



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.

Attendees

Voting Members Present

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

Voting Members Absent

None

Non-Voting Members Present

Greg Blake, Superintendent & Board Secretary

Public Present

There was no public present for Closed Session.

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. Potential Litigation/Initiation of Litigation/Existing Litigation (Gov. Code sec. 54956.9)**
- E. Confidential Student Matters/Student Discipline (Education Code 35146 & 48918)**

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

At 6:32 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

Tracell Biddle-Lewis, Trustee
Jaymes Lackey, Trustee

Voting Members Absent

None

Non-Voting Members Present

Greg Blake, Superintendent & Board Secretary

Public Present

Cody Walker, Heather Walker, Andrew Koster, Greg Kitchen, Julie Carr

5. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Board President, Mr. Walker, stated there was no report of action taken in Closed Session.

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, called for a motion to withdraw New Business items 13(C) & 13(D) from agenda.

Motion made by: Mr. Lackey

Motion seconded by: Mr. Meyer

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Darlene Fultz - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Yes

The motion passed (5-0).

9. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Board President, Mr. Walker, called for a motion to adopt the Agenda.

Motion made by: Ms. Biddle-Lewis

Motion seconded by: Mr. Meyer

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Darlene Fultz - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Yes

The motion passed (5-0).

10. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for 2023-24 school year

Board President, Mr. Walker, called for a motion to open public hearing for comments regarding sufficiency or insufficiency of instructional materials for 2023-24 school year.

Motion to open hearing for comments made by: Ms. Biddle-Lewis

Motion seconded by: Mr. Meyer

Motion passed with 5 ayes.

Public Hearing for Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for 2023-24 school year was opened at 6:35 p.m.

Superintendent, Mr. Blake, explained the public hearing and annual resolution is to inform the public the District has sufficient instructional materials for students in the district.

Board President, Mr. Walker, called for public comments. There were no public comments offered.

Board President, Mr. Walker, called for a Motion to close public hearing.

Motion to close public hearing for comments made by: Mr. Lackey

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Fultz

Motion passed with 5 ayes.

Public hearing for Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for 2023-24 school year was called to a close at 6:39 p.m.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Board President, Mr. Walker, called for a motion to approve consent agenda.

Motion made by: Mr. Meyer

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Fultz

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Darlene Fultz - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Yes

The motion passed (5-0).

B. MINUTES: 08/10/2023

Approved 5-0.

C. COMMERCIAL WARRANTS: 08/01/2023-08/31/2023

Approved 5-0.

D. INTER-DISTRICT ATTENDANCE REQUESTS

Approved 5-0.

E. CONFERENCES

All conferences were approved 5-0.

- a. **Approve travel request for the annual Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) conference in Sacramento, CA, October 12-13, 2023 for the following Nelson Avenue Middle School Staff: Melanie Quave, Julie Carr, Kristine Ramirez, Lisa Sherman, Dalton Morley, Wyntur Henderson, America Navarro, and Xou Lee**
- b. **Approve travel request for Megan Roberts and Brittany English to attend Family Service Worker and Education Training in Redding, CA November 1-3, 2023**
- c. **Approve travel request for Robyn Solansky and Rachel Young to attend CA State Preschool Program (CSPP) Fiscal Training in Sacramento, CA October 12-13, 2023**

- d. **Approve travel request for Cody Walker to attend CA Association of School Business Officials (CASBO) CBO Symposium in Huntington Beach, CA, November 14-17, 2023**
- e. **Approve travel request for Brianne Lawrence and Connie Dragos to attend CA School Nutrition Association (CSNA) Annual Conference in Palm Springs, CA, October 26-28th, 2023**

F. CONTRACTS

All contracts were approved 5-0.

