



Fort Sage Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
January 20, 2021  
**Approved Minutes**

- CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Pam Auld at 5:35 p.m.
- ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** Pam Auld, Erinn Reed, Constance Jenkins and Ryan Von Ins were present.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tim Jobbins.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Auld led those present.
- ADDITIONS/DELETIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **MSCU (Reed/Von Ins) to approve agenda as presented.**
- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- Herlong High/Sierra Primary:** Superintendent Tomes spoke about recent challenges with student behavior and fighting at the High School. The goal is to work with students and families not to suspend but to constructively correct behavior. He said he is proud of the community and parents for how positively they have received feedback. Today Central CA Intelligence, who did a site safety assessment of Herlong High about 18 months ago, was again on site for further review. This visit will include an assessment of Sierra Primary as well, which will assist in determining how safety grant monies will be spent. Last Friday was a distance learning day at Sierra Primary due to an unforeseeable staffing shortage. The transition from in-person to distance learning continues to be worked on.
- Mt. Lassen Charter** Director Hillary Magarrell reported that the online intervention program spoken about in last month's update is now in place. An inventory system is being established for curriculum and other resources to be better utilized. Excess curriculum will be shared with other schools in the District which will benefit everyone. The storage facility that has been rented in past months will no longer be necessary.
- FFA:** Ms. Dieter reported that students are busy with team practices for virtual contests that are taking place in multiple categories including Parli-Pro and Public Speaking. Activities in preparation for the annual Plant Sale, to begin May 1, will soon be underway.
- CA School Employee's Association:** President Jesse Hodson reported that Dennis Chaffee has started as Custodian at Herlong High. Chapter contract negotiations remain in progress.
- Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Tomes: Today was the CSI (Comprehensive School Improvement) grant deadline and it was submitted with the possibility of receiving \$340,000 in funds to decrease suspensions, improve performance in ELA and Math, and increase student engagement. Behavior intervention strategies are being reviewed, including the suggestion of assembling

various groups to address issues at Herlong High and prevent destructive behavior. Plans are underway to provide Middle School students grades 7-8 a dynamic education experience, including separation from High School students as much as possible and the establishment of the Middle School's own identity. At the High School, Michelle Beckett and Superintendent Tomes have switched offices if you can't find them in their usual spots. Distance learning is replacing waivers for occurrences such as snow days. Whenever possible the State will expect us to go to distance learning as opposed to closing the school. We will need to prepare ourselves for this. Feedback is being sought from staff to perfect the process as much as possible.

**CONSENT AGENDA  
ITEMS:**

**MSCU (Von Ins/Reed) to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented:  
December 15, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes; Warrant batches 20-22.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**None.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Approval of Hiring Dennis  
Chaffee, Herlong High  
Custodian:**

**Superintendent Tomes reported that we are very happy to have Dennis Chaffee on board as Herlong High Custodian. MSCU (Von Ins/Reed) to Approve.**

**Approval of 2020 SARC for  
Sierra Primary School:**

**The Sierra Primary School Accountability Report Card, specifically the FIT (Facilities Inspection Tool) data at all sites, was discussed. Superintendent Tomes is working on updating the FIT reports to reflect repairs that have been made since the last reports completed in September of 2019. The 2020 SARC reports 2019-20 school year data, and he feels that more recent FIT reports will accurately state the condition of our schools. MSCU (Reed/Von Ins) to approve the 2020 Sierra Primary SARC as presented.**

**Approval of 2020 SARC for  
Fort Sage Middle School:**

**MSCU (Reed/Von Ins) to approve.**

**Approval of 2020 SARC for  
Herlong High School:**

**MSCU (Reed/Von Ins) to approve.**

**Approval of 2020 SARC for  
Mt. Lassen Charter School:**

**MSCU (Von Ins/Reed) to approve.**

**Approval of the 2019-20  
Closing Financial Audit:**

**The audit was reviewed and briefly discussed. MSCU (Von Ins/Reed) to approve.**

**Approval of Establishing  
a Sierra Primary Student Body  
Fund Account at Sierra Central  
Credit Union:**

**MSCU (Von Ins/Reed) to approve.**

**First Reading and Approval  
of Board Policy Updates:**

**MSCU (Reed/Von Ins) to approve updates to Board Policies BP 3555-AR6159 including the following: BP 3555 Option 2; all Fill in Blanks are to be: Superintendent.**

**Next Regular Monthly Meeting: Will be held on February 17, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room.**

**Adjournment:**

**MSCU (Reed/Von Ins) to adjourn at 6:24 p.m.**