

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

August 10, 2021

5:00pm CLOSED Session

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

*Downieville: Downieville School, 130 School St, Downieville CA 95936*  
Zoom videoconferencing was also available for the public.

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A. CALL TO ORDER

*President MIKE MOORE called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.*

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: *Mike Moore, President*  
*Allen Wright, Vice President*  
*Christina Potter, Clerk (via Zoom)*  
*Patty Hall, Member*  
*Nicole Stannard, Member (via Zoom)*

ABSENT: *None*

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*HALL/WRIGHT*  
*5/0*

D. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION

*None*

E. CLOSED SESSION

*STANNARD/POTTER*  
*5/0*

The Board of Trustees and Superintendent James Berardi and ~~Business Manager Nona Griesert~~ moved into Closed Session at 5:07pm 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

F. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION and ADJOURN FOR BREAK at 5:37pm

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 6:37pm

*HALL/STANNARD*  
*5/0*

I. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

*MOORE: Direction given to the Superintendent to go back to SPTA with request for additional information.*

## J. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 1. Superintendent's Report

- a. AB 130 – Independent Study  
*BERARDI: One-year requirement for Independent Study, due to mask mandates, to be offered to any families choosing ISP as an option versus traditional classroom setting.*
- b. AB 104 – Grade Change Application for 2020-2021  
*BERARDI: Students (or guardians of students as needed) that graduated in 2021 have a window of time to request a "P" for pass/fail versus a letter grade due to impacts of COVID.*
- c. School Opening Plans for August 25, 2021 (In-Service August 23-24)  
*BERARDI: We will be opening on August 25<sup>th</sup> following the mask mandates. There will be a presentation for staff on the 23<sup>rd</sup> around trauma-informed training.*
- d. Personnel  
*BERARDI: Multiple openings we are working to fill, plus movement among current staff.*
- e. In-Person Instruction Grant plan  
*BERARDI: Public meeting held last month. Lots of support for Social and Emotional programs for students.*
- f. ESSER III plan  
*BERARDI: Biggest grant received from COVID. Expect another community meeting next month when we have the numbers and additional information to share and discuss.*
- g. Phones  
*BERARDI: We have reached out to our attorney for steps on breaking contracts to cut ties with our current phone vendor. We are looking at other vendors to consider. We also need to consider what percentage of the issues are due to our phone system (internal) versus phone reception and connections elsewhere (external).*
- h. Strategic Planning  
*BERARDI: The initial meetings have been delayed, but expected to take place in September.*
- i. Technology Audit Report  
*BERARDI: Received and reviewed. There are many helpful suggestions that we will begin implementing as time and resources allow.*

### 2. Business Report

- a. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/2021 to 07/31/2021

### 3. Staff Reports

LHS—MESCHERY: *A lot going on gearing up for the new school year! Fall sports have started to hold practices. We will have a Grizzlies Day planned for the 19<sup>th</sup> with 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation at 5:30pm and then the school will be open to all students to get prepared for the year (i.e. pick up Chromebooks, schedules, meet teachers, etc.). We are going to be exploring and researching alternative pathways for graduation throughout the year.*

LES—CERESOLA: *Finishing up summer cleaning and prep. Teachers stopping in and getting excited for the new school year. Two new teachers hired, so we are fully staffed.*

DES & DHS—BERARDI: *Also finishing up summer cleaning and prep. Lots of classroom movement due to changes in staff and assignments.*

4. SPTA Report

PRESIDENT—PETTERSON: *Met with Superintendent last week regarding the MOU for the upcoming school year. Teachers are excited to get back in the classrooms and start the new school year.*

5. Board Members' Report

WRIGHT: *Phones are a high priority with the regular issues being reported for the past couple of years. High School Graduation requirements are also a high priority and hot topic with the interest in exploring different pathways than what is currently in place for graduation.*

6. Public Comment

Samantha Ingle—parent: *Thank you for bringing up the High School Graduation requirements as I am in favor of seeing changes made. Regarding ISP, will the curriculum be online or book-on-page for 9-12? Are there any blend options?*

BERARDI: *Currently planning online for 9-12 students, but could change. TBD. No blend options for classes currently, but ISP students are allowed to participate in sports and other extracurricular activities as part of the school.*

K. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held July 13, 2021
2. Approval of minutes for the Special Board Meeting held July 21, 2021
3. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 07/01/2021 through 07/31/2021
4. Approval of 2021-2022 SPJUSD Certificated Substitute List

*HALL motioned to approve 1, 3 & 4. Second by WRIGHT.*

*5/0 for items 1, 3 and 4.*

*3/0 for item 2, 2 abstentions (HALL and STANNARD)*

L. ACTION ITEMS

1. Old Business

- a. Approval of construction at Downieville Schools

*HALL motioned to approve Wall Construction project with Scott R. Burr Construction, bid for \$9,388. Second by STANNARD.*

*5/0*

***Roof Construction project tabled to next board meeting.***

- b. Approval of vegetation removal at Downieville Schools

*HALL motioned to approve Vegetation Removal project with Misita Tree & Land Inc., bid for \$35,500. Second by STANNARD.*

