

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

May 10, 2022

5:00pm CLOSED Session

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

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 5:06pm.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: *Patty Hall, Vice President, District 1 (via Zoom)*

Tom Mooers, District 2

Christina Potter, Clerk, District 3

Nicole Stannard, President, District 4

Mike Moore, District 5 (via Zoom)

ABSENT: *None*

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

POTTER motioned to approve the agenda with the additions below from Kristie Jacobsen, Administrative Assistant. Second by MOOERS.

JACOBSEN: Please add the following:

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

After G. – REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

D. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION

None

E. CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Trustees, Superintendent James Berardi and Business Manager Nona Griesert will moved into Closed Session *at 5:07pm* to discuss the following item(s):

1. Government Code 54957

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT: Consideration of appeal regarding complaint against employee pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(2)

2. 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 5:48pm

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 6:59pm

G.I. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

STANNARD: Direction was given to the Superintendent to move forward with the appeal. For Negotiations the Board will be looking at proposals coming from SPTA at the next meeting.

H.J. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Report

a. Strategic Planning

BERARDI: Intend to start back up June 3rd, but we need full Board participation. Regardless of changes in Board members with the upcoming election in November we need to know where we are going. This will be a Board training as well.

b. Science Textbook Adoption

BERARDI: Books on display at District Office through May 31st. They will be on display in Downieville June 1st through June 21st. Official adoption by Resolution is scheduled for June 21st at the next regular Board meeting.

c. Deferred Maintenance Plan

BERARDI: Working with Business Manager to create an ongoing list of projects and find funding sources for different needs/projects to minimize impact on the District's general fund.

d. Facilities

BERARDI: Currently looking at solar panels for the whole District, gathering numbers. Huge potential cost savings over time. Will present final numbers to the Board for consideration.

e. Phone system

BERARDI: Thank you to Michael Muyanja for all of his hard work on this issue! New landlines going in this week at each school site and the District Office as backup lines for when VOIP phones lose power or internet. Initially they will have their own numbers, but will eventually get tied into the main numbers for each site so only one number is needed to reach each site.

f. Bus/Transportation

BERARDI: Bottom line – we need drivers to keep our three routes running. Please spread the word and help us recruit so we don't have to cut routes.

g. Most Recent Inter-District Variance Requests (see table below)

New/Renewal	School Year	Grade Entering	District of Residence	Receiving District	Reason Given by Requestor	Backup Documentation Received?
Renewal	2022-2023	9	SPJUSD	Tahoe-Truckee Unified	Parent works in Truckee	Y

2. Business Report

- a. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/2021 to 04/30/2022
- b. Eighth Month Enrollments for the 2021-2022 School Year

3. Staff Reports

LES—CERESOLA: *Teacher Appreciation Week celebrated last week. Book Fair this week. TK/K registration was very successful – 12 TK registrations alone. Smokey Bear visited our site to promote fire safety. Fire Safety Poster submissions coming up. Science Fair, Art Show and Taco Feed was a great success. Violin performance given by 4th and 5th Graders, thanks to Musica Sierra. 5th Graders went on Sierra Nevada Journeys field trip. New Board member, Tom, made a welcome visit to our site.*

LHS—MESCHERY: *Also celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week. Middle School Spring Dance went well. New Board member, Tom, also visited our site. Four-Year Planning over the last two weeks with good turnout. State and CAASPP testing currently underway. Excited to report gains in College and Career Readiness indicators. Spring sports wrapping up. Graduation June 10th. Sierra Pass Continuation School graduation is June 9th. Senior Project presentations May 25th.*

CTE & Ag Department—GRIFFIN: *Five students receiving certifications through Tier I Ag Align that can be added to resumes for job applications. Four students certified and receiving seals for CSF Scholars with four more pending. FFA Banquet next week on May 18th. Attended Regional meeting in Yuba City, announced 11 students receiving CA State Degree.*

DES & DHS—BERARDI: *Open House tomorrow night, May 11th. Interviews for multiple positions opening up at the end of this school year. Exciting end-of-year field trips for students. CAASPP testing begins next week on May 17th. LCAP meeting in Downieville May 18th. Graduation on Saturday, June 11th.*

4. SPTA Report

PRESIDENT—PETTERSON: *None*

5. Board Members' Report

MOOERS: *I visited LHS & LES last week and it got me fired up and ready to do the job I committed to do as a Board member for all the kids and all the schools in the entire District. I understand that there are efforts to nullify my Appointment on the Board, but I will do the best job I can in the meantime. I have an inclination to try and shield the District from the divisiveness in the world to keep the focus on the operation of the schools and the education of the kids.*

HALL: *I spent time with a Foster Care provider and it reminded me of the appreciation that should be shown more to Foster Care providers.*

MOORE: I attended the Transportation meeting to discuss our issue with finding bus drivers. My suggestion is to add bus driving to any number of other posted positions with more time, money and possibly benefits to make it more attractive.

