



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

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Board President Tim Jobbins at 5:31 p.m.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** Tim Jobbins, Erinn Reed, Brian Schmidl (absent after 6:42 p.m.), and Jason Gebbeken were present.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Jobbins led those present.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **MSCU (Jobbins/Schmidl) to approve agenda as presented.**

**Review and Interview of Applicants for Provisional Appointment:** In light of new information received by the District from the County Clerk's office, Superintendent Bonn recommended the items regarding Provisional Appointment to Fill a Vacancy on the Fort Sage Unified School District Board of Trustees be tabled to the regular May Board meeting. The current vacancy will be re-advertised as trustee area 1/2 per new information received and placed on the May 20, 2020 Board Agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jason Gebbeken commented that he would like to see a study completed for Herlong High School. Superintendent Bonn notified the Board that the District's legal counsel has advised a change in Public Comment practices at future meetings to reflect proper etiquette. As maintaining a safe school campus is under the jurisdiction of the Superintendent, future Agendas will reflect those changes.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**  
**Herlong High School/  
Sierra Primary School:** Superintendent Bonn reported that campuses are closed due to the COVID-19 virus. Teachers are using Google Classroom to instruct students and provide distance learning. The process of distance instruction is not without glitches, but staff are working diligently to overcome challenges and support students and parents.

**WASC** Kim Dieter reported that the next WASC committee review team meeting has been postponed until June. Results of the District's WASC review will be known after that time.

**CA Federation of Teachers:** No updates at this time.

**Classified School Employees  
Association:**

No updates at this time.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:** Tim Jobbins requested training/orientation for new Board members. Superintendent Bonn mentioned that there may be training available online at this time and that the District would look into it. Trainings in Sacramento that new Board members would normally attend have currently been cancelled.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:**

Superintendent Bonn reported that the Mt. Lassen Charter Director will be retiring this year and that he has received verbal notification from several teachers who do not plan on returning to Herlong High School next year. He voiced concern about the current California teacher shortage, and the difficulties in hiring new qualified staff in our area. If teachers cannot be found, Herlong High School may have to move to either online instruction next year, or consolidate with Lassen Union High School in Susanville. He then welcomed Lassen Union High School District (LUHSD) Superintendent Morgan Nugent to speak about possible consolidation. Superintendent Nugent answered questions about LUHSD, what benefits and challenges would arise from Herlong High School closing and LUHSD absorbing Herlong High students. He listed the many benefits that students would have attending Lassen High, including a vast array of electives, AP courses, a partnership with Lassen Community College, CTE courses, plus a wealth of extracurricular activities including Athletics. Superintendent Bonn explained the challenges that accompany running a High School with less than 50 students, including the inability to offer the array of courses and extra-curricular activities. Superintendent Nugent said that LUHSD teachers for the 2021-22 school year are fully staffed, with the goal of reducing classroom sizes. Transportation services would be provided. He addressed the issues of closing a local school and that he is available to answer questions or concerns as they arise. He also mentioned that Herlong was once a part of LUHSD, and he would be happy to welcome us back. A study session will be done to investigate this option. If the Board decides that this option is the way forward, a decision will be made soon to give time for the transition to go as smoothly as possible. Superintendent Bonn then spoke about our current quarantine situation. Campuses are closed to the public and students, but instruction is continuing. A high percentage of students are participating in online learning. The teachers are doing a great job. Meals are being provided per state mandate. Grants are being applied for to cover COVID-19 related costs.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:** **MSCU (Reed/Schmidl) to approve Consent Agenda items as presented.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** **Second Reading and Consideration to Approve Updates to Board Policies: BP 0420.4-BP6146.1. AR 3540 was reviewed. The options are to keep or delete. MSCU (Reed/Schmidl) to keep.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Board Reorganization:** **MSCU (Gebbeken/Jobbins) to accept nominations for re-organization of Board Officers. MSCU (Gebbeken/Reed) to appoint Jason Gebbeken as Vice-President. MSCU (Reed/Jobbins) to appoint Brian Schmidl as Board Clerk. MSCU (Reed/Gebbeken) to retain Tim Jobbins as Board President.**

**Second Interim Budget Report:** MSCU (Reed/Gebbeken) to approve.

**2020-21 Auditor Selection:** MSCU (Reed/Jobbins) to select Singleton Auman PC for the 2020-21 year.

**Mt. Lassen Charter List of Eighth Grade Students Anticipated to Complete the Requirements for an Elementary Course of Study in the 2019-20 year:** MSCU (Reed/Gebbeken) to approve consistent with BP 6143.

**Mt. Lassen Charter List of Twelfth Grade Students Anticipated to Complete the Requirements for High School Graduation in the 2019-20 year:** MSCU (Gebbeken/Reed) to approve consistent with BP 6146.1.

**Mt. Lassen Charter 2020-21 List of Secretarial/Instructional Support Staff:** MSCU (Reed/Gebbeken) to approve.

**Mt. Lassen Charter 2020-21 List Teachers:** MSCU (Gebbeken/Reed) to approve.

**CLOSED SESSION: Time: 7:17 p.m.**

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(2).): One Matter.**

**CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code section 54956.8.)**

**Property: Long Valley Charter, Doyle Site**

**Agency negotiator: Dr. Christopher Bonn**

**Negotiating parties: Superintendent**

**Government Code Section 35146: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Negotiations**

**Government Code Section 54957 cf. 0450: Comprehensive Safety Plan**

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:**

**Time: 9:00 p.m.** MSCU (Gebbeken/Jobbins) to approve the 2019-20 Superintendent Evaluation and the release of 2% increase for 2020-21.

**COMMUNICATION:**

**Parent Advisory Committee and Site Council:**

Amber Gebbeken checked in regarding Parent Advisory and Site Council meetings, and asked if they could be held remotely during COVID-19 closures.

**Next Regular Monthly Meeting:** Will be held on May 20, 2020, at 5:30 p.m., remotely according to COVID-19 pandemic guidelines.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.