*5/0*

2. New Business

- a. Adoption of Resolution No. 21-021D, Recognition of Thomas Jones

*HALL/WRIGHT*

*ROLL CALL VOTE:*

*HALL – Aye*

*MOORE – Aye*

*WRIGHT – Aye*

*STANNARD – Aye*

*POTTER – Aye*

*5/0*

***PUBLIC HEARING – Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators***

- b. Public Hearing *opened at 6:40 pm* to receive public comment regarding the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2021-2022 School Year (Item c). *Closed at 6:41pm with no public comment.*
- c. Approval of Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2021-2022 School Year. *A diligent search to recruit fully prepared teacher(s) was made and an insufficient number of certificated persons met the Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District's employment criteria for the position(s)*  
*HALL/WRIGHT*  
*5/0*
- d. Approval of CBEST Waiver for Substitute Teachers *(The Sierra-Plumas JUSD has been unable to recruit enough day-to-day substitute teachers who have not had an opportunity to take and pass all sections of the California Basic Educational Skills Test. The District anticipates employing no greater than three (3) day-to-day substitutes on variable term CBEST waiver for the 2021-2022 school year)*  
*HALL/WRIGHT*  
*5/0*
- e. Approval of Assignment to Teach Core Subjects out of Credential Authorization for the 2021-2022 School Year  
*WRIGHT/HALL*  
*5/0*
- f. Authorization for Superintendent to enter into Memorandum of Understanding with Sierra-Plumas Teacher's Association for the 2021-2022 School Year, Contract 2022-005D  
***Tabled to the next board meeting.***
- g. Approval of assignment of Emma Shaffer, Loyalton High School, 2021-2022 Site Technology Coordinator  
*WRIGHT motioned to approve g, h and i together. Second by HALL.*  
*5/0*
- h. Approval of assignment of Emma Shaffer, Loyalton High School, 2021-2022 Friday Night Live Advisor  
*See item g.*
- i. Approval of assignment of Emma Shaffer, Loyalton High School, 2021-2022 Club Live Advisor  
*See item g.*
- j. Approval of assignment of Jason Prakash, Loyalton High School, 2021-2022 RTI Coordinator  
*HALL/POTTER*  
*4/0 (Lost connection with Trustee STANNARD via Zoom)*
- k. Approval of assignment of Dorothy Hudson, Library Aide, Loyalton High School, .17 FTE, 5 hours/week  
*WRIGHT/HALL*  
*4/0*
- l. Approval of assignment of Steve Fillo, Downieville Schools, 2021-2022 Athletic Director  
*HALL motioned to approve l and m together. Second by WRIGHT.*  
*4/0*
- m. Approval of assignment of Steve Fillo, Downieville Schools, 2021-2022 Varsity Girls Basketball Coach  
*See item l.*

- n. Acceptance of resignation for Benjamin Raymond, Social Studies Teacher, Downieville High School, 1.0 FTE, effective August 2, 2021  
*WRIGHT/POTTER*  
4/0
- o. Authorization to fill Social Studies Teacher, Downieville High School, 1.0 FTE  
*HALL/WRIGHT*  
4/0
- p. Approval of assignment of Niecea Freeman, Teacher, Downieville High School, 1.0 FTE, effective August 23, 2021  
*HALL/WRIGHT*  
4/0

BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, EXHIBITS, BOARD BYLAWS


*WRIGHT* motioned to approve all policies as was done in County meeting.  
Second by *POTTER*.  
4/0

- q. 1312.3—Uniform Complaint Procedures
  - 1. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- r. 1313—Civility
  - 1. Board Policy, *NEW*
- s. 3511.1—Integrated Waste Management
  - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
  - 2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- t. 3515.31—School Resource Officers
  - 1. Board Policy, *NEW*
- u. 4112.42~4212.42~4312.42—Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers
  - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
  - 2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- v. 4141~4241—Collective Bargaining Agreement
  - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
- w. 4158~4258~4358—Employee Security
  - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
  - 2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- x. 6157—Distance Learning
  - 1. Board Policy, *DELETE (see guide sheet)*
- y. 6158—Independent Study
  - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
  - 2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*

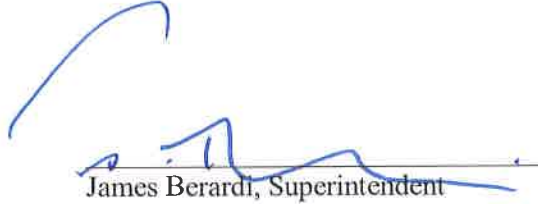
M. ADVANCED PLANNING

- 1. Next Regular Board Meeting will be held on September 14, 2021 at Sierra County Office of Education, Room 4, 109 Beckwith Rd, Loyalton CA 96118, beginning with Closed Session as needed at 5:00pm. The Regular Board Meeting immediately follows the 6:00pm meeting of the Sierra County Board of Education. Zoom videoconferencing will also be available.
- 2. Suggested Agenda Items
  - Phones
  - High School Graduation requirements
  - COVID-19 concerns – other avenues for students regarding masks?

N. ADJOURN *at 7:43pm*  
*HALL/WRIGHT*  
4/0



Christina Potter, Clerk



James Berardi, Superintendent

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

DATE: August 10, 2021

CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT: 5<sup>07</sup> ~~AM.~~ P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patty Hall  Allen Wright  Mike Moore ZM Christina Potter ZM Nicole Stannard

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

Item #1—Government Code 54957.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
<b>RESULT:</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIRECTION WAS GIVEN TO SUPERINTENDENT
<input type="checkbox"/> THE CLOSED SESSION WAS FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION ONLY. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.
<input type="checkbox"/> A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: HALL _____ WRIGHT _____ MOORE _____ POTTER _____ STANNARD _____
<input type="checkbox"/> A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN IN OPEN SESSION: HALL _____ WRIGHT _____ MOORE _____ POTTER _____ STANNARD _____

II. MOTION TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AT 5<sup>37</sup> A.M./P.M. AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

BY: Patty Hall (NAME)      SECONDED: Christina P. (NAME)  
S.O.

MOTION  PASSED /  FAILED

PRESIDED BY: Mike Moore  
Mike Moore, PRESIDENT

RECORDED BY: Allen Wright  
~~Christina Potter, CLERK~~  
Allen Wright,  
Vice President

