

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

August 09, 2022

5:30pm 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

*Vice President PATTY HALL called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.*

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: *Patty Hall, Vice President, District 1  
Tom Mooers, District 2  
Christina Potter, Clerk, District 3 (via Zoom)  
Dorie Gayner, District 5*

ABSENT: *None*

VACANT: *District 4*

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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D. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION

*None*

E. CLOSED SESSION

~~The Board of Trustees, and Superintendent James Berardi and Director of Business Services  
Nona Griesert~~ moved into Closed Session *at 5:34pm* to discuss the following item(s):

I. 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 5:51pm*

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 6:34pm

I. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

*BERARDI: Information regarding proposed changes to the salary schedules for Classified personnel will go to a 10-day posting as required by law, and then it will be up for approval at the next meeting in September. Finalizing negotiations with SPTA – working to clean up and clarify some language in the Collective Bargaining Agreement and looking at possible stipend increases.*

J. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent’s Report

a. District 4 Board Member Vacancy

*BERARDI: Same as was discussed in the County meeting - Nicole Stannard resigned for District 4 as of July 31. There is no intent to make an Appointment to fill the position due to the upcoming election in November. This item can be added as a Suggested Agenda Item and reviewed further before the next meeting in September.*

b. Facilities/Solar update

*BERARDI: Prioritizing projects at all sites by safety first. Setting money aside each year for long-term facilities/maintenance projects. Still waiting on additional info on solar; no new update yet.*

c. Ongoing discussion regarding separating Jr/Sr High School at LHS

*BERARDI: Looking into the steps and resources this would require we are looking at a general cost of at least \$500K-\$750K. The timeline would also be well over a year to open up an additional school site.*

d. 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?
New	2022-23	TK	SPJUSD	Tahoe-Truckee Unified	Proximity to school & after school care	Yes
New	2022-23	9	SPJUSD	Tahoe-Truckee Unified	Special Ed needs	n/a
New	2022-23	1	SPJUSD	Plumas USD	Parent works in Portola	Yes
Renewal	2022-23	7	SPJUSD	Plumas USD	Parent works in Portola	Yes
Renewal	2022-23	10	SPJUSD	Plumas USD	Parent works in Portola	Yes
Renewal	2022-23	11	SPJUSD	Plumas USD	Parent works in Portola	Yes
Renewal	2022-23	6	SPJUSD	Plumas USD	Continue education in Plumas	n/a
Renewal	2022-23	12	SPJUSD	Washoe	Proximity to schools	n/a

Renewal	2022-23	2	SPJUSD	Washoe	Proximity to schools	n/a
Renewal	2022-23	6	SPJUSD	Washoe	Proximity to schools	n/a

2. Business Report

a. Account Object Summary-Balance from 07/01/2022 to 07/31/2022

3. Staff Reports

*LES—CERESOLA: Starting to ramp up for the new school year. The Primary Boot Camp Summer School has been going every Thursday this summer and going very well. Mrs. Prakash started the last two weeks of her summer school program and the kids have been working hard. There are two new wall wraps on each side of the elementary school to beautify the area. Waiting on few more things to add to the playground.*

*LHS—MESCHERY: A lot of work going on this summer. Carpet replacement turned into an asbestos abatement. The school site still needs lots of updates, but making progress. Three new Teachers this year and one new Aide. Hoping to hire for the TOSA position this week. Still looking for Special Ed Aide at LHS. Grizzlies Day is August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.*

*DES & DHS—BERARDI: Maintenance projects gearing up for school year. Had to fix some damage to the sports field from a vehicle. Darcy White is moving into the School Secretary position. New elementary teacher, and still looking to hire on the high school side, but using long-term subs for the time being.*

4. SPTA Report

*PRESIDENT—PETTERSON: As we approach the new school year we are looking forward to meeting the new nurse. Still waiting to finalize the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Would like to have a Special Board Meeting before school starts so the CBA can be finalized before teachers begin work. Would like to meet with the negotiations team rather than waiting for each monthly Board meeting.*

5. Board Members' Report

*POTTER: The Boot Camp at LES this summer was fantastic. My son participated and improved his math skills. I would also like to see the field inside the track improved as well for soccer. Digital board up at LHS looks really nice.*

*HALL: Participated with some "behind the scenes" work in Downieville. I appreciated seeing the time and effort put in by the staff that people may not realize is going on.*

6. Public Comment

*John Martinetti—I don't recall an incumbent being listed on the ballot for the election of Board members. I would like to see us get away from politicizing the election process for Board members.*

K. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held July 12, 2022
2. Approval of Board Report-Checks Dated 07/01/2022 through 07/31/2022
3. Approval of 2022-2023 SPJUSD Certificated Substitute List

4. Authorization for Out of State Travel request to Indianapolis, IN, for National FFA Convention—Cali Griffin, Loyalton High School FFA Coordinator
5. Approval of assignment of Robin Bolle, 2022-2023 7-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Co-Ed Basketball Coach, Downieville Jr High School
6. Approval of assignment of Robin Bolle, 2022-2023 Varsity Co-Ed Basketball Coach, Downieville Sr High School

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L. ACTION ITEMS

1. New Business

***PUBLIC HEARING – Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators***

- a. Public Hearing *opened at 6:50pm* to receive public comment regarding the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2022-2023 School Year (Item b).

