



Fort Sage Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
November 17, 2021
Approved Minutes

- CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Pam Auld at 5:30 p.m.
- ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** Pam Auld, Constance Jenkins, Erinn Reed, and Ryan Von Ins were present.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Auld led those present.
- ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/
APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** MSCU (Von Ins/Jenkins) to approve agenda as presented.
- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- Herlong High School/
Sierra Primary:** Superintendent Tomes said that the Spirit Committee, who began meeting last year at Herlong High, has met up again with two representatives from each class, to discuss potential improvements. The conversations have been very positive and they will continue to meet. A new Kitchen Manager has been hired and kids at Sierra Primary are reporting they are happy with the food. Everyone is excited about Thanksgiving.
- Mt. Lassen Charter:** Director Magarrell thanked Dr. Tomes for his help at the Charter and the Board for showing up for the community and kids. She also thanked her staff for their work implementing changes. The school is looking for a college/career counselor. New carpeting will be installed in the Fort Sage Middle School building next week.
- Adult Education:** Ms. Dieter reported that Mr. Schaff is teaching one night of auto shop and two nights of welding each week through December 1st. Classes will pick up again for the spring semester.
- CTE/FFA:** Ms. Dieter reported that the Intermountain Section FFA competition was held at Fall River High School in McArthur. Seven students from Herlong participated with most placing in their respective events. Ms. Dieter also attended the fall regional CA Ag. Teacher's meeting last week, and was on the K12 Strong Workforce Deliberation Committee scoring grant applications. FFA will be holding its annual wreath fundraiser the first two weeks after Thanksgiving break.
- WASC:** Ms. Dieter said that staff have been meeting to work on preparation for the upcoming WASC visit in April. A written document is being prepared detailing what has taken place. Updates will be given on progress leading up the visit.

CSEA: Fort Sage CSEA Chapter #643 President Jesse Hodson said that negotiations for last year and this year have been completed. MOUs are in the approval process. Negotiations for next year will soon be opening.

**INFORMATION ITEMS/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

20-21 Long Valley Charter Unaudited Actuals, 20-21 Fort Sage Unified School District Unaudited Actuals, and AB1200 Disclosure Review for CFT Agreement letters from the County Superintendent of Schools were reviewed.
The Area 1-2 board vacancy will continue being flown until applications are received.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**

Superintendent Tomes reported that CSEA negotiations were completed and will be presented to the Board for approval at the December meeting. He will be attending the California Charter Schools Leadership Conference in San Diego December 6-7 along with Mt. Lassen Charter Director Hillary Magarrell and Michelle Beckett. Positive reinforcement has been coming into focus for our schools and the reaction from staff is exciting. This change in strategy came from observing classrooms and noting that negative behavior was being acknowledged whereas good behavior wasn't. It's important to reward students for doing well-saying thank you for doing this or that-and giving rewards, rather than telling students only what they shouldn't be doing. For example, we should focus on and reward students who are on time, not those who are late. High School students have been asked what would motivate them and a system is being developed for positive reinforcement. Westwood Unified has hired a behavioral counselor who they will share with us starting in January. COVID tests are being conducted weekly for staff who aren't vaccinated and we are trying to find a vendor for ongoing testing. The County Board of Education passed a resolution to request the exclusion of Lassen County from mandatory vaccine/mask mandates.

**CONSENT AGENDA
ITEMS:**

MSCU (Von Ins/Reed) to approve Consent Agenda items as presented: October 20, 2021 regular meeting minutes; Warrant batches 15,16,17,18,19,20.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:
ACTION ITEMS:**

**Updates to Board Policies
BP0470-AR6164.5:**

MSCU (Reed/Von Ins) to approve BP 0470-AR 6164.5 with fill in the blanks option for BP 6146.1.

**Disposal of Obsolete Items
Stored at the Fort Sage
Middle School:**

Discussion was held regarding items listed for disposal. MSCU (Von Ins/Reed) to approve with removal of ten student desks.

**2020-21 Developer Fees
Report:**

MSCU (Auld/Von Ins) to approve.

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

Discussion was held regarding transportation for the field trip to Reno in December. The field trip will only take place if adequate transportation can be arranged. MSCU (Auld/Jenkins) to approve if Lassen Union High School District grants an out of state trip for the district's leased bus.

**DISCUSSION ITEM:
Educator Effectiveness Block
Grant Plans:**

The Educator Effectiveness expenditure plans for the district and Mt. Lassen Charter were discussed. Superintendent Tomes said that he plans to provide diversity/SEL training for staff

and develop STEM learning for schools, emphasizing integrating technology into the classroom as well as engineering and math. Director Magarrell said that she spoke with charter staff regarding the plan and the focus will be on suicide prevention training, access to mental health services, and providing training/new curriculum on virtual platforms, as non-classroom based schools do not need to attend in person and can therefore be exempt from vaccine mandates.

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.