



Regular Board Meeting
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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. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code 54957) - Superintendent Evaluation**

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
Darlene Fultz, Vice President
Richard Meyer, Clerk
Jaymes Lackey, Trustee
Tracell Biddle-Lewis, Trustee

Voting Members Absent

None

Non-Voting Members Present

Greg Blake, Superintendent & Board Secretary

Public Present

Cody Walker, Anna Nielsen, Julie Carr, Heather Walker, Andrew Koster, Greg Kitchen, Tammy Duggan, Corinna Brown, Mark Brown, Jason Davison, Michael Huyck, Terry Hennessy, Tabatha Hennessy, Max Montgomery, Connie Dragos, Lisa McDonald, Antonia Garcia, Melissa Franceschi, Jim Schrock, Sam Schrock, Nancy Henderson, Kiley Mansfield, Courtney Kermen

5. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

In closed session, the Board of Trustees discussed the Superintendent's evaluation and action was moved by Ms. Biddle-Lewis and seconded by Mr. Meyer by a 5 to 0 unanimous vote to approve a satisfactory evaluation for the 2022-2023 school year.

In closed session, the Board of Trustees took action to release probationary classified employee (emp #2079) effective April 27, 2023. The action was moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mrs. Fultz, vote was as follows: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Abstention: 0.

In closed session, the Board of Trustees took action to release probationary classified employee (emp #2093) effective April 28, 2023. The action was moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mrs. Fultz, vote was as follows: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Abstention: 0.

6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

7. RECOGNITION OF RETIREES

The board of trustees congratulated the retirees who were present: Jim Schrock, Corinna Brown, Lisa McDonald and Antonia Garcia.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

9. CHANGE ORDER OF AGENDA UPON PRESIDENT'S DISCRETION

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

10. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made to adopt the Agenda.

Motion made by: Mrs. Fultz

Motion seconded by: Ms. Biddle-Lewis

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Darlene Fultz - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Yes

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

The motion passed (5-0).

11. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

A. School counseling team will share a slide show presentation

Melissa Franchesci and Kiley Mansfield shared a slide show presentation and overview from the 5th grade transition day at Nelson Avenue Middle School.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by: Mr. Meyer

Motion seconded by: Mr. Lackey

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Darlene Fultz - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Yes

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

The motion passed (5-0).

B. MINUTES: 04/06/2023

Approved 5-0.

C. COMMERCIAL WARRANTS: 04/01/2023 - 04/30/2023

Approved 5-0.

D. INTER-DISTRICT ATTENDANCE REQUESTS

Approved 5-0.

E. FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Approved 5-0.

a. BP 3290 Exhibit (1) - Gifts, Grants & Bequests

F. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS OF BOARD POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Approved 5-0.

a. BP 3290 - Gifts, Grants & Bequests

G. CONFERENCES

All conferences were approved 5-0.

- a. Approve travel request for Becky Harvey and Greg Grant to attend The California Arts Project (TCAP), 15th annual Courageous Creativity Conference in Anaheim, CA, June 20-22, 2023**
- b. Ratify approval of travel request for Brittany English to attend Family Support Worker Conference in Redding, CA, April 31-May 2, 2023**
- c. Ratify approval for Jason Davison to attend Nurtured Heart Training on Zoom, April 30-May 5, 2023**
- d. Approve travel request for Greg Blake, Lisa Cruikshank, Lisa Shaw, Nalini Varahamurti and Greg Kitchen to attend the MTSS Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA, June 17-20, 2023**
- e. Approve travel request for Greg Blake to attend Butte County Office of Education Superintendent's Planning Summit in Mt. Shasta, CA, July 24-26, 2023.**

H. CONTRACTS

All Contracts were approved 5-0.

- a. Approve MOU with BCOE for Summer Food Service Program for June 2, 2023 - August 4, 2023**
- b. Approve MOU with Palermo Union School District for Heritage Community Day Services for 23-24 school year**
- c. Approve vendor agreement with HUBBE Early Childhood Integrated Data System at TLC Preschool for 23-24 school year**
- d. Approve contract with NV5 for Geologic and Geotechnical Engineering Services for Plumas Avenue Elementary ELOP Facility**
- e. Approve Proposal/Contract with Warren Consulting Engineers for Survey Services for Plumas Avenue ELOP Facility**
- f. Approve agreements with Butte County Office of Education (BCOE) for 23-24 school year**
- g. Ratify Amended Contract with Sutter County Superintendent of Schools for Shady Creek Outdoor School**
- h. Approve service agreement with Teacher's Pension for retirement and financial literacy education**

I. OPERATIONS

All operations requests were approved 5-0.