- a. **Approve Consultant Agreement with Sharon Hanni for clinical supervision hours effective September 2023 to August 2024**
- b. **Approve Consultant Agreement with Maia Illa for clinical supervision hours effective September 2023 to June 2024**
- c. **Approve MOU with Butte County Office of Education (BCOE) for After School Education and Safety Program (ASES) for 2023-24 school year**
- d. **Approve Librarian of Records Services Agreement with Butte County Office of Education (BCOE) for 2023-24 school year**
- e. **Approve Inter-Agency Agreements for food service department for 2023-24 school year**
- f. **Approve Consultant Agreement with Maia Illa, MSW, LCSW and Celeste Jones, MSW, PhD for counseling consultation services for 2023-24 school year**

G. OPERATIONS

All operations requests were approved 5-0.

- a. **Approve TUESD Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy for 2023-24**
- b. **Approve Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Federal Addendum update for 2023-24 school year**
- c. **Approve disposal of obsolete/unusable equipment at Poplar Avenue Elementary School**
- d. **Approve contract between Gridley Unified School District and Thermalito Union Elementary School District for Transportation Services for 2023-24 school year**
- e. **Approve MOU with the City of Oroville for School Resource Officer Services for August 2023 - June 2026**

H. PERSONNEL

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

- a. **Ratify hire of Brenda Newsom as a part-time Child Nutrition Assistant position at Poplar Avenue Elementary effective August 14, 2023**
- b. **Ratify hire of Kimberlee Cantwell as a .20 FTE Temporary PASS Teacher effective August 14, 2023**
- c. **Approve hiring of Certificated substitute employees**
- d. **Ratify hire of Kang Thao as an intern PE teacher at Nelson Avenue Middle School effective August 28, 2023**
- e. **Approve salary range increase for Pablo Ortega, Bus Driver/Utility Worker for MOT, for providing bilingual services for the Transportation department effective September 8, 2023**
- f. **Ratify hire of Casey Potes as full-time probationary PM Bus Driver/Utility Worker for the MOT Department effective August 28, 2023**
- g. **Ratify hire of Christen Lee as a probationary Child Nutrition Assistant at Sierra Avenue Elementary effective September 5, 2023**
- h. **Approve increase in hours for Valeria Hernandez, Health Assistant at Nelson Avenue Middle School, to 6.5 hours per day effective September 8, 2023**
- i. **Ratify hire of Ren Reynolds as a probationary Campus Supervisor at Nelson Avenue Middle School effective August 16, 2023**
- j. **Approve hire of Zoe Smith as a part-time probationary Paraeducator I at Plumas Avenue Elementary School effective September 8, 2023.**
- k. **Approve hire of probationary Paraeducators at Sierra Avenue Elementary - Caitlin Sanders (Para I), Kayla Jones (Para III-Sped) and Jasmine Castro Para III-Wellness Center effective September 11, 2023**

I. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS

- a. **Accept resignation of Jessica Morris as a Child Nutrition Assistant at Sierra Avenue Elementary effective August 4, 2023**
- b. **Accept resignation of Veronica (Jennie) Huanosta as a Paraeducator I at Sierra Avenue Elementary effective August 10,**

2023 and a Paraeducator III at Sierra Avenue Elementary effective August 18, 2023

- c. Accept resignation of Caitlin Sanders as an Associate Preschool Teacher at TLC Preschool effective September 15, 2023 to accept the Paraeducator I position at Sierra Avenue Elementary.**
- d. Accept resignation of Brenda Newsom as a 3-hour Child Nutrition Assistant at Sierra Avenue Elementary, effective August 11, 2023, to accept the 5-hour Child Nutrition Assistant position at Poplar Avenue Elementary**

12. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

A. Classified (CSEA Union Rep)

There were no reports from Classified Union or staff.

B. Certificated (TTA Union Rep)

Julie Carr, TTA Representative and Teacher at Nelson Avenue Middle School shared Teachers are enjoying working in Thermalito School District and with Superintendent Blake.

C. Management

Greg Kitchen, Principal Nelson Avenue Middle School, reported on increasing enrollment, a successful back-to-school night, maintenance projects including fitness equipment installation (beginning Monday, 9/11), afterschool tutoring & enrichment, E-Sports team, and new gold PBIS recognition for Nelson Ave. A PBIS team will be attending the PBIS conference.

