

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

June 21, 2022

5:00pm CLOSED Session

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

*Downieville:* Downieville School, 130 School St, Downieville CA 95936

*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.*

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A. CALL TO ORDER

*President NICOLE STANNARD called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.*

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: *Patty Hall, Vice President, District 1*  
*Tom Mooers, District 2*  
*Christina Potter, Clerk, District 3 (via Zoom)*  
*Nicole Stannard, President, District 4 (via Zoom)*

ABSENT: *None*

VACANT: *District 5*

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*HALL/MOOERS*

*4/0*

D. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION

*None*

E. CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Trustees, Superintendent James Berardi and Director of Business Services Nona Griesert moved into Closed Session at 5:05pm 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 6:01pm

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 6:46pm

I. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

*STANNARD: Superintendent was given direction on negotiations with SPTA.*

J. PRESENTATION

1. K-12 Solar Proposal

*Presentation by Joel Carr with K-12 Energy. Proposal for Solar Systems at Downieville School, Loyalton Elementary School, Loyalton High School and the Loyalton School Bus Charging Stations.*

K. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent’s Report

a. Board Organization – Appointment for District 5

*BERARDI: We have 60 days from the time of the vacancy to make an appointment and I’d like to know how the Board wants to proceed.*

b. Safety Task Force

*BERARDI: Trainings, walk-throughs at the sites, drills, etc. taking place in our District for all schools. We were starting to work on this before COVID hit, so there was a pause, but now we are moving forward with our safety plans and trainings again with multiple agencies.*

c. Facilities

d. Deferred Maintenance

*BERARDI: Facilities & Deferred Maintenance together—Looking at a number of different projects. Preparing lists for the District and working on setting priorities for executing the lists (i.e. Bleachers at LHS, carpets, roof replacements, painting, cleaning, walls, heating systems, solar panels, etc).*

e. Staffing

*BERARDI: We have a number of new staff coming on, but we are also still looking for bus drivers and to fill other open positions.*

f. 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	2022-23	1	SPJUSD	Washoe	Proximity to schools	n/a
Renewal	2022-23	3	SPJUSD	Washoe	Proximity to schools	n/a
Renewal	2022-23	3	SPJUSD	Washoe	Proximity to schools	n/a
Renewal	2022-23	3	SPJUSD	Washoe	Proximity to schools	n/a
Renewal	2022-23	4	SPJUSD	Plumas USD	Childcare in Clio	Yes
Renewal	2022-23	1	SPJUSD	Plumas USD	Childcare in Clio	Yes

2. Business Report

a. Letter received from the California Department of Education confirming positive certification for the 2021-2022 Second Interim Reports

b. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/2021 to 05/31/2022

c. Ninth Month Enrollments for the 2021-2022 School Year

d. Tenth Month Enrollments for the 2021-2022 School Year

3. Staff Reports

*LES—CERESOLA: \*\*Message read by BERARDI\*\* Recap of end-of-year activities. Work on summer projects.*

*LHS—MESCHERY: Recap of end-of-year activities and scholarships. CAASPP update. Appreciation to the teachers and staff for another strong school year! Facilities update. Three new teachers hired for next school year. Straight 7-period school day next school year with split lunches for the Middle School and High School. Updating Vision Statement.*

*DES & DHS—BERARDI: Working on hiring staff over the summer. Glad to have had the opportunity to attend all graduations at each site including Downieville where it was my 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary from graduating from Downieville! Multiple facility projects over the summer here as well. Thank you to the teachers and staff for finishing the year strong!*

4. SPTA Report

*PRESIDENT—PETTERSON: Looking forward to completing negotiations. Congratulations to all graduating students! Thank you to the teachers and staff for your hard work again this school year! Congratulations to Casey Koch & Dylan Martinelli for the SPTA scholarships this year!*

5. Board Members' Report

*HALL: Had an opportunity to participate in interviews for some staff. The Downieville graduation was awesome. Thank you to the communities on both sides of the County for all of the scholarships for the students! Thank you to the teachers!*  
*MOOERS: Acknowledging the loss of Mike Moore. I didn't really get to know him, only one-and-a-half meetings, but it was enough to see he was dedicated and committed and had great expertise. As a Board member and a parent—Thank you to the teachers for all of their great work! Resolution for Allen Wright—have a framed copy to present to Mr. Wright if we can figure out what to do with the signature portion. Announcing a grant of \$3,000 to the Sierra Schools Foundation from the Sarah Forslund Fund (my wife) for Environmental Leadership.*

