill Teacher, Downieville Schools, 1.0 FTE
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BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, EXHIBITS, BOARD BYLAWS

WRIGHT motioned to approve g-i as presented. Second by HALL.

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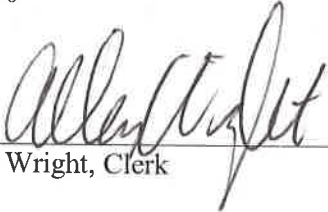
- g. 4030—Nondiscrimination in Employment
1. Administrative Regulation, revisions

- h. 4119.11~4219.11~4319.11—Sexual Harassment
 - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
 - 2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- i. 4119.12~4219.12~4319.12—Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures
 - 1. Administrative Regulation, *NEW*

H.I. ADVANCED PLANNING

- 1. Next Regular Board Meeting will be held on November 10, 2020 via Zoom Videoconferencing beginning with Closed Session as needed at 5:00pm and the Regular Board Meetings at 6:00pm.
We will try to plan for an in-person meeting option
- 2. Suggested Agenda Items
 - Closed Session regarding Sierraville School Site and opening negotiations with BOS*
 - Science Curriculum and Instructional Materials Resolution update*
 - Meetings in person*

H.J. ADJOURN at 7:56pm
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Allen Wright, Clerk



James Berardi, Superintendent