



Fort Sage Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
September 16, 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, Pam Auld and Constance Jenkins (5:34 p.m.) were present.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Jobbins led those present.
- ADDITIONS/DELETIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** MSCU (Auld/Reed) to approve agenda as presented.
- PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING LEARNING PLANS AND SUFFICIENCY OF TEXTBOOKS:** Public Hearing was opened and opportunity to provide input from community, staff and board was presented.
Public Hearing was closed.
- PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING LEARNING CONTINUITY AND ATTENDANCE PLAN FORT SAGE DISTRICT:** Public Hearing was opened and opportunity to provide input from community, staff and board was presented.
Superintendent Tomes explained the details of the plan and that it is a work in progress, with collaboration needed to complete. Erinn Reed commented that she would like to see the plan address the needs of high risk students such as those who are homeless or living off grid, what method will be used to assess and how often will they be assessed.
Public Hearing was closed MSCU (Auld/Reed).
- PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING LEARNING CONTINUITY AND ATTENDANCE PLAN MT. LASSEN CHARTER:** Public Hearing was opened and opportunity to provide input from community, staff and board was presented.
Transition Coordinator Amy Owens said that Mt. Lassen Charter was very well set up to provide instruction during COVID. Erinn Reed asked some questions about the structure of instruction. Amy Owens and Director Hillary Magarrell explained how things operate.
Public Hearing was closed MSCU (Auld/Reed).

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Mt. Lassen Charter:** Transition Coordinator Amy Owens reported that things are going really well this school year. Today was picture day, and Dr. Tomes and Michelle Beckett visited the Charter which was enjoyed by all.
- Adult Education/CTE:** Kim Dieter reported that things are going well at Herlong High. Students are practicing for FFA contests to be held virtually this fall. Military testing was held today for interested students. The application for CTEIG funding was submitted today for \$66,000. Adult Ed. with Mr. Schaff will begin next week from 6-8 p.m. and anyone interested should contact Michelle Beckett at the High School.
- California School Employee's Association:** President Jesse Hodson reported that a new Custodian has been hired for Herlong High School.
- Parent Advisory Committee/
Site Council:** Danielle Bowman reported that the group met on September 4, and that the LCAP, Safety Plan, and possible new meeting dates/times discussed. She said they will be meeting via Zoom, and Wednesdays at 5:30 or 6 p.m. are being considered.

INFORMATION/ CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS:

- Superintendent Search** Rich Fischer of Leadership Associates provided an update on the Superintendent Search process. Results of the survey provided to the community, staff and families have been published, as well as desired characteristics of the new Superintendent based on survey results. Updates can be found on the Fort Sage USD website under Board, Superintendent Search.
- Board Member Reports:** President Tim Jobbins reported that for health reasons he may be stepping down from his position as Board President in the coming months. He will be absent from the January meeting, but may resign after the June 2021 meeting. If that happens a Provisional Appointment to fill the vacancy will be pursued.
- Superintendent's Report:** Interim Superintendent/Principal Keith Tomes said that the opening of the new school year has been peaceful at the District. He gave compliments to the fantastic staff and their ability to keep things running well. He is in observation mode. Addressing the school closure on September 11, due to hazardous air quality, he said that although the air may appear as smoky as it was that day in the days since, the air particulate count was very high and Lassen County Public Health advised that it was hazardous. He visited Long Valley Charter School a few days ago and was inspired to inquire from our staff how they would feel about a four day in-person teaching week with one day distance learning providing room for professional development opportunities. He is asking the question, what do we want to do for kids? His goal is to provide intentional help for kids, and we need time to develop a plan, including collaboration time and mutual learning so we can focus on being better at our craft. He is impressed by our Charter schools, and they are encouraging him to think outside the box. It is an invitation to think about things differently. He asked while visiting Long Valley Charter, why do kids choose to attend Charter Schools over a conventional school? There were a few answers including proximity, but their classroom innovations are inspiring him. He enjoyed the happy

environment at Mt. Lassen Charter today and emphasized that culture and environment are very important. He is working in collaboration with staff on the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan. He said that he and his wife have housing now, and he is happy to be here. He wants to continue to develop trust and listen to feedback to make our schools very positive environments. Connie Jenkins added that she visited the Primary and High Schools recently and she felt welcomed, was given a tour of the Ag. Facility by students the shop area by Mr. Schaff. She said that in the classroom students seemed calm, peaceful and were not on their phones.

**CONSENT AGENDA
ITEMS:**

**MSCU (Reed/Auld) to approve Meeting Minutes: August 19, 2020 regular meeting.
Warrant Batches: 7-8.
Classified Personnel Item: Bobi Tucker Resignation Letter.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Otis confirmed that Superintendent Tomes had presented staff with the idea of in-person learning four days per week with distance learning on day five with opportunities for professional development, that the idea was positively received and details are being worked on. Herlong High School has had a peaceful environment so far and there has been good feedback about Superintendent Tomes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Updates to Board Policies

**12-19 AR4030 and BP5116.1: MSCU (Reed/Auld) to fill in the blanks for AR 4030 with: Superintendent/Principal, Fort Sage Unified District Office, PO Box 35, Herlong, CA 96113.
MSCU (Reed/Auld) to use 7/1-6/30 dates for fill in the blanks BP 5116.1.**

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION ITEMS:

**Approval of 20-21 Gann
Limit Resolution #21-02:**

MSCU (Auld/Reed) to approve.

**Approval of 20-21 Sufficiency
of Textbooks Resolution
21-01:**

MSCU (Auld/Jenkins) to approve.

**Approval of Britney Ilek
Mt. Lassen Charter Revised
Instructional Support
Calendar:**

MSCU (Reed/Auld) to approve the 8 hour per day calendar.

**Approval of J-13A Waiver
for Mt. Lassen Charter Closure
8/24 and 8/25 per Lassen Co.
Public Health:**

Due to hazardous air quality Mt. Lassen Charter was required to close on August 24, and 25, 2020. MSCU (Auld/Reed) to approve.

**Approval of April 1, and April 12,
2021 as Instructional Days for
Mt. Lassen Charter:**

MSCU (Auld/Reed) to approve.

**Approval of the Hiring of
Sierra Primary Itinerant**

Teacher Steven Steffen: MSCU (Reed/Auld) to approve.

**Approval of the Hiring of
Herlong High School Custodian**

Joshua Eakins: MSCU (Auld/Reed) to Approve).

**Approval of the Perkins
Grant Funding Waiver:**

Kim Dieter explained that if a school district applies for the Perkins Grant in an amount less than \$15,000 without being a member of a consortium, the district must file for a waiver. Fort Sage Unified qualifies for \$1400. MSCU (Reed/Jobbins) to approve.

**Approval of the 2019-20
Unaudited Actuals:**

MSCU (Auld/Jenkins) to approve.

**Next Regular Monthly
Meeting:**

Will be held on October 21, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.