POTTER: The Kindergarten Round-Up was great. I appreciate all the activities again and getting back to a sense of normalcy at all the schools.

6. Public Comment

John Martinetti—Not trying to cancel Tom Mooers, but trying to reverse the decision that we feel the Board rushed into. Not ok with the public comment being shut down during the selection process. We don't know you and you are now in charge of making decisions that affect our children which makes us nervous. Look forward to getting to know you, though.

Annie Tipton—Would like to speak in favor of the College & Career Pathways Coordinator/Curriculum Coordinator position being voted on later. This will help with working towards many of the LCAP goals. Is there an update on Ms. Ceresola's position transitioning from County to District? Was there any follow-up on the COVID letter discussed last month?

Kelly Champion—Question about excess spending on items, such as copiers, when we are in such high need of bus drivers? The District pays Mr. Moore a health care stipend?

K. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held April 12, 2022
2. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 04/01/2022 through 04/30/2022

HALL/MOORE

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L. ACTION ITEMS

1. New Business
 - a. Adoption of Resolution 22-012D, Recognition of Allen Wright

MOORE/HALL

Read aloud by STANNARD.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

HALL – AYE

MOOERS – AYE

POTTER – AYE

STANNARD – AYE

MOORE – AYE

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PUBLIC HEARING – SPJUSD Budget

- b. Public Hearing opened at 8:05pm to receive public comment on the 2022-2023 SPJUSD Budget.

~Scheduled to be presented for approval June 21, 2022

Libby Ryan—How does the COVID money get allocated? Are you given direction on that or do you get to decide where it's needed? Does the State come and check on how it's spent? Forest Reserve, where will that go?

BERARDI: Some COVID money definitely has very specific guidelines we must adhere to while other COVID money we have a little bit more liberty with how we can use it. We go through a full audit every year.

GRIESERT: Forest Reserve funds will go to General Fund.

Annie Tipton—Would like to see Forest Reserve funds used for the College & Career Pathways position.

Kelly Champion—Would like to see an account for Capital Improvements or Deferred Maintenance to reserve or build up funds for structural replacements and refurbishments.

Randi Durney—Cameras and security program needed for the facilities, especially in light of the incidents that occurred with animals at LHS the past couple of years.

Closed at 8:16pm.

PUBLIC HEARING – Proposition 30, Education Protection Account

- c. Public Hearing opened at 8:16pm to receive public comment on the use of Proposition 30 Funding for 2022-2023.

Kelly Champion—What is it? What are the restrictions?

GRIESERT: EPA is a piece of the LCFF calculation. Estimated to be getting \$280K for 2022-23. Typically used for Teacher salaries and some goes to supplies. Has to be used for educational purposes.

Closed at 8:19pm.

- d. Presentation and Proposal for College & Career Pathways Coordinator/Curriculum Coordinator

STANNARD motioned to approve the position at 1.0 FTE as outlined in the proposal. Second by MOOERS.

MOORE: This is the reason we need a Strategic Plan. I like the idea, but I don't know how to vote on this without more information. Other Districts have more schools and more students to support a full-time position like this. We have numerous other positions that we could potentially look at combining and reorganizing to fulfill the needs that this position is being proposed to fill.

4/0 (MOORE abstained)

- e. Acceptance of resignations for the following, effective June 10, 2022:

MOOERS/HALL

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1. Katie Campbell, Bus Driver, .5 FTE
2. Brad Campbell, Bus Driver, .25 FTE
3. Dorothy Hudson, Library Aide:
 - i. Loyalton Elementary School, .17 FTE (5 hours per week)
 - ii. Loyalton High School, .17 FTE (5 hours per week)
4. Virginia Roberts, Instructional Aide, Loyalton High School, .88 FTE (5.25 hours per day)
5. Thomas Barefoot, PE Teacher, Loyalton High School, 1.0 FTE
6. Adrienne Anila, Teacher, Downieville High School, 1.0 FTE

