

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

December 29, 2021
11:00am

Loyalton: Sierra County Office of Education, Room 4, 109 Beckwith Rd, Loyalton CA 96118
Zoom videoconferencing was also available for the public.

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 suspended the Brown Act teleconferencing posting requirements for any Board members choosing to participate via Zoom videoconferencing.

A. CALL TO ORDER

President NICOLE STANNARD called the meeting to order at 11:01am.

B. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: *Allen Wright, Member*

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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D. PUBLIC COMMENT

KELLY CHAMPION: Speaking against mask wearing and wondering what anyone from "the other side" is saying and where they are. Masks are harmful for kids, so please consider just how harmful they are when putting together a policy about enforcing masks.

DARCY CAMERON: Speaking about not using physical exclusion of students from schools as a result of the mask mandate. Protocols for enforcement of the mask mandate do not have to include physical exclusion of students from schools (i.e. sending them home or suspension). There are specific requirements in Ed Code regarding suspensions.

CANDY CORCORAN: Speaking about a point of compromise. Need a policy illustrating mutual respect – students and staff should feel free to express their beliefs without the fear of harassment, free to choose whether or not they want to wear a mask. Home COVID test kits are a tool available to many families in Sierra County that can be used to determine whether or not to send their children to school and help minimize the risk of transmission.

STACI ARMSTRONG: Speaking about the mental, emotional and physical stress the mask mandate causes students and staff and administrators. Asking the Board to please come up with a solution for implementing the mask mandate that will not promote fear, intimidation, shame or manipulation, will not promote students leaving school, and board members be willing to come and enforce what you will be requiring the teachers and administrators to enforce as well.

E. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Policy Workshop regarding Mask Mandate enforcement

Discussion ensued between the board members, administrators and other attendees regarding multiple items to consider in developing a mask enforcement policy for all district sites. The Board will direct the Superintendent to meet with the site Administrators and write up a policy for the Board to review at the next regular board meeting.


F. ADVANCED PLANNING

1. Next Regular Board Meetings will be held on January 11, 2022 at Sierra County Office of Education, Room 4, 109 Beckwith Rd, Loyalton CA 96118, beginning with Closed Session as needed at 5:00pm and the Regular Board Meetings at 6:00pm. Masks are required for in-person attendance. Zoom videoconferencing will be available for the public.

G. ADJOURN *at 12:49pm*
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Christina Potter, Clerk



James Berardi, Superintendent