



Fort Sage Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
December 15, 2020
Approved Minutes

- CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Tim Jobbins at 5:47 p.m.
- ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** Tim Jobbins, Pam Auld, Erinn Reed, Ryan Von Ins and Constance Jenkins (5:53 p.m.) were present.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Jobbins led those present.
- OATH OF OFFICE AND SEATING OF ELECTED MEMBERS:** Superintendent Tomes administered the Oath of Office for elected Board members Pam Auld, Constance Jenkins, Timothy Jobbins, Erinn Reed and Ryan Von Ins.
- ADDITIONS/DELETIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** MSCU (Auld/Reed) to approve agenda as presented.
- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- Herlong High/Sierra Primary:** Superintendent Tomes said that distance learning is currently in place. Offices are open, though most teachers are quarantined and working from home.
- Mt. Lassen Charter** Superintendent Tomes read Director Hillary Magarrell’s report: “School finished initial formal testing of students. Will be integrating the test results into a K-12 Intervention program and beginning a 3-tier intervention program in January. Tier 2 will be done with an online program. Tier 3 will be done one-on-one or in small groups. All of these changes are items noted in the LCAP as area of needs. We also addressed safety needs of staff and students who are attending in-person by adding sneeze guards/shields on all the tables and having 3 portable sneeze guards/shields for teachers to use at the local library or in a one-on-one situation. Overall, everything is going well. We are at full capacity at 125 students.”
- CTE and FFA:** Superintendent Tomes reported on Ms. Dieter’s behalf that the District has been awarded the K-12 Strong Workforce Program grant in the amount of \$19,500. Written into the grant are funds to help create the new Herlong High School Career Center and assist with Auto Shop and Agri-Science classes. On Saturday, Ms. Dieter attended the Superior Region Meeting of the California Agricultural Teachers' Association (virtually). The Herlong High School Agriculture Department was awarded the outstanding single-person department in the Intermountain Section (northeastern California) and is eligible to go on to further state competition.

FFA: The students competed in the Red Bluff FFA (virtual) contest last week and the Best Informed Greenhand team placed 5th. The students constructed holiday wreaths to sell as a fund-raising project. A few are still left to sell. They are \$15 each. Please give the high school office a call to get information about the wreaths.

CA School Employee's Association:

President Jesse Hodson reported that employees are busy deep cleaning campuses. Negotiations are in progress and going well.

Site Council:

Anita Hulseley gave an update that though the group hasn't been able to meet, they plan to soon. The main focus is increasing parent and community involvement and participation. The Site Council has an important role in the District, such as contributing to the LCAP, CSI Prompts, LCP, etc.

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS:**

2020-21 Comprehensive Support and Improvement:

The letter from the County Superintendent of Schools was reviewed and discussed.

Board Member Reports:

Pam Auld reported that she met with Superintendent Tomes to review and negotiate his permanent employment contract. They reviewed contracts from past Superintendents, as well as other District Superintendents, and came up with a good working document. Tim Jobbins said that he won't be able to attend the January meeting but plans to return in February.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Tomes reported that just before Thanksgiving break he was notified that a staff member had received a positive COVID test. A few days later Lassen County moved to Purple status and all schools were required to move to distance learning for the month of December. Staff are doing well despite glitches here and there. Grades are being taken much more seriously during distance learning now due to state requirements. Students must participate and make an effort. Finals are taking place this week at Herlong High. Yesterday eight staff members were quarantined by Public Health. Teachers are working from home. As of now, Dr. Tomes is not sure when the County will allow re-opening schools. The hope is that it can happen after the winter break, but with the current numbers of new cases, he wants everyone to be prepared to continue distance learning if necessary. He complimented District staff members, with a special mention to those holding down the offices with quarantines in place. The District is in the process of receiving a grant for school safety from the Department of Justice. Central Valley Intelligence will be coming at the end of January to assess Sierra Primary needs for safety, as a study of Herlong High was done last year. The grant may be used for items such as surveillance equipment, locks/doors, and fencing. The assessment will help determine how the grant monies can and will be spent.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

MSCU (Auld/Reed) to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented: November 18, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes; Warrant batches 17-19.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

Time In: 6:45 p.m.

Public Employee Appointment / Discussion Position: Superintendent (Government Code Section 54957).

Time Out: 7:10 p.m.

It was reported that no action was taken in closed session.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION ITEMS:

Annual Organization of the Board of Trustees:

- President:** Erinn Reed nominated Pam Auld as President. Connie Jenkins seconded the nomination. A vote was held with all Ayes to approve Pam Auld as the Fort Sage Board of Trustees President.
- Vice-President:** Pam Auld nominated Erinn Reed as Vice-President. Erinn Reed nominated Ryan Von Ins as Vice-President. Pam Auld seconded the nomination for Ryan Von Ins. A vote was held with all Ayes to approve Ryan Von Ins as Vice-President.
- Clerk:** Pam Auld nominated Erinn Reed for Clerk. Connie Jenkins seconded the nomination. A vote was held with all Ayes to approve Erinn Reed as the Fort Sage Board of Trustees Clerk.
- Trustee Representative to the County Committee on School District Organization:** Tim Jobbins nominated Connie Jenkins as the Representative to the County Committee on School District Organization. Connie Jenkins seconded the nomination. A vote was held with all Ayes to approve Connie Jenkins as the Fort Sage Board of Trustees Representative to the County Committee on School District Organization.

Adoption of the Third Wednesday of each Month at 5:30 p.m. in the Fort Sage Board Room as Board Meeting

Date, Time, and Location: MSCU (Auld/Reed) to approve.

Approval of Superintendent Tomes as Secretary to the Board and Heather Von Ins as Acting Secretary to the Board:

MSCU (Auld/Reed) to Approve.

Completion of Election Form and Verification of Signatures:

Signatures were gathered to complete forms as needed to send to the County Clerk's Office.

Superintendent's Employment Agreement:

MSCU (Reed/Jenkins) to Approve.

2020-21 First Interim Budget Report:

MSCU (R. Von Ins/Auld) to Approve.

2020-21 Budget Overview for Parents for Fort Sage District And Mt. Lassen Charter:

MSCU (Reed/Auld) to approve both documents.

Updated 2020-21 Bus Lease

with Lassen Union High School: Discussion was held regarding the school bus and purchasing a new bus once the sale of Long Valley Charter in Doyle is complete. MSCU (Auld/Reed) to approve the updated Vehicle Lease agreement.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting: Will be held on January 20, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Adjournment:

MSCU (Auld/R. Von Ins) to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.