

**SIERRA SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
Special Meeting**

**February 4, 2010
Ridgecrest City Council Chambers
100 West California Avenue
*www.ssusd.org***

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A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

5:45 P.M.

Amy Covert
Judy Dietrichson
Bill Farris
Tim Johnson
Tom Pearl, Vice President/Clerk
Kurt Rockwell, President
Michael Scott

Joanna Rummer, Superintendent

MOMENT OF SILENCE

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2. CLOSED SESSION

The board will meet in closed session with the superintendent to discuss negotiations with all three bargaining units.

3. ADJOURNMENT

SIERRA SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

7:00 P.M.

Amy Covert
Judy Dietrichson
Bill Farris
Tim Johnson
Tom Pearl, Vice President/Clerk
Kurt Rockwell, President
Michael Scott
Student Member Daniel Lathrop

Joanna Rummer, Superintendent

MOMENT OF SILENCE

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Welcome to a meeting of the Board of Education. Because we believe you share our concern for the education of the youth of our community, we appreciate and welcome your participation. Copies of the agenda, along with a procedural handout, are available on the wall at the back of the room to assist with your participation in the meeting.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the regular and special meetings of January 21, 2010

3. **PROGRAMS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- Inyokern Elementary School: Geocaching in on Standards – Motivating Special Day Class Students to Master State Standards

4. **PUBLIC HEARING**

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 Student Member's Report

5.2 Reports from Members of the Board

5.3 Superintendent's Report

- Budget update
- Other activities and items of interest

5.4 Communications

- Publications from schools

5.5 Communications from the public

The board will provide time during the discussion of each agenda item for members of the public to comment. At this time, members of the public may address the board on an item not on the agenda. Comments should relate to items of public interest within the board's jurisdiction. The law prohibits the board from taking action on items not on the agenda. If appropriate, your comments will be referred to staff for response. When addressing the board, please state your name and address at the podium and limit your remarks to three minutes. In accordance with the board bylaws, the board will limit the total time for public input to 30 minutes. Those wishing to address the board beyond the 30-minute time limit may do so at the end of the scheduled meeting agenda.

6. EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

6.1 Report to the Board: Implementation of a Physical Education Course Outside the Regular School Day at Burroughs High School (Goal #1, #2)

In order for students to complete the many requirements for a high school diploma, qualify for UC/CSU, and participate in extra curricular and co-curricular activities, they must make difficult choices when developing their educational plans. Current board policy provides students who participate in an interscholastic sport with increased opportunity for access to academic and co-curricular opportunities through implementation of a P.E. course outside the regular school day.

6.2 Approval of Sierra Sands Unified School District 2008-09 School Accountability Report Cards (Goal #4)

Since November 1988, state law has required all public schools receiving state funding to prepare and distribute a School Accountability Report Card (SARC). A similar requirement is also contained in the federal No Child Left Behind Act. The purpose of the report card is to provide parents and the community with important information about each public school.

7. POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW

8. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

8.1 Certificated

Employment, resignation, retirement, leave of absence, change of status, termination

8.2 Classified

Employment, resignation, retirement, leave of absence, change of status, termination

8. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION (continued)

8.3 Adoption of Resolution #21 0910, Authorization to Reassign Certificated Administrators to Other Administrative Positions for the 2010-11 School Year

Adoption of this resolution provides the district superintendent with flexibility in assigning district administrators should circumstances arise that would call for changes in assignment.

9. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

9.1 Gifts to the District

10. CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION

10.1 Report to the Board: Measure “A” and Other Construction Activities and Issues
(Goal #3, #4)

11. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Approval to Submit an E-rate Application and Award of Bid for Communications Equipment (Goal #1, #2, #3, #4)

The district wishes to apply for e-rate funding to support the purchase of internal connections (switches and routers) for Burroughs, Mesquite, James Monroe, Richmond, Inyokern, Faller, and Rand Schools. Purchase will be dependent on receipt of e-rate funds.

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

12.1 Approval of Recommendation for Expulsion, Expulsion Case #10 0910

12.2 Approval of Recommendation of Administrative Hearing Panel Regarding Enrollment Request from a Student Expelled from Another District, Case #D01 0910

13. FUTURE AGENDA

14. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be February 18, 2010.

