



Fort Sage Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
October 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 QUOROM:** Pam Auld, Erinn Reed, Ryan Von Ins and Constance Jenkins (entered 5:54 p.m.) were present.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Auld led those present.
- ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/
APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** MSCU (Reed/Von Ins) to approve agenda with the addition of New Business item 9d: Consideration to Approve out of State Field Trip to Reno, NV for Sierra Primary School.
- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- Herlong High School/
Sierra Primary:** Superintendent Tomes gave an update on COVID conditions and quarantines the district has been experiencing. Unfortunately the district has been hard hit by exposures and temporary closures. He has been working with the County Superintendent of Schools office in coordination with Lassen County Public Health to make sure correct protocols are in place. New rules for Independent Study require a contract to be in place for each student. Testing has been done weekly for unvaccinated staff and those showing symptoms. High School sports have been heavily affected, especially volleyball since it is indoor. Homecoming is week after next, and students are looking forward to the festivities after missing a year. Hopefully everything can move forward as planned. Preparations are underway for our WASC visit in April. This will be an item of discussion at future board meetings as well.
- Mt. Lassen Charter:** Director Magarrell reported that strategies to limit COVID exposure have been successful. News of a vaccine mandate is causing anxiety amongst staff and parents. MAP testing was completed a few weeks ago and interventions using a two-tiered intervention system are being established based on those results.
- Adult Education:** Ms. Dieter reported that Mr. Schaff is teaching auto shop and welding Monday-Wednesday from 6-8 p.m.
- CTE/FFA:** Ms. Dieter reported that: FFA members participated in the Chapter Officer Leadership Conference in Willows, the Greenhand Leadership Conference in Redding, and the Shasta College FFA Field Day in Redding. Herlong FFA hosted the Back to School Night Dinner for the high school.

An application was filed for the K12 SWP grant to provide funding for a part-time career counselor and for shop/agriculture supplies.

CSEA: Superintendent Tomes said that negotiations began today.

**INFORMATION ITEMS/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

Differentiated Assistance letter from the County Superintendent of Schools was read and discussed.

The Area 1-2 board vacancy will continue being flown until applications are received.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**

Superintendent Tomes: Regarding Differentiated Assistance letter, has spoken with Dr. Taylor at the County Office of Ed. who will be assisting with the process. Dashboard issues are chronic absenteeism, higher rates of suspensions for students (indicating school climate issues), and academic performance in ELA and Math. Chronic absenteeism continues to be of major concern for the district. Vaccine mandates have been causing anxiety for some and he will be consulting with the district's attorneys to find out what action can be taken, if any, to support those who are opposed to the mandates. His advice to staff is not to panic. Laws have not been finalized yet. The ESSER III Expenditure plan was recently completed with assistance from Dr. Taylor. Sarah Lamb in attendance at tonight's meeting has volunteered to assist in the Sierra Primary Library, bringing with her experience and many books from the local library closure. Mt. Lassen Charter Director Magarrell noted that the charter recently purchased Alexandria, an online library system, and suggested that we could possibly use that system as well.

**CONSENT AGENDA
ITEMS:**

MSCU (Von Ins/Reed) to approve Consent Agenda items as presented: September 14, 2021 special meeting minutes, September 15, 2021 regular meeting minutes; Warrant batches 11,12,13,14; five inter-district transfer requests.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION ITEMS:

**Updates to Board Policies
AR 1312.3-AR 7211:**

MSCU (Von Ins/Reed) to approve AR 1312.3: Uniform Complaint Procedures contact: Superintendent, District Office, PO Box 35, Herlong, CA 96113; BP 1313-BP5141.4; AR 5141.4: Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting: Lassen County Child and Family Services, 1616 Chestnut St., Susanville, CA 96130; and BP 5141.52-AR 7211.

2020-21 Unaudited Actuals: Revision due to adjustment in tax revenues was discussed. **MSCU (Reed/Von Ins) to approve.**

**ESSER III Expenditure
Plan:**

Plan was reviewed. MSCU (Reed/Von Ins) to approve with the addition of links to LCAP and ELO grant plan that though updated in the online template of the plan, did not reflect in printed version.

**Out of State Field Trip for
Sierra Primary School:**

A field trip was requested to take Primary students to Reno, NV. A request has been submitted to Superintendent Tomes. MSCU (Reed/Von Ins) to approve.

Closed Session:

Time In: 6:47 p.m.

Time Out: 8:45 p.m.

Government Code Section (GC 54957) Public Employee Performance Evaluation

President Auld reported that no action was taken in closed session.

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.