

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
April 13, 2021

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.

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 5:03pm.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mike Moore, President
Allen Wright, Vice President
Christina Potter, Clerk
Patty Hall, Member
Nicole Stannard, Member

ABSENT: None

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

WRIGHT/HALL
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D. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION

At this time, the meeting opens for any public comments regarding the Closed Session items.

E. CLOSED SESSION

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The Board of Trustees, Superintendent James Berardi and Business Manager Nona Griesert moved into Closed Session at 5:05pm to discuss the following item(s):

1. Government Code 54957.6

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency Negotiator for the Board: James Berardi, Superintendent

Employee Organizations:

Unrepresented Employees: Sierra-Plumas Teachers' Association
Classified Employees
Confidential Employees
Administrative Employees

2. Government Code 54957

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: Superintendent

F. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION and ADJOURN FOR BREAK at 5:47pm

G. 6:00PM – RECESS TO THE SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

H. RECONVENE THE SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING at 7:15pm

I. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

MOORE:

Item 1: Discussed what took place during the Negotiations meeting with SPTA in March. No action was taken.

Item 2: Superintendent Evaluation was discussed with the Superintendent. Contract being offered again for next school year.

J. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Report

- a. Board Training and Retreat held March 25, 2021

BERARDI: The training and retreat with Bob Ferguson went well. We went over individual and shared responsibilities, rules and regulations and how that all looks with different situations. This was a valuable training that I hope to do more often going forward.

- b. Strategic Planning workshop/training

BERARDI: There hasn't been any formal Strategic Planning for the District since 2009. I would like to put together an Ad Hoc committee and a Request for Proposal to find an outside organization to help us administer the Strategic Planning process.

- c. Budget Update

BERARDI: Our District Budget was moved from "Qualified" to a "Positive Certification" due to the retirements and various other adjustments recently made to the budget. There will still be ongoing discussions for future budget strategies because we are still deficit spending. We are moving in the right direction, but we still have more work to do.

- d. Most Recent Inter-District Variance Requests (see table below)

New/Renewal	School Year	Grade Entering	District of Residence	Receiving District	Reason Given by Requestor	Backup Documentation Received?
New	2020-21	1	SPJUSD	Washoe	Proximity to schools	n/a
Renewal	2021-22	8	SPJUSD	Tahoe-Truckee Unified	Parent works in Truckee	Yes
New	2021-22	2	SPJUSD	Washoe	Parent works in Reno	Yes
New	2021-22	4	SPJUSD	Washoe	Parent works in Reno	Yes

2. Business Report

- a. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/2020 to 03/31/2021
 b. Seventh Month Enrollments for the 2020-2021 School Year

3. Staff Reports

LHS—JONES: We will begin drafting plans this week for graduation. Sports are a welcome addition again. Homecoming is this week. Thank you to Sierra Schools Foundation for the new water-filling stations at LHS and thank you to our maintenance crew for getting those installed. Fourth quarter is starting next Monday.

LES—CERESOLA: Professional Development schedule will be emailed to the Board Members. Participating staff walked 1467 miles in March. Intervention benchmark assessments are being reviewed. LES is following along with the LHS spirit days and having fun with the dress up days. Already starting to plan for our end-of-year activities. Kindergarten sign-ups starting next week (38 on the schedule).

DES & DHS—BERARDI: *Downieville also had a spirit week a couple weeks ago and the kids had fun with that. Sports are a welcome addition again here as well. Plans to hold graduation on Saturday, June 19th, at Herrington's in Sierra City.*
LHS AG DEPT—GRIFFIN: *Floral Class is working on the flowers for Homecoming. FFA is in need of judges for the project competition on April 28th. State Leadership conference and State Finals coming up. Spring Banquet will be May 12th. Farm Day also coming up, for LES students only this year.*

4. SPTA Report

PRESIDENT—PETTERSON: *SPTA scholarship committee is meeting soon to evaluate the applications we received. Nothing was negotiated during the negotiations meeting held in March, but we will be meeting again at a later date.*

5. Board Members' Report

WRIGHT: *Pleased with the results of the Board Retreat and Training.*

STANNARD: *Participated in Senior Mock Job Interviews and I was very impressed with each of the students and the goals and aspirations they shared.*

HALL: *Also pleased with the Board Retreat and Training. It was very beneficial to all who attended. MOORE and I did recent site visits at LES and LHS. Everything looked and felt bright and cheery, students in good spirits.*

6. Public Comment

CALI GRIFFIN—LHS Teacher and Coach: *Our current ISP Master Agreement does not include anything for short-term for sports and extra-curricular activities. I have sample agreements from other districts that show verbiage for this that I'd like to see added to our Master Agreement for SPJUSD to benefit students missing school due to sports and other extra-curricular activities.*

BRENDAN MCCORMACK—Parent: **Read a letter addressing the Board and Superintendent regarding AP Courses at LHS. I would like to see more attention and energy put forth for AP Courses just like what is put forth for Senior Projects and Mock Job Interviews.*

K. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held March 09, 2021
2. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 03/01/2021 through 03/31/2021
3. Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for quarter ending March 31, 2021. 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 March 31, 2021.