*Kelly Champion—Why are you filing this again?*

*BERARDI: This is letting the State know that we are flying jobs looking for applicants that are fully credentialed, but when we are unable to find someone in a timely manner this gives us an opportunity to fill the position with someone who is working towards becoming fully credentialed, or they can fill in until a Fully Qualified Educator applies.*

*Closed at 6:53pm.*

- b. Approval of Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2022-2023 School Year. *A diligent search to recruit fully prepared teacher(s) was made and an insufficient number of certificated persons met the Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District's employment criteria for the position(s)*

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- c. Approval of CBEST Waiver for Substitute Teachers *(The Sierra-Plumas JUSD has been unable to recruit enough day-to-day substitute teachers who have not had an opportunity to take and pass all sections of the California Basic Educational Skills Test. The District anticipates employing no greater than five (5) day-to-day substitutes on variable term CBEST waiver for the 2022-2023 school year)*

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- d. Acceptance of resignation for the following:

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1. Darcy White, Noon Supervisor, Downieville Schools, .25 FTE (1.5 hours/day), effective July 1, 2022
2. Danielle Jackson, Instructional Aide, Loyalton Elementary School, .33 FTE (2 hours/day), effective July 28, 2022
3. Alyssa McCollum, Instructional Aide, Loyalton High School, .25 FTE (1.5 hours/day), effective July 29, 2022

- e. Authorization to fill the following:  
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  - 1. Noon Supervisor, Downieville Schools, .25 FTE (1.5 hours/day)
  - 2. Instructional Aide, Loyalton Elementary School, .33 FTE (2 hours/day)
  - 3. Instructional Aide, Loyalton High School, .25 FTE (1.5 hours/day)
- f. Authorization to fill Teacher, Loyalton Elementary School, 1.0 FTE  
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- g. Approval of Downieville Schools Secretary position to be increased to 1.0 FTE (from 5 hours/day to 8 hours/day)  
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- h. Approval of assignment of Darcy White, Secretary, Downieville Schools, 1.0 FTE, effective August 10, 2022  
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- i. Approval of assignment of Faith Edwards, 4-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Downieville Elementary School, 1.0 FTE, effective August 22, 2022  
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- j. Approval of assignment of Megan Andaluz to the Loyalton High School Spanish teaching position (1.0 FTE) effective August 24, 2022, on the basis of a California Commission on Teacher Credentialing Provisional Internship Permit. A diligent search to recruit a fully prepared teacher was made and an insufficient number of persons met the Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District's employment criteria. Assignment: Grades 7-12 Spanish  
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- k. Approval to add soccer as a sport under the Loyalton Elementary sports club  
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- l. Approval to surplus and recycle technology items  
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- m. Approval of utilizing AB 361 for meetings conducted through September 13, 2022  
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*~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*

M. ADVANCED PLANNING

1. Next Regular Board Meetings will be held on September 13, 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 facilities projects with estimated costs
  - Appointment for District 4?
  - Redistricting

N. ADJOURN at 7:02pm

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Christina Potter, Clerk



James Berardi, Superintendent

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

DATE: August 09, 2022

CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT: 5:34 P.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Patty Hall  Tom Mooers  Christina Potter  (Vacant)  Dorie Gayner

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

- James Berardi, Superintendent
- Nona Griesert, Director of Business Services
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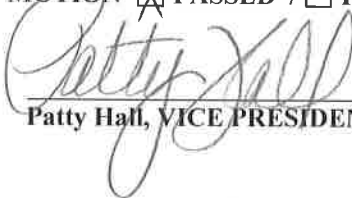
**I. SESSION TOPIC(S):**

<p><b>Item #1—Government Code 54957.6</b> <b>CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS</b> 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>DIRECTION WAS GIVEN TO SUPERINTENDENT</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>THE CLOSED SESSION WAS FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION ONLY. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:</b> HALL _____ MOOERS _____ POTTER _____ (VACANT) _____ GAYNER _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN IN OPEN SESSION:</b> HALL _____ MOOERS _____ POTTER _____ (VACANT) _____ GAYNER _____</p>
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**II. MOTION TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AT 5:51 P.M. AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

BY: Patty Hall (NAME)      SECONDED: Tom Mooers (NAME)

MOTION  PASSED /  FAILED

PRESIDED BY:   
Patty Hall, VICE PRESIDENT

RECORDED BY:   
Christina Potter, CLERK