Andrew Koster, Director of Maintenance, Operations & Transportation, shared an overview of maintenance projects including maintenance building finishes and office renovations (expected completion November 1st), summer projects at sites, TLC Preschool playground additions, new HVAC units, cabinet replacements, etc.

Cody Walker, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, reported regarding Unaudited Actuals, enrollment, Stronger Connections Grant application, and a possible November 2024 bond measure.

D. Superintendent

Greg Blake, Superintendent, shared grade level teams are collaborating on meeting student needs, particularly with academic supports. Emphasizing social media posts highlighting the positives of the district.

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Resolution 23-24-02 on Board Compensation for Missed Meetings

Board President, Mr. Walker, called for a motion to discuss Item 13(A).

Motion made by: Ms. Biddle-Lewis

Motion seconded by: Mr. Meyer

No questions or comments were offered.

Board President, Mr. Walker, called for a vote to approve Resolution 23-24-02 on Board Compensation for Missed Meetings.

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Darlene Fultz - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Abstain

The motion passed (4-0).

B. Approve Resolution 23-24-03 on Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials (IMFRP) for 2023-24 school year

Board President, Mr. Walker, called for a motion to discuss Item 13(B).

Motion made by: Mrs. Fultz

Motion seconded by: Mr. Lackey

No questions or comments were offered.

Board President, Mr. Walker, called for a vote to approve Resolution 23-24-03 on Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials (IMFRP) for 2023-24 school year.

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Darlene Fultz - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Yes

The motion passed (5-0).

- C. Approve placement of Kimberlee Cantwell as Middle School Counselor/Social Worker at Nelson Avenue Middle School, effective September 8, 2023, under a Variable Term Waiver while earning PPS credential**

New Business item 13(C) was withdrawn from agenda.

- D. Approve placement of Natasha Witzsche as Elementary School Counselor/School Social Worker at Sierra Avenue Elementary School, effective September 8, 2023, under a Variable Term Waiver while earning PPS credential**

New Business item 13(D) was withdrawn from agenda.

- E. Approve CA School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #182 MOU 23-24-01**

Board President, Mr. Walker, called for a motion to discuss Item 13(E).

Motion made by: Mr. Meyer

Motion seconded by: Ms. Biddle-Lewis

No questions or comments were offered.

Board President, Mr. Walker, called for a vote to approve CA School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #182 MOU 23-24-01.

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Darlene Fultz - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Yes

The motion passed (5-0).

- F. Approve revised Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) Plan for 2023-24 school year**

Board President, Mr. Walker, called for a motion to discuss Item 13(F).

Motion made by: Ms. Biddle-Lewis

Motion seconded by: Ms. Fultz

No questions or comments were offered.

Board President, Mr. Walker, called for a vote to approve revised Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) Plan for 2023-24 school year.

Voting:

Mark Walker - Yes

Darlene Fultz - Yes

Richard Meyer - Yes

Tracell Biddle-Lewis - Yes

Jaymes Lackey - Yes

The motion passed (5-0).

14. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. CA School Employee Association (CSEA) Chapter #182 Sunshine of Initial Proposal for 2023-24 Collective Bargaining with Thermalito Union Elementary School District

There were no questions or comments offered.

15. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Walker shared lots of excellent things are getting done for the kids.

Mr. Meyer said thank you to attendees of the board meeting.

Mrs. Fultz shared District is moving in the right direction and leadership is doing a good job directing it.

Ms. Biddle-Lewis agreed that District is moving in the right direction and leadership is doing a good job directing it.

Mr. Lackey appreciates knowing about Nelson fitness course and E-Sports. Shared Sierra and Nelson's back to school nights were excellent and Sierra painting project has been coming along well. Excited about new band uniforms.

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 7:07 p.m.

Mark W Walker

Mark Walker, Board President

10-12-23

Date