Any materials required by law to be made available to the public prior to a meeting of the Board of Education of the Sierra Sands Unified School District can be inspected during normal business hours at the district office located at 113 Felspar, Ridgecrest, CA. These materials can also be viewed on the district's internet website at www.ssusd.org.

Note: Individuals who require special accommodation, including but not limited to an American sign language interpreter, accessible seating or documentation in accessible formats, should contact the Superintendent's Office at least two days before the meeting date.

SIERRA SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education

DATE OF MEETING: January 21, 2010
TIME OF MEETING: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE OF MEETING: Ridgecrest City Council Chambers
MEMBERS PRESENT: Covert, Dietrichson, Farris, Johnson, Pearl, Rockwell, Scott
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
STAFF PRESENT: Joanna Rummer, Superintendent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was deferred to the beginning of the regular meeting.

MOMENT OF SILENCE was observed.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted by consensus as posted.

2. CLOSED SESSION

The board met in closed session to discuss negotiations with all three bargaining units.

3. ADJOURNMENT was at 6:55 p.m.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tom Pearl, Vice President/Clerk

Joanna Rummer, Secretary to Board

SIERRA SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

DATE OF MEETING: January 21, 2010
TIME OF MEETING: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE OF MEETING: Ridgecrest City Council Chambers
MEMBERS PRESENT: Covert, Dietrichson, Lochhead, Martin, Pearl, Rockwell, Scott
Student Member Daniel Lathrop
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
STAFF PRESENT: Joanna Rummer, Superintendent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited in unison, led by student member Daniel Lathrop.

MOMENT OF SILENCE was observed.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted by consensus as posted.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hearing no comments, the minutes of the regular, organizational, and special concurrent meetings of December 10, 2009 and the special meeting of December 18, 2009 were adopted by consensus as written.

3. PROGRAMS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Auld introduced Grace Thatcher, a senior at Burroughs High School, and her parents. She is the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from Caldwell, Flores, & Winters, the district's financial advisors.

Michelle Acosta, principal of Las Flores Elementary School, demonstrated how the staff serves the many needs of individual students at the school with a video presentation. Members of the staff joined the board in watching how they daily use a variety of learning tools to meet their global vision of helping all students succeed.

Ron Bennett, CEO of School Services of California, provided the board and community with an update on the governor's initial budget proposal and its impact on Sierra Sands. Even though it appears the national economy may be turning the corner, California is looking at a huge budget deficit and revenues are falling short of projections. With the governor's proposal, Sierra Sands would lose \$225 per ADA, or an ongoing loss of about \$1.3 million per year. Mr. Bennett's advice was to start early in developing the budget to provide time for input, review, and revision by constituents and to meet state deadlines, particularly with regard to staffing. He encouraged early retirement incentives, discouraged state borrowing, and discussed voter-approved tax options. In the end, minimize the impact on programs and students, maximize progress toward goals, encourage a broad-based buy-in to budget cuts, and keep stakeholders informed.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

4.1 Public Hearing and Approval of the Annual Budget Plan and the Annual Service Plan for 2009-10 for the Sierra Sands SELPA (Goal #1, #2)

The Annual Budget Plan and Annual Service Plan for the SELPA describe the services provided by the SELPA and an overview of the allocation of resources available to provide these services. No comments were received during the public hearing on these documents. Motion passed to approve the plans for 2009-10 as presented. DIETRICHSON/JOHNSON

AYES: Covert, Dietrichson, Farris, Johnson, Pearl, Rockwell, Scott

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 Student Member's Report

Daniel reported James Monroe and Murray Middle School students are enjoying the ongoing basketball season with much success. Murray is also holding a workshop for students and parents to help them with projects for the upcoming science fair. James Monroe is beginning a new program called Web, similar to the Link Crew at Burroughs. Mesquite students held a car wash to raise funds for the prom and Chief Strand of the Ridgecrest Police Department made a presentation at the school. Winter sports continue at Burroughs High School and Mr. Ostash hosted a coffee for parents. Burroughs students are also raising funds for the prom.

5.2 Reports from Members of the Board

Mrs. Covert reported on the recent NAFIS Section 8002 meeting, which included an emphasis on reauthorization language, the importance of lobbying, and a new payment schedule. Mr. Johnson appreciated the Las Flores presentation and the opportunity to visit with principals at James Monroe and Burroughs.

