The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by President Dennis Cullen in Room B-1 at the Emigrant Trail Educational Center.

Dennis Cullen
Michael Bird
Dave Campbell
Tom Griffin
Susan McVey

It was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. McVey, to adopt the agenda. Motion unanimously carried.

In his capacity as a Board Member of the Placerville Union School District, Sean Martin thanked the Pollock Pines Elementary School District for its support during the emergency last week at Schnell Elementary School, with particular thanks for responding twice to help transport Schnell students. The services of Stacy Barraque, Randy Head, Clint Spence, Terri Van Veldhuizen, and Angie Wilber, the bus drivers who were involved, were very much appreciated.

It was moved by Mr. Bird, seconded by Mrs. McVey to approve the Consent Agenda and Warrants. Motion carried with four Ayes, zero Noes, and one Abstention (Mr. Campbell).

1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on January 11, 2011, and Special Board Meeting on January 22, 2011

2. Approval of 2010-11 Operations Application, K-3 Class Size Reduction Program

3. Approval of Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs (Part II)

4. Approval of Quarterly Report on Investments for the quarter ending December 31, 2010

5. Approval of School Accountability Report Cards for Pinewood and Sierra Ridge reported for 2009-2010
6. Approval of The Single Plan for Student Achievement for
Sierra Ridge Middle School

Presentations and Hearings

Interdistrict Transfers

Board members reviewed the annual report of detailed information regarding Interdistrict Transfers for students living in our district who attend school in another district.

Finance and Business

Approval - Employee Assistance Program

Superintendent Monsma stated that the Employee Assistance Program will provide counseling and other benefits for all district employees and their family members. A meeting was held yesterday to explain to staff all the services available through this program. Several people commented afterwards that they thought it was a very valuable benefit which they would start using right away. The program also provides counseling support to the district in the event of a crisis.

Kris Schultz, President of the Teachers Association, reported very positive feedback from teachers in regards to this program. He stated that people are very appreciative to have this benefit.

It was moved by Mrs. McVey, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to approve the Employee Assistance Program. Motion unanimously carried.

Approval - Individual Services Agreement

It was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Bird, to approve the Individual Services Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency Services: Guiding Hands School, Inc. Motion unanimously carried.

Board Policies and Administration

Election - CSBA Delegate Assembly Representative

Following a short discussion, it was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Bird, to cast our district’s vote for the 2011 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election in support of Lyle Eickert as the representative from our region. Motion unanimously carried.

Staff Reports and Announcements

The Principal of Pinewood, Supervisor of Maintenance and Operations and Food Service, and Supervisor of Transportation had submitted written reports of activities and programs at their sites.
In addition, Rich Callaghan distributed information regarding 7th grade CST writing exam results for 2009 and 2010. The scores show a vast improvement in 2010 with 84% of students attaining scores of 6 and above.

Mr. Callaghan also stated his appreciation for the support he received from members of the board and staff members throughout the district during the week of his father’s death. The Sierra Ridge staff did a great job during his absence. President Cullen offered condolences to Mr. Callaghan on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Karnitz reported that plans are in progress to schedule the Growlersburg inmates to return to the district over spring break to provide additional fire hazard reduction around the school structures and facilities.

Mrs. Barraque reported we are still waiting to hear about the awarding of the Small School District Bus Replacement Program grants.

Mrs. Barraque also thanked the Board on behalf of all the employees in the Transportation Department who are very pleased with the Employee Assistance Program.

**Superintendent’s Reports, Announcements, and Communications**

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- **Enrollment** – District enrollment is 714, which is a decrease of two students since the January Board meeting.
- **Thank You for Artwork** – Thank you to the students in Lorrie Hargon’s classroom for providing artwork for display in the Board room.
- **Mountain Democrat** – A meeting is scheduled with a reporter and photographer from the Mountain Democrat for Thursday, February 10. They are interested in the paving agenda item which was discussed at the Board Workshop on January 22.
- **Distinguished School Award** – We have been notified that Sierra Ridge will receive a site validation visit from the County Office of Education for the Distinguished School Program some time in February or March. The State Superintendent will announce the 2011 Distinguished Schools in April.
- **Retirement** – Pinewood Principal Ralph Haslam announced to his staff today that he will retire at the end of this school year after 42 years in education. From his earliest evaluations, Ralph is consistently described as a man of integrity who cares. To be able to work with such a man of character is a privilege. It is an honor that he has been in our district.
Superintendent Evaluation – The Board needs to conduct the superintendent evaluation no later than March 15. Any questions should be directed to President Cullen. The evaluation will be scheduled for the March board meeting in closed session.

Board Members’ Reports and Communications

Future Board Agenda Topics

No future board agenda topics were suggested; however, Mr. Bird stated he felt the Board workshop held January 22 was very valuable, and one or two such workshops held each year would be useful. President Cullen agreed that the recent workshop was very informative.

Superintendent Monsma stated that school bonds are a potential topic for the next board workshop.

Other Board Member Reports

There were no other board member reports.

Closed Session

At the hour of 7:26 p.m., Mr. Cullen concluded the open portion of the meeting, and the Board reconvened in closed session regarding:
• Conference with Labor Negotiator (G.C. 54957)
  ! Agency Negotiator: Kevin Monsma

Actions from Closed Session

There were no actions from closed session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. McVey, to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Monsma
District Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board

APPROVED:

J. Dennis Cullen, President

DATE: _____________________