



Regular Board Meeting  
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Oroville, California 95965  
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## MEETING MINUTES

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### VISION

We provide a secure, well-maintained and nurturing environment for all. Students are engaged through interactive learning—emphasizing and integrating communication, creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and curiosity, to confidently meet the diverse challenges of tomorrow.

### MISSION

In a safe and respectful environment, we inspire, educate, and challenge our students, empowering them to succeed in an ever-changing world.

#### 1. **CONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE: 5:30 p.m.**

At 5:30 p.m. Board President, Mr. Walker, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at Thermalito Union Elementary School District Office, 400 Grand Avenue, Oroville.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

There were no public comments on Closed Session Items.

**3. CLOSED SESSION**

**A. Public Employment (Government Code 54957)**

**B. Public employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release pursuant to California Government Code 54957**

**C. District Representative with Bargaining Unit: CSEA / TTA/CONF./MGMT/ASST. SUPT/SUPT**

**D. Student Discipline/Other Confidential Student Matters (Education Code 35146)**

**4. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION: 6:30 p.m.**

At 6:31 p.m. Board President, Mr. Walker, reconvened to Open Session and called the meeting to order.

**Attendees**

**Voting Members Present**

Mark Walker, President

Richard Meyer, Clerk

Tracell Biddle-Lewis, Trustee

Jaymes Lackey, Trustee

**Voting Members Absent**

Darlene Fultz, Vice President

**Non-Voting Members Present**

Greg Blake, Superintendent & Board Secretary

**Public Present**

Lisa Cruikshank, Tammy Duggan

**5. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

In closed session, the Board of Trustees took action to release probationary classified employee effective February 10, 2023. The action was moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Ms. Biddle-Lewis.

Vote was as follows: Ayes: 4; Nays: 0; Abstentions: 0

**6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President, Mr. Walker.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no public comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items.

**8. CHANGE ORDER OF AGENDA UPON PRESIDENT'S DISCRETION**

Board President, Mr. Walker, stated there is no change of order.

**9. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made to adopt the Agenda.

Motion made by: Mr. Lackey

Motion seconded by: Ms. Biddle-Lewis

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Yes

The motion passed (4-0).

**10. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by: Mr. Meyer

Motion seconded by: Ms. Biddle-Lewis

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Yes

The motion passed (4-0).

**B. MINUTES: 01/19/2023**

Approved 4-0.

**C. COMMERCIAL WARRANTS: 01/01/2023-01/31/2023**

Approved 4-0.

**D. INTER-DISTRICT ATTENDANCE REQUESTS**

Approved 4-0.

**E. CONFERENCES**

All conferences were approved 4-0.

- a. **Approve travel request for Robyn Solansky to attend Everychild Child Development Administrator's Fall TA Conference in Long Beach, CA, October 24-26, 2023**
- b. **Approve travel request for Robyn Solansky to attend Program for Infant/Toddler Care (PITC) Learning and Development Academy in Berkeley, CA, March 12-15, 2023**
- c. **Approve travel request for Erika Lee to attend Project GLAD (Guided Language Acquisition Instruction) Demonstration Lesson in Fresno, CA, February 28 - March 1, 2023**
- d. **Approve travel request for Lisa Shaw & Andrew Reid to attend the ACSA North State Conference in Reno, NV, April 28-April 30, 2023.**
- e. **Approve travel request for Jazmine Jones and Sophia Gattis to attend the Project GLAD (Guided Language Acquisition Design) Mini Demonstration in Fresno, CA, February 28-March 1, 2023**
- f. **Approve travel request for Julie Carr to attend CUE Curriculum & Technology Conference in Palm Springs, CA, March 15-18, 2023**
- g. **Approve travel request for Tim Hull to attend the Good Teaching Conference in San Francisco, CA, February 3-5, 2023**
- h. **Approve travel request for Michael Huyck to attend ACSA North State Leadership conference in Reno, NV, April 28-30, 2023**
- i. **Approve travel request for Gregory Blake to attend Character Strong Culture Training in Dublin, CA, March 14, 2023**

**F. CONTRACTS**

All contracts were approved 4-0.