5.3 Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Rummer reviewed the third and fourth month enrollment reports, which continued to show a decline in student enrollment over last year.

5.4 Communications

Communications from schools were distributed for information.

5.5 Comments from the public on items not on the agenda

6. EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

6.1 Approval of Single Plans for Student Achievement, 2009-10 School Year (Goal #1, #2, #3, #4)

Motion passed to approve the Single Plans for Student Achievement for the 2009-10 school year. These plans are developed by the individual school site councils and establish site program goals, strategies, and expenditures necessary to meet the needs of the students. COVERT/JOHNSON

AYES: Covert, Dietrichson, Farris, Johnson, Pearl, Rockwell, Scott

6. EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION (continued)

6.2 Approval of Title III Addendum Improvement Plan (Goals #1, #2, #3, #4)

If a Title III district fails to meet the Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAO) growth targets for two consecutive years, the district must develop a Title III Addendum Improvement Plan that will ensure that the AMAOs are met. Motion passed to approve the Title III Addendum Improvement Plan as presented. DIETRICHSON/COVERT

AYES: Covert, Dietrichson, Farris, Johnson, Pearl, Rockwell, Scott

7. POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW

8. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

8.1 Certificated

Employment, resignation, retirement, leave of absence, change of status, termination

8.2 Classified

Employment, resignation, retirement, leave of absence, change of status, termination

Motion passed to adopt the personnel actions as presented. PEARL/DIETRICHSON

These actions are made a part of the minutes by reference and are filed in the Board Record Book identified as pages 1-5 of the 1/21/10 agenda.

9. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

9.1 Gifts to the District

Motion passed to accept the following gifts: \$500 from the Altrusa Club of the Indian Wells Valley to the birthday book fund at Pierce; \$134.09 from the International Society for Optical Engineering to the chemistry department at Burroughs; and to the auto shop program at Burroughs, a 1989 Dodge from Jerry and Billie Evans, a 1999 Jeep from High Sierra Auto and Truck Repair; and a 1985 Jaguar XJ6 from James Williams. PEARL/COVERT

AYES: Covert, Dietrichson, Farris, Johnson, Pearl, Rockwell, Scott

9.2 Report to the Board: Nature and Resolution of Complaints with Regard to Deficiencies Related to Instructional Materials, Emergency or Urgent Facilities Conditions that Pose a Threat to the Health and Safety of Pupils or Staff, Teacher Vacancy or Misassignment, and Provision of Intensive Instruction and Services to Students Who Did Not Pass the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) by the End of Grade 12, as Required by the Williams Act (Goal #1, #2, #3, #4, #5)

In compliance with California Education Code Section 35186 that requires all school districts to report summarized data quarterly on the nature and resolution of all complaints related to instructional materials, teacher vacancy and misassignment, condition of facilities, and service to students who did not pass the CAHSEE prior to the end of grade 12, no complaints were filed in any of the designated areas for the period of time covering October 1 to December 31, 2009.

10. CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION

10.1 Report to the Board: Measure “A” and Other Construction Activities and Issues (Goal #3)

Mr. Auld provided a snapshot of the district’s construction projects, including dollars available versus dollars spent and possibilities for alternative funding. He also described the various costs associated with modernization projects and compared that which is required by DSA to the cost of classroom finish treatment, such as paint and carpet. Mr. Auld also outlined upcoming projects and commented that, because of funding, the board would need to give some direction as to priority and scope of the projects.

10.2 Adoption of Resolution #18 0910 Finding the Career Technical Education Building Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and Approving the Filing and Recordation of a Notice of Exemption (Goal #3)

Motion passed to adopt Resolution #18 0910 finding the Career Technical Education building exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, and authorize the superintendent to send the notice of exemption to the California Office of Planning and Research and the Kern County Clerk for posting pursuant to CEQA. DIETRICHSON/JOHNSON

AYES: Covert, Dietrichson, Farris, Johnson, Pearl, Rockwell, Scott

10.3 Approval of Resolution #19 0910 to Dedicate Improvements Made to the Water System at the California State Preschool Building Located at Faller Elementary School to the Indian Wells Valley Water District

