

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

October 12, 2021

*In accordance with AB 361, effective October 1, 2021, 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 this meeting via Zoom videoconferencing.*

5:30pm Closed Session

Immediately followed the 6:00pm meeting of the Sierra County Board of Education

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A. CALL TO ORDER

*President MIKE MOORE called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.*

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 UTILIZING AB 361 TO CONDUCT THIS BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM  
VIDEOCONFERENCING – OCTOBER 12, 2021

*HALL/WRIGHT*

*5/0*

D. APPROVAL OF UTILIZING AB 361 TO CONDUCT THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD  
MEETING VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCING – NOVEMBER 09, 2021

*HALL/STANNARD*

*5/0*

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*HALL/POTTER*

*5/0*

F. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION

*None*

G. CLOSED SESSION

*STANNARD/WRIGHT*

*5/0*

The Board of Trustees, Superintendent James Berardi and Business Manager Nona Griesert moved into Closed Session at 5:37pm to discuss the following item(s):

1. Government Code 54957

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE**

H. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION and ADJOURN FOR BREAK at 5:52pm

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

*WRIGHT/HALL*

*5/0*

J. RECONVENE THE SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING  
BOARD MEETING at 6:56pm

K. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

*MOORE: Direction was given to the Superintendent.*

## L. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 1. Superintendent's Report

#### a. Update on Sierraville School Site

*BERARDI: Escrow is now open, so we are one step closer to being done with the sale.*

#### b. COVID-19 Prevention Program

*BERARDI: Same as County – Written plan mandated by the state, protocols meant to help with control of employee exposures.*

#### c. Copy Kristie Jacobsen on Superintendent emails (kjacobsen@spjUSD.org)

*BERARDI: Same as County – Reminder to please add Kristie to all emails to me, unless it is a private matter, so she can help me catch and respond to as much as possible in a timely manner.*

### 2. Business Report

#### a. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/2021 to 09/30/2021

### 3. Staff Reports

*LHS—MESCHERY: Staff and students have been working well together through all of the different transitions this year. Homecoming was postponed, rescheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup>. Trying to work on the LHS website to utilize for additional communication channels. Internet connectivity is still a challenge for families in Sierra County, so hoping we can benefit from grant money to improve.*

*LES—CERESOLA: Staff and students are all doing their best to get through this stretch of online learning. Gearing up for our Annual Fall Festival and opening the Cub Store again. Internet connectivity is definitely a challenge that we see experience all the time, but especially during online learning.*

*DES & DHS—BERARDI: Echoing that the staff and students are all working hard to transition to and work through the online learning period. It's not ideal, but every site is making it work! Still planning for our Octoberfest/Halloween carnival at the end of the month.*

### 4. SPTA Report

*PRESIDENT—PETTERSON: Thank you to the SSF and all of the golf participants! The teachers look forward to applying for the grants made possible by the fundraiser. SPTA planned to present the Sunshine proposal at this meeting to open negotiations, but it appears that will have to come at a later date. Teachers continue to navigate and do their best this school year, and looking forward to being back in-person on Monday.*

### 5. Board Members' Report

*WRIGHT: I appreciate the effort and dedication from all of the staff making everything continue to work through these times with COVID.*

*HALL: Echoing that same thank you to all staff.*

*STANNARD: Happy to see the turnout at the SSF dinner after the golf tournament and the support it brings to our communities.*

*POTTER: Another thank you to all the staff working hard through these challenges.*

*MOORE: Thank you to all employees working through all of the different challenges we continue to face.*

### 6. Public Comment

*JENNA HOLLAND—parent: Thank you teachers, admin and staff for rolling with these numerous punches. We appreciate all you do!*

*VICTORIA FISHER—Sierra Schools Foundation: YES!! Thank you Nicole! We made over \$10,000 at the tournament and on top of that Sierra County has kindly donated \$5,000 to the Foundation to do more good work!*

*TESSA JACKSON—parent, DVL grad, president of DVL Site Council: There is a pressing issue with leadership at Downieville Schools. Mr. Berardi cannot effectively act as Principal at Downieville along with his role as Superintendent.*  
*DARCY WHITE—parent: How important is the state COVID testing for our schools this week?*

M. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held September 21, 2021
2. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 09/01/2021 through 09/30/2021
3. Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for the quarter ending 09/30/2021

*HALL/STANNARD*

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N. ACTION ITEMS

1. New Business

***PUBLIC HEARING—Textbooks and Instructional Materials***

- a. Public Hearing *opened at 7:21pm* to receive comments on the sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials for Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> 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 7:21pm with no comment.*
- b. Adoption of Resolution No. 22-008D, Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials

*WRIGHT/STANNARD*

*ROLL CALL VOTE:*

*STANNARD – AYE*

*POTTER – AYE*

*WRIGHT – AYE*

*HALL – AYE*

*MOORE – AYE*

*5/0*

- c. Approval of ESSER III Expenditure Plan  
*STANNARD/WRIGHT*  
*BERARDI: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds under the American Rescue Plan Act. Community meeting held last week for public input. There are specific instructions for the use of these funds, but our plan is to place a lot of emphasis on mitigating and addressing learning loss and mental health/counseling.*  
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- d. Approval of Contract 2022-007D with Sierra Transportation Company, LLC, Downieville Bus Agreement  
*HALL/WRIGHT*  
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- e. Approval of Teacher in Charge Extra Duty Stipend for Downieville Schools for the 2021-2022 School Year  
*WRIGHT/HALL*  
*5/0*
- f. Approval of assignment of Katrina Bosworth, Downieville Schools, Teacher in Charge through the first semester of 2021-2022  
*HALL/WRIGHT*  
*5/0*

- g. Approval of Substitute Daily Rate increase to \$80 for Half Days and \$140 for Full Days  
STANNARD/HALL  
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- h. Approval of updated Injury and Illness Prevention Plan  
HALL/POTTER  
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- i. Approval of Addendum to Superintendent Contract 2020-07D, Addendum Contract 2022-009D  
HALL/WRIGHT  
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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 POTTER.  
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- j. 0470—COVID-19 Mitigation Plan
  - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
- k. 3516.5—Emergency Schedules
  - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
- l. 4131—Staff Development (*certificated*)
  - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*

O. ADVANCED PLANNING

- 1. Next Regular Board Meetings will be held on November 09, 2021, beginning with Closed Session as needed at 5:00pm and the Regular Board Meetings at 6:00pm. Location TBD. Zoom videoconferencing will be available for the public. *Zoom videoconferencing for all per AB 361 – see agenda item D.*
- 2. Suggested Agenda Items
  - Downieville administration/leadership
  - Downieville Site Council plan/update
  - SPTA Sunshine

P. ADJOURN at 7:40pm  
HALL/POTTER  
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Christina Potter, Clerk

  
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James Berardi, Superintendent

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

DATE: October 12, 2021

CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT: 5:37 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 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE</p> <p><b>RESULT:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIRECTION WAS GIVEN TO SUPERINTENDENT</p> <p><input 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 5:52 P.M. AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

BY: Allen Wright (NAME)      SECONDED: Patty Hall (NAME)

MOTION  PASSED /  FAILED

PRESIDED BY: Mike Moore  
Mike Moore, PRESIDENT

RECORDED BY: Christina Potter  
Christina Potter, CLERK