- a. **Ratify approval of Community Air Protection Incentives Contract with Butte County Air Quality Management District for Plumas Avenue Elementary**

- b. Approve HVAC equipment quote for Plumas Ave Elementary**
- c. Approve agreement with Lake County Office of Education - Carter Math Grant Intervention 2022-23 for Special Services**
- d. Approve Agreement for Consulting Services with Johanna Clay for March 1, 2023 - March 31, 2023**

#### **G. OPERATIONS**

All operations requests were approved 4-0.

- a. Approve disposal of obsolete/surplus equipment at Nelson Avenue Middle School**
- b. Approve disposal of obsolete/surplus technology at Sierra Avenue Elementary School**
- c. Approve disposal of obsolete/surplus equipment at Poplar Avenue Elementary**
- d. Approve disposal of obsolete/surplus technology at Poplar Avenue Elementary**
- e. 2021 Revised Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Plan**

#### **H. PERSONNEL**

All Certificated and Classified Personnel Actions were approved 4-0.

- a. Approve hire of Shawnta Powers as a probationary full-time Associate Preschool Teacher at TLC Preschool effective February 15, 2023**
- b. Ratify hire of Wind "Raven" Tucker as a full-time probationary Associate Preschool Teacher-Special Education at TLC Preschool effective January 23, 2023**
- c. Ratify hire of Isaac Potts as a full-time probationary Custodian for Sierra Avenue Elementary effective February 07, 2023**
- d. Approve termination of employment with Jennifer Chandler and placement on the 39 month rehire list effective February 14, 2023**
- e. Approve hire of Brenda Newsom as a probationary part-time Child Nutrition Assistant at Sierra Avenue Elementary effective February 15, 2023**
- f. Ratify hire of 6th grade Boys Basketball Coach for Nelson Avenue Middle School**

## **I. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS**

- a. Accept resignation of Shawnta Powers effective February 14, 2023 as an Associate Preschool Teacher in the TLC Toddler Room to accept the Associate Preschool Teacher preschool position**
- b. Accept retirement of Katherine Lawrence as a Campus Supervisor at Sierra Avenue Elementary effective June 1, 2023**
- c. Accept retirement of Johanna Clay as the Information Systems Analyst effective March 1, 2023**
- d. Accept retirement of Jim Schrock as a Lead Custodian at Nelson Avenue Middle School effective June 2, 2023**

## **11. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

### **A. Classified (CSEA Union Rep)**

There were no reports from the Classified Union or staff.

### **B. Certificated (TTA Union Rep)**

There were no reports from the Certificated Union (TTA) or staff.

### **C. Management**

Tammy Duggan, Principal at Siskiyou Avenue Elementary/Coordinator of Instructional Programs, shared Siskiyou Avenue Elementary will have Global School Playday on February 1st. Siskiyou students went to Plumas Avenue Elementary to play with big buddies. They also celebrated Chinese New Year with a dragon parade through TLC preschool. Next Siskiyou event is on March 2nd, Read Across America Day. Siskiyou will be hosting speakers for this day and for those who would like to volunteer to read books. Behavior Solutions Committee will reconnect on Thursday March 23rd. Also, shared an overview of ideas regarding districtwide parent night for parents from all sites including preschool to have something positive and fun for our parents and to honor and interact with them.

