

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
November 09, 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 exclusively via Zoom videoconferencing.

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 7:57pm.

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

*HALL motioned to approve the agenda with the amendment to move the Liberty presentation up before Information/Discussion Items. Second by WRIGHT.
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D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Old Business

- a. Liberty Charging Stations – presentation and Q&A with Matt Newberry from Liberty Utilities
*STANNARD motioned to not consider any charging stations at any of the District sites at this time. Second by POTTER.
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~~D~~.E. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Report

- a. Strategic Planning update
BERARDI: First meeting held last Friday (11/5), and second meeting scheduled for tomorrow (11/10) with board members and administrators. During the second meeting we will schedule a community meeting for input districtwide at a later date.
- b. Downieville WASC
BERARDI: A WASC team was in Downieville today for a site visit. A report will be sent to us in 4-6 weeks regarding accreditation.
- c. Sierraville School site update
BERARDI: Letting the community know that we are moving forward with selling the Sierraville School site to Sierra County. Their intent is to turn the old school site into a community center.
- d. Classified Salary Schedule change again January 2022 with minimum wage increase to \$15/hour
BERARDI: This is the final year of increases for the minimum wage to hit \$15.

- e. CIF Sports Test-to-Play Requirement
BERARDI: Currently waiting for a response from the Health Department on what the mask requirement will be along with the test-to-play requirement for the winter sports.
2. Business Report
 - a. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/2021 to 10/31/2021
 - b. First and Second Month Enrollments for the 2021-2022 School Year
3. Staff Reports

LES—CERESOLA: *Thank you to all the parents speaking tonight and for your children. We are trying every day, every way we can, to provide a sense of normalcy for the students. The annual Fall Festival was a success. We were able to hold a Book Fair again with some limitations, but happy to bring back as many of our normal activities as possible. The garden will be closing for the winter, starting back up in the spring. Parent-Teacher conferences taking place next week, in-person again this year. Basketball is starting again for 3rd-8th grade this year.*

LHS—MESCHERY: *Wrapped up Quarter 1 with report cards sent out today. Kim Askew has been super helpful in getting some issues with PowerSchool worked out recently. Homecoming went well and everyone had a lot of fun. Ready to roll into basketball, ski and snowboard. Quarter 1 Site Council meeting was held, looking at School Plan for Student Achievement and reviewing goals from last year. Working to improve communication with LHS stakeholders (i.e. website (www.loyaltonhighschool.org) vs. Facebook). Very encouraged by the District Strategic Planning taking place for the future of our District.*

DES & DHS—BERARDI: *Appreciate all the parents speaking tonight. We have new teachers in Downieville this year that are working well so far. We had Spirit Week before Halloween with students dressing up and then the Downieville October Carnival where I was pried in the face. We're in the middle of our WASC accreditation renewal process which is going well. Strategic Planning is looking like a positive and promising process for our District.*

Ag Department & Ski Team—GRIFFIN: *Pumpkin carving was opened up to the community. Attended the National FFA Convention, awarded 3 American Degrees – highest degree possible in FFA. Students have 4 years after high school graduation to achieve these degrees. Speaking contest coming up in Fall River. Fall Banquet on October 23rd. Excited for the Ski and Snowboard team starting up soon with the first event on January 7th.*
4. SPTA Report

PRESIDENT—PETTERSON: *Excited to hear about Strategic Planning and see what becomes of it. Sunshine proposal was submitted with negotiations slated to start November 30th and December 7th.*
5. Board Members' Report

WRIGHT: *Would like to see us following the agenda better and address items at the appropriate times as they appear on the agendas.*

POTTER: *Thank you to the parents and community members coming out and speaking up tonight.*
6. Public Comment

Multiple speakers were heard regarding the following topics in no particular order:

 - speaking against mask mandates*
 - speaking against vaccine mandates*

-asking what the ramifications are of not following and/or enforcing the mandates

-requests for in-person meetings

-calling for the resignation of Board member Mike Moore

STACI ARMSTRONG, CALI GRIFFIN AND STACEY HOOD—LHS staff:

(summary for minutes) Spoke about the importance of filling the open Teacher position at LHS (item "i" under New Business – 7th/8th Grade ELA/Social Studies Teacher). LHS needs another teacher to help ensure students are receiving necessary services. It is challenging for LHS when the principal is not available to perform principal duties when having to teach a class every day due to the current vacancy.