6. Public Comment

*Kelly Champion—Expressed concerns with structural integrity of each site in regards to the proposed solar panel project. Commented on lack of savings or build-up seen in the budget for deferred maintenance. Commented on the Superintendent asking for direction on filling the vacancy for District 5.*  
*Annie Tipton—Read Ed Code regarding filling a vacancy. Asked the Board members if there is an appointment for District 5, please review Bylaws.*  
*Pat Doyle—Spoke to recognize Mike Moore's contribution in his multiple roles over the years in the District. Requested a Resolution be written for Mike Moore as was done for Allen Wright. Asked about all teachers getting the same recognition in retirement?*

L. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held May 10, 2022

*HALL/MOOERS*

*4/0*

2. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 05/01/2022 through 05/31/2022  
*HALL/MOOERS*  
 4/0
3. Authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District and Sierra County Office of Education, Contract 2023-001D  
*HALL/MOOERS*  
 4/0
4. Authorization for Superintendent to enter into agreement with School Services of California for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year, Contract 2023-002D  
*HALL/MOOERS*  
*STANNARD: This is the same as last year? I don't recall this agreement.*  
*BERARDI: Yes, this is an agreement we do every year. This service is used by many school districts.*  
 4/0
5. Authorization for Superintendent to enter into agreement with Janet Hamilton and Pamela Brandon to renew Commercial Lease for 22 Maiden Lane (Tech Shack) in Downieville, July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025, Contract 2023-003D  
*HALL/MOOERS*  
*STANNARD: Are there any changes to consider with this agreement?*  
*BERARDI: None that I can think of. None that our Technology Specialist has brought up.*  
 4/0
6. Approval of Agricultural Career Technical Incentive Grant 2022-2023 Application  
*HALL/MOOERS*  
 4/0
7. Approval of the California Interscholastic Federation Representatives for the 2022-2023 School Year  
*HALL/MOOERS*  
 4/0
8. Approval of assignment of the following:
  - a. Joel Armstrong, 2021-2022 Golf Coach, Loyalton High School
  - b. Joel Armstrong, 2022-2023 Golf Coach, Loyalton High School
  - c. Frank Emsoff, 2022-2023 Varsity Football Assistant Coach, Loyalton High School
  - d. Emma Shaffer, 2022-2023 Track Coach, Loyalton High School
  - e. Emma Shaffer, 2022-2023 Friday Night Club Live Advisor (7-8), Loyalton High School
  - f. Emma Shaffer, 2022-2023 Friday Night Live Advisor (9-12), Loyalton High School
  - g. Corina Corbridge, 2022-2023 Cheer Coach, Loyalton High School
  - h. Cali Griffin, 2022-2023 Teacher in Charge, Loyalton High School
  - i. Laurie Petterson, 2022-2023 Teacher in Charge, Loyalton Elementary School*HALL/MOOERS*  
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M. ACTION ITEMS

1. New Business

***PUBLIC HEARING – K-12 Science Textbook Adoption***

- a. Public Hearing to receive public comment on the Science Textbook Adoption and instructional materials recommendations from the SPJUSD's Science

Adoption Advisory Committee, and certify that they are consistent with the content and curricular framework adopted by the California State Board of Education. *Opened at 7:54pm.* The Governing Board of the Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District will determine through a resolution that they have adhered to all laws and regulations regarding the expenditure of instructional funding. (item b.)

*Kelly Champion—Asked about when and how this process was started and timeline for next adoption cycle.*

*Overview and update given by James Berardi, Superintendent.*

*Closed at 7:59pm.*

- b. Adoption of Resolution 22-014D, Science Textbook Adoption for Grades TK/Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup>

*HALL/MOOERS*

*ROLL CALL VOTE:*

*HALL – Aye*

*MOOERS – Aye*

*POTTER – Aye*

*STANNARD – Aye*

*4/0*

- c. Adoption of Resolution 22-015D, Ordering Election, Requesting County Elections to Conduct the Election, Requesting Consolidation of the Election, and Specifications of the Election Order