- a. Approve disposal or recycle of obsolete science curriculum throughout district**
- b. Approve disposal of obsolete/unusable equipment at Nelson Avenue Middle School**
- c. Approve California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption for the Plumas Avenue Elementary School ELOP Facility**
- d. Approve disposal of obsolete/surplus equipment at District Office**
- e. Approve Classified work year chart for 23-24 school year**
- f. Approve updated English Learner Master Plan for July 1, 2023-June 30, 2026**

J. PERSONNEL

All Certificated and Classified personnel actions were approved 5-0.

- a. Ratify hire of Tiffany Sligar as a probationary Paraeducator IV at Plumas Avenue Elementary effective April 17, 2023**
- b. Ratify hire of Mary Chue as a probationary Campus Supervisor at Sierra Avenue Elementary effective April 17, 2023**
- c. Approve hire of Mary Chue as a probationary Paraeducator III - Special Education at Sierra Avenue Elementary effective May 12, 2023**
- d. Approve hire of Maxwell Montgomery as a Probationary I Teacher at Heritage Community Day School effective 2023-24 school year**
- e. Ratify hire Alyssa Rowell as a probationary part-time Van Driver for Transportation Department effective April 17, 2023**
- f. Ratify hire Malissa Sanchez as a probationary Van Driver for Transportation Department effective April 17, 2023**
- g. Approve hire of Courtney Kermen as a Probationary I 4th Grade teacher at Plumas Avenue Elementary effective 23-24 school year**
- h. Approve reassignment of Tim Hull from 4/5 combo to 5th grade at Plumas Avenue Elementary effective 23-24 school year**
- i. Approve reassignment of Angela Kuntzler from 1st grade to 2nd grade at Plumas Avenue Elementary effective 23-24 school year**

- j. **Approve hire of Hannah Potts, Alissa Lopez and Rachel Jukkola as Probationary I Teachers at Sierra Avenue Elementary for 23-24 school year.**
- k. **Approve Certificated Administrative job description for School Psychologist - Coordinator of Student Supports**
- l. **Approve hire of Summer School Classified and Certificated staff for 2023 Summer School program**
- m. **Approve reassignment of Victoria Pierson from Kindergarten to K/1 Combo at Plumas Avenue Elementary effective 23-24 school year**

K. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS

- a. **Accept resignation of Monica Valencia as a Child Nutrition Assistant effective June 2, 2023 to accept the Child Nutrition Site Lead position at Nelson Avenue Middle School effective August 14, 2023**
- b. **Accept resignation of McKenzie Martini as a Child Nutrition Assistant at Nelson Avenue Middle School effective June 2, 2023 to accept a Child Nutrition Assistant position at Poplar Avenue Elementary effective August 14, 2023**
- c. **Accept resignation of Wind "Raven" Tucker as an Associate Preschool Teacher - Special Education at TLC Preschool, special education classroom, effective April 28, 2023**
- d. **Accept retirement of Penny Moreno as an Administrative School Secretary for Heritage Community Day School and School Secretary/Sub Caller effective June 16, 2023**

13. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

A. Classified (CSEA Union Rep)

There were no reports from the Classified Union or staff.

B. Certificated (TTA Union Rep)

Julie Carr, TTA representative and teacher at Nelson Avenue Middle School, introduced Jason Davison, Teacher at Sierra Avenue Elementary, to share his experience at a recent Nurtured Heart Training that he recently attended. He shared highlights, examples of implementation as well as benefits he appreciated from Nurtured Heart Training.

C. Management

Tammy Duggan, Principal at Siskiyou Avenue Elementary/Coordinator of Instructional Programs, shared an end of year wrap up and details of end of year events. Invited board members to Siskiyou Avenue Elementary graduation.