Motion passed to adopt Resolution #19 0910 to dedicate improvements made to the water system, including a new fire hydrant, at the California state preschool building located at Faller Elementary School to the Indian Wells Valley Water District as presented. DIETRICHSON/FARRIS

AYES: Covert, Dietrichson, Farris, Johnson, Pearl, Rockwell, Scott

11. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Adoption of Resolution #20 0910 Regarding the Annual Accounting of Developer Fees for the 2008-09 Fiscal Year (Capital Facilities Fund – Fund 25) (Goal #3)

Motion passed to adopt Resolution #20 0910 and accompanying exhibits which detail for the public an annual accounting of these fees. COVERT/JOHNSON

AYES: Covert, Dietrichson, Farris, Johnson, Pearl, Rockwell, Scott

11.2 Authorization to Award Contracts for Long Distance Services, Internet Services, Web Hosting, and Student E-mail Supported by E-Rate (Goal #1, #2, #3, #4)

Motion passed to authorize the district to enter into contracts with Verizon Business Network Services for telecommunication services, the Kern County Superintendent of Schools for internet services, Edline for web hosting services, and Gagle.net for student email services as presented. COVERT/JOHNSON

AYES: Covert, Dietrichson, Farris, Johnson, Pearl, Rockwell, Scott

11. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (continued)

11.3 Award of Bid for Communications Equipment Supported by E-Rate Funding
(Goal #1, #2, #3, #4)

The district wishes to apply for e-rate funding to support its technology infrastructure and connectivity. Bids were requested and received and a vendor was identified to supply switches and routers. This bid must be awarded before the district can submit its e-rate application. Following discussion regarding this expenditure of funds, motion passed to table this item pending receipt of further information regarding the need and potential cost of this equipment. This item will be brought back to the board for further consideration at the next meeting. DIETRICHSON/COVERT

AYES: Covert, Dietrichson, Farris, Johnson, Pearl, Rockwell, Scott

11.4 Award of Bid for Paving of the Basketball Court at Mesquite High School (Goal #3)

The hospital pays a monthly licensing fee to the district for use of underutilized property adjacent to Mesquite High School. The hospital also pledged to provide for paving of the basketball court at Mesquite High School. Motion passed to award the bid for paving of this area to Bowman Asphalt, Inc. at a total cost of \$35,895.31. The cost will be paid by the district and then reimbursed by Ridgecrest Regional Hospital. DIETRICHSON/COVERT

AYES: Covert, Dietrichson, Farris, Johnson, Pearl, Rockwell, Scott

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

12.1 Approval of "A" and "B" Warrants

"A" warrants in the amount of \$2,352,341.98; "B" warrants in the amount of \$922,112.95

12.2 Rejection of Claim Against the District

12.3 Approval of Recommendation for Expulsion, Expulsion Cases #11 0910 through #13 0910

Motion passed to adopt the consent calendar as presented. SCOTT/COVERT

AYES: Covert, Dietrichson, Farris, Johnson, Pearl, Rockwell, Scott

12. FUTURE AGENDA

13. ADJOURNMENT was at 9:00 p.m.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tom Pearl, Vice President/Clerk

Joanna Rummer, Secretary to Board

recorder: Jane Brooks

6. EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

6.1 Report to the Board: Implementation of a Physical Education Course Outside the Regular School Day at Burroughs High School (*Goal #1, #2*)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The physical education standards were adopted by the State Board of Education in January 2005. They represent the essential skills and knowledge that all students need to maintain a physically active and healthy lifestyle. The district reviewed and revised Board Policy/Administrative Regulations 6142.7, Physical Education, in February 2007 to align to the new state content standards.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS: In order for students to complete the many requirements for a high school diploma, qualify for UC/CSU, and participate in extra curricular and co-curricular activities, they must make difficult choices when developing their educational plans. Staff continually seeks ways to provide flexibility in the master schedule while maintaining compliance with all regulations and requirements.

Staff has identified an opportunity in current board policy that provides students who participate in an interscholastic sport with increased access to academic and co-curricular opportunities. Board Policy 6142.7, Physical Education, states, "The Superintendent or designee may exempt a high school student from physical education if he/she is engaged in a regular school-sponsored interscholastic athletic program carried on wholly or partially after regular school hours." This provision provides the following opportunity for students to increase access to the master schedule:

- Students participating in a sport in grades 9-12 may enroll in a physical education (P.E.) course outside the regular school day. These students will report to their coach during the season and then report to the P.E. class prior to and/or at the conclusion of the season.