E.F. _____ CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held October 12, 2021
2. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 10/01/2021 through 10/31/2021

HALL/STANNARD

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F.G. _____ ACTION ITEMS

~~1. Old Business~~

- a. ~~Liberty Charging Stations—presentation and Q&A with Matt Newberry from Liberty Utilities~~

2. New Business

- a. Approval of Long-Term Substitute Daily Rate increase to \$165
WRIGHT/HALL
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- b. Acceptance of the Sierra-Plumas Teachers Association Sunshine Proposal for the 2021-2022 School Year to open negotiations
STANNARD/HALL
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- c. Educator Effectiveness Plan discussion (approval in December)
HALL motioned to approve the intent to write a plan for receiving and utilizing Educator Effectiveness funds as was done in the County meeting.
Second by STANNARD.
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- d. Authorization for the Superintendent to enter into a partnership with Sierra County Behavioral Health to receive and utilize Mental Health Student Services Act Grant funds
HALL/STANNARD
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- e. Authorization for the Superintendent to enter into the Real Property Purchase and Sale Agreement with the County of Sierra regarding the Sierraville School site, Contract 2022-011D
WRIGHT/STANNARD
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- f. Approval to purchase new copy machines for Loyalton Elementary School, Loyalton High School, and Downieville School
WRIGHT/STANNARD
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- g. Acceptance of resignation for Amy Burt, Loyalton Elementary School, Instructional Aide, .33 FTE (2 hours/day), effective November 1, 2021

STANNARD/HALL

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- h. Authorization to fill Instructional Aide, Loyalton Elementary School, .33 FTE (2 hours/day)
STANNARD/HALL
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- i. Authorization to fill Teacher (ELA/Social Studies 7th & 8th), Loyalton High School, 1.0 FTE
STANNARD/HALL
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- j. Approval of assignment of Aimee Phebus, Loyalton High School, 2021-2022 JV Girls Basketball Coach
STANNARD/HALL
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- k. Approval of Job Description and Salary Schedule for Educational Research Technician (already approved as a County position in June 2010, but needed on the District side now)
HALL/POTTER
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- l. Authorization to fill Educational Research Technician, Districtwide, .25 FTE (10 hours weekly)
WRIGHT/HALL
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- m. Approval of assignment of Amber Baca-Sainsbury to Extra Duty, Response to Intervention for Downieville K-12
HALL/WRIGHT
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- n. Approval of assignment of Cynthia Gelatt, Library Aide, Downieville, .33 FTE (2 hours/day), effective November 8, 2021
HALL/WRIGHT
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- o. Downieville Site Council plan/update
Discussion only, no action was taken. Table and bring back in December.
- p. Downieville Administration
Discussion only, no action was taken. Table and bring back in December.
- q. Approval of utilizing AB 361 to conduct the next scheduled board meeting via Zoom videoconferencing – December 13, 2021
STANNARD motioned to utilize AB 361 with a hybrid model for Board members. Second by POTTER.
The meeting will be held in-person in Downieville in December, but Board members have the option to attend via Zoom if they so choose due to health and safety concerns. Zoom will also be available for the public.
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G.H. ADVANCED PLANNING

- 1. Next Regular Board Meetings will be held on December 13, 2021 (**a Monday**), 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. **In Downieville for in-person option.**
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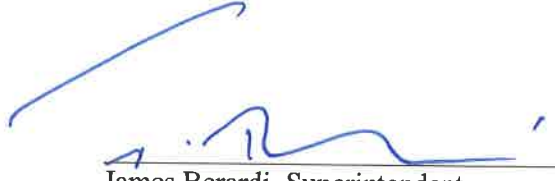
Governing Board of the Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District will suspend the Brown Act teleconferencing requirements for any Board members that choose to participate via Zoom videoconferencing.

2. Suggested Agenda Items
None

H.I. ADJOURN at 9:44pm
HALL/MOORE
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Christina Potter, Clerk



James Berardi, Superintendent