Greg Kitchen, Assistant Principal at Nelson Avenue Middle School, shared dates of upcoming events at Nelson Avenue Middle School, including 8th grade promotion at Harrison Stadium on 06/31/23 @ 7:00 pm. Also, shared overview of ACSA conference recently attended and introduced Maxwell Montgomery as new Heritage Community Day School teacher.

Mike Huyck, Plumas Avenue Elementary Principal, introduced Courtney Kermen, as 4th grade teacher at Plumas Avenue Elementary. Shared an overview of upcoming events at Plumas and upcoming field trips.

Andrew Koster, Director of Maintenance, Operations & Transportation (MOT), shared an updated update regarding Butte County Air Quality Management (BCAQM) grant funding for 2023-year proposals due on May 9th. Shared a "thank you" to Derrick Deatherage and Nick Nielsen for their assistance with the grants that were submitted. Shared an update of upcoming facilities updates and projects for the summer.

Cody Walker, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, complimented Andrew Koster and his MOT team on outstanding work they have been doing. Shared overview/update of maintenance building project progress, TLC playground, Nelson Middle School fitness equipment project and Sierra Avenue summer painting project. Thanked board member, Richard Meyer, for helping with contractor interviews for Expanded Learning Opportunity Program (ELOP) building and for TK/K expansion at Poplar Avenue Elementary.

D. Superintendent

Greg Blake, Superintendent, shared information regarding an upcoming presentation to be given from Teachers Pension for all employees to get an idea of their retirement accounts as a voluntary but informative option. Informed board members that hotel reservations for upcoming CA School Board Association (CSBA) conference have been made for November.

14. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Resolution 22-23-21 on Board Compensation for Missed Meetings

Board President, Mr. Walker, called for a motion to discuss Item 14(A).

Motion made by: Mrs. Fultz

Motion seconded by: Mr. Meyer

Board President, Mr. Walker, called for a vote to approve Resolution 22-23-21 on Board Compensation for Missed Meetings.

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Darlene Fultz - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Abstain

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

The motion passed (4-0).

B. Approve Pre-Construction Services Agreement with United Building Contractors for Poplar Avenue Elementary TK/K Classroom Addition

Board President, Mr. Walker, called for a motion to discuss Item 14(B).

Motion made by: Mr. Meyer

Motion seconded by: Ms. Biddle-Lewis

Board President, Mr. Walker, called for a vote to approve Pre-Construction Services Agreement with United Building Contractors for Poplar Avenue Elementary TK/K Classroom Addition.

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Darlene Fultz - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Yes

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

The motion passed (5-0).

C. Approve Pre-Construction Services Agreement with United Building Contractors for Plumas Avenue Elementary ELOP Facility

Board President, Mr. Walker, called for a motion to discuss Item 14(C).

Motion made by: Mr. Lackey

Motion seconded by: Mr. Meyer

Board President, Mr. Walker, called for a vote to approve Pre-Construction Services Agreement with United Building Contractors for Plumas Avenue Elementary ELOP Facility

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Darlene Fultz - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Yes

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

The motion passed (5-0).

D. Approve Statement of Need and Annual Declaration of Need for the 2023-2024 school year

Board President, Mr. Walker, called for a motion to discuss Item 14(D).

Motion made by: Mr. Meyer

Motion seconded by: Ms. Biddle-Lewis

Board President, Mr. Walker, called for a vote to approve Statement of Need and Annual Declaration of Need for the 2023-2024 school year.

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Darlene Fultz - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Yes

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

The motion passed (5-0).

15. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Walker welcomed new teachers and congratulated retirees. Thanked all principals and staff for doing a wonderful job for students. Reminded everyone to review upcoming events.

Mr. Meyer shared thoughts regarding employee recently passing away.

Mrs. Fultz shared appreciation for information Mr. Davison shared regarding Nurtured Heart Training. Thanked Andrew Koster and MOT team for hard work on projects in District. Welcomed new teachers. Glad for upcoming field trips for the students.

Ms. Biddle-Lewis welcomed new teachers.

Mr. Lackey acknowledged employee recently passing away. Shared appreciation for upcoming events that his children are excited to attend.

16. RECONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The board of trustees did not reconvene to closed session.

17. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

None.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Board President, Mr. Walker, adjourned the regular board meeting at 7:29 p.m.



Mark Walker, Board President



Date