Students participating in a sport and reporting to a P.E. class to meet semester instructional minutes meet the P.E. minute requirement and P.E. credit can be issued. This option opens up a period during the school day for students to access other electives and allows staff a mechanism to assess all ninth grade students in the mandated physical fitness testing each spring.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: There are no financial implications to the implementation of a P.E. course outside the school day. No additional FTE is required.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: This item is being presented for informational purposes only and requires no board action.

6. EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

6.2 Approval of Sierra Sands Unified School District 2008-09 School Accountability Report Cards (*Goal #4*)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Since November 1988, state law has required all public schools receiving state funding to prepare and distribute a School Accountability Report Card (SARC). A similar requirement is also contained in the federal No Child Left Behind Act. The purpose of the report card is to provide parents and the community with important information about each public school.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS: Education Code 35256 requires the governing board to approve all district SARCs and evaluate the data contained in the SARCs as part of the board's regular review of the effectiveness of the district's programs, personnel, and fiscal operations.

Sierra Sands School Accountability Report Cards for 2008-09 are currently available to parents and the community on the district website and in paper copy upon request. A link to those report is also posted with this board packet on the website.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: With this information posted on the district website, the cost of wide distribution of these reports has been eliminated. The cost of having a small number of hard copies printed and available is minimal.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the board approve all district School Accountability Report Cards for the 2008-09 school year as presented.

8. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

8.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

8.11 RESIGNATION, TERMINATION*, SEPARATION**, RETIREMENT***

8.12 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

8.13 EMPLOYMENT

8.14 CHANGE OF STATUS

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To approve certificated personnel actions as presented.

8.2 CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

8.21 RESIGNATION, TERMINATION*, SEPARATION**, RETIREMENT***

8.22 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

8.23 EMPLOYMENT

8.24 CHANGE OF STATUS

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To approve classified personnel actions as presented.

8. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

8.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

8.11 RESIGNATION, TERMINATION*, SEPARATION**, RETIREMENT***

8.12 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

8.13 EMPLOYMENT

Substitute Teachers for 09-10 year
Carolyn Ganner
Beth Kirkpatrick

8.14 CHANGE OF STATUS

8. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

8.2 CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

8.21 RESIGNATION, TERMINATION*, SEPARATION**, RETIREMENT***

Nellavan Jeglum
5½ hr. Paraprofessional – Burroughs High School
Effective 01-29-10

Yolanda Maguina
2 hr. Noon Duty Supervisor – Murray Middle School
Effective 01-29-10

8.22 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

8.23 EMPLOYMENT

Student Workability Workers for the 2009-2010 School Year
Joseph Accurso
Derek Wadelin

Classified Substitutes for the 2009-2010 School Year
Mallory Vann

8.24 CHANGE OF STATUS

Carrie Newton
Add: 1¼ hr. Transportation Monitor – Transportation
Effective 01-19-10

Carrie Reed
From: 4 hr. Paraprofessional/Student Supervisor – Murray Middle School
To: 5½ hr. Paraprofessional – Murray Middle School
Effective 01-19-10

8. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

8.3 Adoption of Resolution #21 0910, Authorization to Reassign Certificated Administrators to Other Administrative Positions for the 2010-11 School Year

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: California Education Code Section 44951 sets forth the process by which a certificated administrator can be reassigned to a different administrative position.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS: Resolution #21 0910, Reassignment of Certificated Administrators to Other Administrative Positions, gives the superintendent some flexibility, when and if it is necessary, to assign administrators to other administrative positions for the 2010-11 school year. The process set forth in Education Code 44951 would be followed if the superintendent determines that certificated administrative reassignments are necessary.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The financial impact will be dependent upon where reassignments are made. If reassignments are made, the financial impact is expected to be minimal.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the board adopt Resolution #21 0910, Reassignment of Certificated Administrators to Other Administrative Positions, as presented.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
SIERRA SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
County of Kern, State of California