- 7. Niecea Freeman, Teacher, Downieville High School, .635 FTE
- 8. Patrick Wilson, Teacher, Downieville High School, .44 FTE
- f. Authorization to fill the following:
MOORE motioned to approve 1-4. Second by HALL.
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 - 1. Two Bus Drivers, .5 FTE each
 - 2. Library Aide:
 - i. Loyalton Elementary School, .17 FTE (5 hours per week)
 - ii. Loyalton High School, .17 FTE (5 hours per week)
 - 3. Instructional Aide, Loyalton High School, .88 FTE (5.25 hours per day)
 - 4. PE Teacher, Loyalton High School, 1.0 FTE

*MOORE motioned to approve f,5. & g. (below) at a total of 2.5 FTE.
 Second by HALL.*

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- 5. Two Teachers, Downieville High School, 1.0 FTE each
- g. Authorization to fill Teaching Principal, Downieville High School, ?? FTE
- h. Adoption of Resolution 22-013D, Changing Bank Account Authorized Signatory

HALL/MOOERS

ROLL CALL VOTE:

HALL – AYE

MOOERS – AYE

POTTER – AYE

STANNARD – AYE

MOORE – AYE

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- i. Approval of assignments for 2022-2023 Extra Duty Athletic Coaches

MOOERS/HALL

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- j. Approval of assignments for 2022-2023 Extra Duty Non-Athletic positions

MOOERS/POTTER

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- k. Approval of utilizing AB 361 for meetings conducted through June 21, 2022

~This suspends the Brown Act teleconferencing posting requirements for

any Board members that choose to participate via Zoom videoconferencing

~AB 361 expires January 01, 2024

~Zoom will be available for the public with or without utilizing AB 361

MOOERS/POTTER

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BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, EXHIBITS, BOARD BYLAWS

MOORE motioned to approve all policies as was done in the County meeting.

Second by HALL.

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- l. 5111—Admissions
 - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
 - 2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- m. 5113—Absences and Excuses
 - 1. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- n. 5142—Safety
 - 1. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- o. 5145.6—Parental Notifications
 - 1. Exhibit, *revisions*
- p. 6173—Education for Homeless Children
 - 1. Board Policy, *revisions*
 - 2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
 - 3. Exhibit (1), *revisions*
 - 4. Exhibit (2), *revisions*
- q. 9322—Agenda/Meeting Materials
 - 1. Bylaw, *revisions*

K.M. ADVANCED PLANNING

- 1. Next Regular Board Meetings will be held on June 21, 2022, at Downieville School, 130 School St, Downieville CA 95936, beginning with Closed Session as needed at 5:00pm and the Regular Board Meetings at 6:00pm. Zoom videoconferencing will be available for the public.
- 2. Suggested Agenda Items
 - Closed Session
 - Budget Recap/Workshop

L.N. ADJOURN at 8:48pm

HALL/POTTER

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Christina Potter, Clerk



James Berardi, Superintendent

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

DATE: May 10, 2022

CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT: 5:07 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patty Hall Tom Mooers Christina Potter Nicole Stannard Mike Moore

OTHERS PRESENT:

James Berardi, Superintendent
 Nona Griesert, Business Manager
 Adrienne Anila, Teacher For Item #1 only
 Beth Clark, Attorney

I. SESSION TOPIC(S):

<p>Item #1—Government Code 54957 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT: Consideration of appeal regarding complaint against employee pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(2)</p> <p>RESULT:</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 _____ MOOERS _____ POTTER _____ STANNARD _____ MOORE _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN IN OPEN SESSION: HALL _____ MOOERS _____ POTTER _____ STANNARD _____ MOORE _____</p>
<p>Item #2—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</p> <p>RESULT:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DIRECTION WAS GIVEN TO SUPERINTENDENT</p> <p><input checked="" 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 _____ MOOERS _____ POTTER _____ STANNARD _____ MOORE _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN IN OPEN SESSION: HALL _____ MOOERS _____ POTTER _____ STANNARD _____ MOORE _____</p>

II. MOTION TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AT 5:48 P.M. AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

BY: Mike Moore (NAME) SECONDED: Christina Potter (NAME)

MOTION PASSED / FAILED

PRESIDED BY: Nicole Stannard
Nicole Stannard, PRESIDENT

RECORDED BY: Christina Potter
Christina Potter, CLERK