*HALL/MOOERS*

*ROLL CALL VOTE:*

*HALL – Aye*

*MOOERS – Aye*

*POTTER – Aye*

*STANNARD – Aye*

*4/0*

***PUBLIC HEARING – SPJUSD Budget***

- d. Public Hearing to receive public comment on the 2022-2023 SPJUSD Budget *opened at 8:00pm.* (item e.) *Closed at 8:01pm with no public comment.*

- e. Approval of the 2022-2023 Budget and the Criteria & Standards Report

*HALL/MOOERS*

*Overview given by Nona Griesert, Director of Business Services.*

*4/0*

- f. Acceptance of resignation for Katrina Bosworth, Teacher, Downieville Elementary School, 1.0 FTE, effective June 10, 2022

*HALL motioned to approve regretfully. Second by MOOERS.*

*3/0 (HALL abstained)*

- g. Authorization to fill Teacher, Downieville Elementary School, 1.0 FTE

*HALL/MOOERS*

*4/0*

- h. Approval of assignment of the following:

1. Shawn Maple, Maintenance/Custodian, Downieville Schools, 1.0 FTE, effective June 1, 2022
2. Sarah Torricelli, PE Teacher, Loyalton High School, 1.0 FTE, effective August 22, 2022
3. Jake Hales, Spanish Teacher, Loyalton High School, 1.0 FTE, effective August 22, 2022
4. Donald Negus, ELA/Social Studies Teacher, Loyalton High School, 1.0 FTE, effective August 22, 2022

*POTTER/HALL*

*4/0*

- i. Procurement of Bleachers for Loyalton High School

*POTTER/HALL*

*4/0*

- j. Purchasing Storage Shed from Loyalton High School Shop Class

*HALL/MOOERS*

*4/0*

- k. Approval of Adult Education Portable Placement

*HALL/MOOERS*

*4/0*

- l. Approval of utilizing AB 361 for meetings conducted through July 12, 2022

*HALL/MOOERS*

*4/0*

*~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*

#### BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, EXHIBITS, BOARD BYLAWS

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

*Second by MOOERS.*

*4/0*

- m. 4030—Nondiscrimination in Employment
  1. Board Policy, *revisions*
- n. 4112.9~4212.9~4312.9—Employee Notifications
  1. Exhibit, *revisions*
- o. 4141.6~4241.6—Concerted Action/Work Stoppage
  1. Board Policy, *revisions*
  2. Administrative Regulation, *revisions*
- p. 5116.1—Intradistrict Open Enrollment
  1. Board Policy, *annual review*
  2. Administrative Regulation, *annual review*
  3. Exhibit (1), *annual review*
  4. Exhibit (2), *annual review*
- q. 6145—Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities
  1. Board Policy, *annual review*
  2. Administrative Regulation, *annual review*

N. ADVANCED PLANNING

1. Next Regular Board Meetings will be held on July 12, 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. Zoom videoconferencing will be available for the public.
2. Suggested Agenda Items
  - Update on busing
  - List of safety/construction priorities by site
  - Solar project update
  - Discussion around separating Jr/Sr High School at LHS
  - Appointment to fill District 5 Vacancy

O. ADJOURN at 8:18pm  
HALL/MOOERS  
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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: June 21, 2022

CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT: 5:05 P.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Patty Hall  Tom Mooers  Christina Potter  Nicole Stannard \_\_\_ (Vacant)

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

- James Berardi, Superintendent
- Nona Griesert, Business Manager
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**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) - <i>*No discussion</i></p> <p><b>RESULT:</b></p> <p><input 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 ___ (VACANT) ___</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN IN OPEN SESSION: HALL ___ MOOERS ___ POTTER ___ STANNARD ___ (VACANT) ___</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><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 ___ MOOERS ___ POTTER ___ STANNARD ___ (VACANT) ___</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN IN OPEN SESSION: HALL ___ MOOERS ___ POTTER ___ STANNARD ___ (VACANT) ___</p>

**II. MOTION TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AT 6:01 P.M. AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

BY: Christina Potter (NAME)      SECONDED: Patty Hall (NAME)

MOTION  PASSED /  FAILED

PRESIDED BY: Nicole Stannard  
Nicole Stannard, PRESIDENT

RECORDED BY: Christina Potter  
Christina Potter, CLERK