RESOLUTION #21 0910

RE: REASSIGNMENT OF CERTIFICATED ADMINISTRATORS TO OTHER
ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the Sierra Sands Unified School District, that the below listed certificated administrators may be reassigned from their current administrative positions to other administrative positions to be determined by the District Superintendent.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Michelle Acosta	Coordinator Pupil Services, Pupil Support Services
Bryan Auld	Assistant Principal, Burroughs High School
Pamela Barnes	Principal, Pierce Elementary School
Ernest Bell	Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Nikki Blackburn	Assistant Principal, Murray Middle School
Melissa Christman	Principal, Faller Elementary School
Virginia Cornell	Principal, Inyokern Elementary School
Lisa Decker	Principal, Gateway Elementary School
Beverly Estis	Principal, Richmond Elementary School
Clara Finneran	Principal, James Monroe Middle School
Laura Hickle	Coordinator, Special Projects & Technology
Chad Houck	Assistant Principal, Burroughs High School
Bonnie Kaufman	Assistant Principal, James Monroe Middle School
Shirley Kennedy	Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction
Ingrid Larsen	Principal, Alternative Education
Elaine Littleton	Executive Director, SELPA
David Ostash	Principal, Burroughs High School
Kirsti Smith	Principal, Murray Middle School

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Sierra Sands Unified School District shall forthwith give said employees the required legal notice.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted at the February 4, 2010 regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Sierra Sands Unified School District.

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSENT: _____

Kurt Rockwell, Board President

Tom Pearl, Vice President/Clerk

9. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

9.1 Gifts to the District

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS: The following gifts have been received:

TUV Industry Service of Ridgecrest has donated 30 toner cartridges, valued at a total of \$2,100, for use as needed in the district.

Nellavan Jeglum has donated five maintenance kits for reed instruments and six boxes of saxophone and clarinet reeds to the music program at Burroughs High School. The supplies are estimated at a cash value of \$162.

Jennifer Hugbo has donated a binder machine, a refurbished photo printer, and paper and ink to Burroughs High School. The equipment and supplies are estimated at a cash value of \$2,056.

The following cash donations have been received by the girls' volleyball program at Burroughs High School: \$200 from T & T Alignment, \$200 from EZ Rentals & Sales, \$200 from Albert and Maria Bermudez, \$300 from Charles and Agnes Shull, \$200 from Pearson's Recycling, \$100 from Pro Tow & Recovery, and \$50 from John and Dianna Sherrick.

The following donations have been made to the drama department at Burroughs High School: a clothing assortment valued at \$80 from Debra MacFarland, a lightening machine valued at \$50 from Olivia Shatto, and an assortment of belly dance hip scarves valued at \$106.28 from Norelle Shlanta.

Dale Berkstresser Speer donated \$50 to the science department at Burroughs High School. Barbara Johnson also donated \$50 to the Burroughs science department.

Theresa Bennett has donated a trumpet valued at \$200 to Burroughs High School music department, and Clifford Storm has donated a laptop computer valued at \$500 to the Burroughs music department.

Samantha Giles has donated an "I Home" player valued at \$100 to the art department at Burroughs High School.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Donations provide support to the district and have a positive financial impact.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Accept the gifts as described and send appropriate letters of appreciation.

10. CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION

10.1 Report to the Board: Measure “A” and Other Construction Activities and Issues
(Goal #3)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The purpose of this item is to keep the board, administration, and especially the community informed as to the progress of the district’s Measure “A” and other construction efforts.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS: Construction activity and planning continue at several sites in addition to the district’s efforts to secure ongoing funding to continue the modernization program. Mr. Auld will update the board and community on these activities.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for informational purposes and no action is required.

11. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Approval to Submit an E-rate Application and Award of Bid for Communications Equipment (*Goal #1, #2, #3, #4*)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This item was discussed and tabled by the board at its regular meeting of January 21, 2010. In accordance with board direction at that meeting, further information is being provided. The Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, known as e-rate, provides discounts to assist schools and libraries in the United States in obtaining affordable telecommunications and internet access. Three types of services are funded: telecommunications services that include telephones, long distance, and voice mail; internet access; and internal connections that include installation of wiring, network drops, switches, and routers to connect classrooms or a school. E-rate provides discounts ranging from 20 to 90-percent depending on the level of poverty and urban/rural status. E-rate funding applications require that bids for services be solicited and included in the application. In addition, board approval is required.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS: Sierra Sands has a board and state approved Technology Plan for years 2006-2011. Maintaining up-to-date infrastructure and equipment supports both district goals and the technology plan in the areas of curriculum, professional development, safety, and communication. Over the last five years, technology has permeated all aspects of the school district to provide students and staff the essential programs and applications necessary for effective learning and operational functions. A small sample of web-based programs and applications used in this district are AERIES, Edline, Renaissance Place, School Messenger, Auto Desk, and Destiny. The majority of these programs are linked directly to board-adopted curriculum or state mandated reporting. Access to a reliable infrastructure is essential.