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L. ACTION ITEMS

1. New Business

- a. Approval of Cooperative Use Agreement for the Sierraville School Site (extending duration of contract with Sierra County), Contract 2021-008D
HALL motioned to table this item to May. Second by WRIGHT.
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BERARDI will work with Ad Hoc committees to continue discussions.

- b. Accept letter of resignation for Bre Whitley, Loyalton High School Cheer Coach, 2020-2021 School Year
HALL/STANNARD
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- c. Approval of assignment of Sharię Jackowiak, Loyalton High School, 2020-2021 Cheer Coach
HALL/STANNARD
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- d. Approval of assignment of Tom Barefoot, Loyalton High School, 2020-2021 Track Coach
HALL/POTTER
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- e. Approval of 2021-2022 Extra Duty Assignments and Stipends to be filled
STANNARD motioned to approve this item as was done in County meeting. Second by WRIGHT.
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- f. Approval of Social Studies Elective: Global Issues & Model UN as a course
WRIGHT motioned for approval to open discussion. Second by HALL. WRIGHT/MOORE: Would like to see more backup and curriculum before adopting something that will be used in a classroom. WRIGHT amended motion to table this item until more information can be shared with the Board. Second by HALL.
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- g. Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee for Grant Search and Applications
MOORE: Appointed STANNARD to head the committee

BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, EXHIBITS, BOARD BYLAWS

HALL motioned to approve all policies as was done in County meeting. Second by WRIGHT.
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BATCH FROM MARCH MEETING:

- h. 0430—Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education
 - 1. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- i. 1312.3—Uniform Complaint Procedures
 - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
 - 2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- j. 4119.11~4219.11~4319.11—Sexual Harassment
 - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
 - 2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- k. 4119.12~4219.12~4319.12—Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures
 - 1. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
 - 2. Exhibit, *NEW*
- l. 6146.1—High School Graduation Requirements
 - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
- m. 6146.2—Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency
 - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
 - 2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
 - 3. Exhibit, *NEW*

NEW BATCH FOR APRIL MEETING:

- n. 0420.42—Charter School Renewal
 - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
- o. 3110—Transfer of Funds
 - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
- p. 3230—Federal Grant Funds
 - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
 - 2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- q. 3311.2—Lease-Leaseback Contracts
 - 1. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- r. 3311.3—Design-Build Contracts
 - 1. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*

M. ADVANCED PLANNING

- 1. Next Regular Board Meetings will be held on May 11, 2021 beginning with Closed Session as needed at 5:00pm and the Regular Board Meetings at 6:00pm via Zoom videoconferencing.

Tentatively planned for in-person in Downieville along with Zoom

2. Suggested Agenda Items

- ISP Master Agreement – address short-term for sports and other extra-curricular activities*
- AP Course offerings*
- Sierraville School Site extended agreement update*
- Model UN Course info*
- Technology Audit*
- Strategic Planning update*
- Update on Stipend Negotiations with SPTA*
- Science Curriculum update*

N. ADJOURN at 8:47pm
HALL/WRIGHT
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Christina Potter, Clerk



James Berardi, Superintendent

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

DATE: April 13, 2021

CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT: 5:08 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patty Hall Allen Wright Mike Moore Christina Potter Nicole Stannard

OTHERS PRESENT:

- James Berardi, Superintendent
- Nona Griesert, Business Manager
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I. SESSION TOPIC(S):

<p>Item #1—Government Code 54957.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS</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 _____ POTTER _____ STANNARD _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN IN OPEN SESSION: HALL _____ WRIGHT _____ MOORE _____ POTTER _____ STANNARD _____</p>
<p>Item #2—Government Code 54957 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION Title: Superintendent</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 _____ POTTER _____ STANNARD _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN IN OPEN SESSION: HALL _____ WRIGHT _____ MOORE _____ POTTER _____ STANNARD _____</p>

II. MOTION TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AT 5:47 P.M. AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

BY: Patty (NAME) SECONDED: Nicole (NAME)

MOTION PASSED / FAILED

PRESIDED BY: Mike Moore
Mike Moore, PRESIDENT

RECORDED BY: Christina Potter
Christina Potter, CLERK

