

**SIERRA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REVIEW BOARD MEETING
April 17, 2014, Sierra County Office of Education
109 Beckwith Road, Bldg 4, California
9:00 a.m.**

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MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER 9:06

PRESENT:

DR. MERRILL M. GRANT, Chairman
MARLA STOCK, Administrator, Loyalton High School
DEREK COOPER, Administrator, Downieville, Loyalton Elementary and Middle Schools
LARRY ALLEN, Sierra County District Attorney
JEFF BOSWORTH, Sierra County Probation Officer
AMY RICHARDS, Sierra County Mental Health
LIBBY RYAN, Parent Representative

HANNAH TOMATIS, Secretary

ABSENT:

JOHN EVANS, Sierra County Sheriff
APRIL WALDO, Sierra County Department of Mental Health

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ALLEN/BOSWORTH
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III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the March 20, 2014, SARB meeting.

STOCK/RYAN

AYE: GRANT, STOCK, RICHARDS, RYAN

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: ALLEN/BOSWORTH/COOPER

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Public Comment

A member of the public spoke to the Board asking for more focus on truancy prevention. He mentioned that that tone of the truancy letters is scaring parents. He asked if the letters need to be sent in regards to Excused Absences. He requested the board look at a softer approach in the SARB letter format.

He quoted a section of the California SARB Handbook regarding record keeping. The SARB Handbook indicates that schools should keep records on trancies and parent interaction and that those records may be used in court.

GRANT acknowledged the concerns of the speaker and stated that identifying the root causes of truancy and what are Board actions in that regard are good questions. He stated that the preemptive measures are in place and part of the process. He referred to RICHARDS who is working on intervention plans and will present more during the Planning section.

STOCK clarified that Loyalton High School doesn't collect information on students on the pretense to take legal action.

V. CHAIRMAN REPORT

1. Flow Charts

- i. Unexcused
- ii. Excused (handout)

Changes were made on both Flow Charts and they will be brought back at a later meeting when the intervention process is in place.

2. Plumas County Law Enforcement Participation – EVANS was not present to discuss.

VI. BOARD REPORT

BOSWORTH mentioned the possibility of a new probation officer, with a truancy focus, to join the department by the end of the month.

WALDO will be leaving her position with Sierra County.

VII. CLOSED SESSION - 9:28 am.

The Student Attendance Review Board moved into Closed Session to consider and/or take action upon student or attendance related matters.

Pursuant to Education Code Sections 35146 and 48912, the Board may hold closed sessions to consider an action against a pupil.

1. STUDENT HEARINGS

GROUP 1/9:15 A.M.

- a. Student #164594
- b. Student #10031
- c. Student #10138

GROUP 2/10:00 A.M.

- a. Student #10607

- b. Student #10903
- c. Student #10506

2. BREACH OF DIRECTIVE

No Breaches of Directive were presented at this meeting.

3. CASE REVIEW/PLANNING

- a. School
- b. Law Enforcement
- c. Human Services/Mental Health

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - SARB moved back to Open Session at 10:25 am.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

1. REPORT OUT

NO VOTE was taken in Closed Session

2. ACTIONS RESULTING FROM STUDENT HEARINGS

No Action was taken in Closed Session.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE will be May 15, 2014. It is possible there will not be a June meeting; maybe the Board will schedule an August meeting.

Suggested Agenda Items

- a. Presentation from Health and Human Services
- b. Flow Charts
- c. Schedule: The Board will decide whether to have a June and/or an August meeting.

X. ADJOURN at 10:30 a.m.

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Merrill M. Grant, Ed.D., Chairman