Lisa Cruikshank, Director of Special Projects, shared there are project GLAD workshops coming out in March. Orange County coming up to do demonstrations at Sierra Avenue Elementary in Danielle Hildebrand's classroom. The demonstrations are being held specifically for our Thermalito teachers. Greg Blake & Lisa Cruikshank previewed Career Exploration for K-6 students integrating every day work with Math & Science with hands on experiences. Considering purchasing kits for all school sites that come in a tote and are very easy to store and move. Tomorrow night is the Classified staff of the year celebration and the following were nominated: Lisa McDonald, Dan Love, Julie Vang, Lori Stapleton, Kiley Mansfield, Jodi Iuli and

Shaleen McCabe. Certificated event is on Thursday honoring Mary Spencer, Lydia Clemens, Tabatha Hennessy, Brooke McAvoy and April Silva.

Cody Walker, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, shared photos of students from Global playday. Shared photos of maintenance building foundation being constructed. Greg Blake, Andrew Koster & Cody Walker went to Paradise School District with architects to see design of construction in person. Discussed concept ideas for construction. Said thank you to Johanna Clay for her many years of dedicated service and wishes her all the best as she moves into retirement. 2nd interim budget will be coming next meeting.

**D. Superintendent**

Greg Blake, Superintendent, reminded board members February 27th is BCOE board member training at Pleasant Valley High School. Students there have a culinary program where the students will be providing food. Shared Trustee Rick Meyer & Trustee Tracy Biddle-Lewis plan going to CSBA conference on March 7th. Congratulated Johanna Clay on her retirement and thanked her for her many years of service. Internal candidate, Tosha Montoya, will be replacing Johanna Clay. She's been an exceptional assistant to Katie Todd in Special Education department and we're excited to have her.

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Approve Resolution 22-23-15 on Board Compensation for Missed Meetings**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 22-23-15 on Board Compensation for Missed Meetings.

Motion made by: Mr. Meyer

Motion seconded by: Mr. Lackey

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Yes

The motion passed (4-0).

**B. Approve Resolution 22-23-16 recognizing February as African American History Month**

Superintendent, Greg Blake, commented that Sierra Avenue Elementary will be having a guest speaker come to share diversity awareness and this Resolution is another way to acknowledge the achievement and accomplishments of African American's in the past and present.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 22-23-16 recognizing February as African American History Month.

Motion made by: Ms. Biddle-Lewis

Motion seconded by: Mr. Lackey

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Yes

The motion passed (4-0).

**C. Adopt SB 187 Comprehensive School Safety Plan for 2022-2023**

Superintendent, Greg Blake, shared an overview of adopting safety plan.

A motion was made to adopt SB 187 Comprehensive School Safety Plan for 2022-2023.

Motion made by: Mr. Meyer

Motion seconded by: Ms. Biddle-Lewis

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Yes

The motion passed (4-0).



**D. Approve Contract with Studio W Architects for Architectural Services**

A motion was made to approve Contract with Studio W Architects for Architectural Services.

Motion made by: Mr. Lackey

Motion seconded by: Mr. Meyer

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Yes

The motion passed (4-0).

**E. Approve Contract with Nichols, Melburg, & Rossetto Architects for Architectural Services for TK/K Addition to Poplar Avenue Elementary School**

A motion was made to approve Contract with Nicholas, Melburg & Rossetto Architects for Architectural Services for TK/K Addition to Poplar Avenue Elementary School.

Motion made by: Ms. Biddle-Lewis

Motion seconded by: Mr. Meyer

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Yes

The motion passed (4-0).

**F. Approve Purchase of Playground Equipment for TLC Preschool**

A motion was made to approve purchase of playground equipment for TLC Preschool.

Motion made by: Mr. Meyer

Motion seconded by: Ms. Biddle-Lewis

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Yes

The motion passed (4-0).

### **13. BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Walker thanked everyone for their hard work and all the great things they do for the district.

Mr. Meyer shared a thank you to everyone for everything you have been doing.

Ms. Biddle-Lewis shared a Happy Valentines Day to everyone.

Mr. Lackey excited for Kathy Lawrence retiring and excited about the exploration totes.

### **14. RECONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION**

The board did not reconvene to Closed Session.

### **15. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

None.

### **16. ADJOURNMENT**

The regular board meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Mark Walker, Board President