The district’s current e-rate application includes schools that may not have recently received e-rate funding over the last few years. E-rate funding is based upon poverty levels, and schools included in this application may or may not be funded. The district’s intention, if e-rate funding is granted, is to only purchase equipment for funded schools at the discounted rate.

Below is the information related to each school site regarding discount rates and cost for proposed equipment:

<u>School</u>	<u>Discount %</u>	<u>Cost to the District</u>
Rand Elementary	90%	\$ 965.75
Inyokern Elementary	80%	9,525.23
Richmond Elementary	80%	12,140.49

<u>School</u>	<u>Discount %</u>	<u>Cost to the District</u>
Faller Elementary	80%	9,971.26
James Monroe	80%	9,971.26
Mesquite Continuation High School	70%	9,938.11
Burroughs High School	70%	41,927.21
Total <i>potential cost</i> if all projects are funded:		\$94,439.31

It should be noted that in the past the funded discount level has been no lower than 83%. With the majority of Sierra Sands school sites at 80% or lower, there is a strong likelihood that many of the projects will not be approved for funding. Subsequent to receiving notification of approval, which is expected between December 2010 and February 2011, a determination will be made as to whether funding is available to purchase the equipment. If e-rate funding is received for a site, the district has latitude to install the new equipment at the funded site and remove older equipment to a non-funded site. This maximizes the district's opportunity to adequately maintain its equipment to the degree possible while utilizing all available discounts.

Quotes for internal connections (switches and routers) for Burroughs, Mesquite, James Monroe, Richmond, Inyokern, Faller, and Rand schools were requested and received. It is recommended that the bid be awarded to Fusion Storm in the amount of \$390,578, contingent upon successful e-rate funding. It should be noted that by approving this item, the district is under no obligation to proceed with equipment purchases. The contract with Fusion Storm states the following: "The attached contract is contingent upon successful USAC funding as well as Sierra Sands board approval. Furthermore, should Sierra Sands at any time decide against the purchase of equipment, this contract shall be considered null and void."

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: If funded by e-rate with a discount percentage calculation for each school (Burroughs, 70%; Mesquite, 70%; James Monroe, 80%; Richmond, 80%; Inyokern, 80%; Faller, 80%; and Rand, 90%), the total cost to the district would be \$94,439.31 for switches and routers. The technology department is supported by the unrestricted general fund and funds have been allocated in the department's current budget to pay for the cost of these internal connections.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the board approve the submission of an e-rate funding application and award the bid for communications and hardware equipment to Fusion Storm in the total amount of \$390,578, contingent upon receipt of e-rate funding for this project.

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

12.1 Approval of Recommendation for Expulsion, Expulsion Case #10 0910

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Education code requires the board to take final action on recommendations for expulsion.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS: Board approval is requested for the following expulsion case:

Expulsion Case #10 0910: As recommended by an administrative hearing panel, student is expelled for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year, suspending the expulsion for the spring semester and allowing the student to apply for readmission to James Monroe Middle School in January 2010 under the terms of a contract. During the period of expulsion, the student is referred to the Ridgecrest Learning Center.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Approve the recommendation for expulsion, Expulsion Case #10 0910, as presented.

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

12.2 Approval of Recommendation of Administrative Hearing Panel Regarding Enrollment Request from a Student Expelled from Another District, Case #D01 0910

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Education code requires the board to take final action on recommendations for enrollment of a student expelled from another district.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS: Board approval for enrollment is requested for the following student expelled from another district:

Case #D01 0910: As determined by an administrative hearing panel, the student does not pose a potential danger to district students or employees and the panel recommends the student be permitted conditional enrollment in the Sierra Sands Unified School District for the remainder of the 2009-10 spring semester under the terms of a contract.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Approve the determination and recommendation of the administrative hearing panel, Case #D01 0910, as presented.