Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Acting President Susan McVey in Room B-1 at the Emigrant Trail Educational Center.

Members Present

Susan McVey
Michael Bird
Dave Campbell
Tom Griffin

Dennis Cullen was absent due to being out of the state.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Bird, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion unanimously carried.

1) Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on March 13, 2012

2) Approval of Certification of Williams Act Uniform Complaint Procedures Quarterly Report

3) Review of Facility Inspection Program Report

4) Approval of 2012-2013 Food Support Services Agreement with Silver Fork Elementary School District

5) Approval of 2012-2013 Administrative Services Agreement with Silver Fork Elementary School District

6) Approval of Agreement Regarding Allocation of School Mitigation Fees for July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015

7) Approval of Requests for Allowance of Attendance because of Emergency Conditions on March 1, 2012, and March 19, 2012

Approval of Warrants

It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Bird, to approve the warrants. Motion carried with four Ayes, zero Noes, and one Abstention (Mr. Campbell).

Presentations, Hearings, and Reports

Presentation Status of GATE Program

Sharon McGaughey, GATE Coordinator, reported on the components of the district’s GATE program, including the program design; methods and issues for the identification of students; curriculum and instruction activities, classes, and challenges; and the program budget. Discussion occurred throughout the report. An updated GATE plan will be submitted for board approval in August.

Report of Tier III Reserves

Chief Fiscal Officer Sean Martin reviewed with Board members the 2011-2012 program allocations of estimated Tier III funds, and the 2011-2012 estimated funds which will be available for flexibility upon receipt from the state.

A new law has changed the requirements to flex funds. It requires that the public hearing for flexing funds be held at a regularly scheduled board meeting at least one month prior to the board meeting adopting the budget. In order to meet this new requirement, the public hearing for the district’s Tier III State Categorical Flexibility will be held at the regularly scheduled board meeting in May.

Finance and Business

Tabled - Approval of CSBA Audit Service Agreement and Policy Online Option

After discussion, it was the unanimous consensus of the board to table approval of the CSBA Audit Service Agreement and Policy Online Option. It will be brought back at the next board meeting with additional information.

Selection and Approval - Bid for Phases 1 and 2 of the Sierra Ridge Fence Project

Phil Karnitz, M&O Supervisor, presented the bids received from River City Fence, Inc. and Got Fence? for Phases 1 and 2 of the Sierra Ridge fence project. Fencing for Phase 2 is brown-coated chain link.

Superintendent Monsma reported it has been determined that the location of the brown-coated fence in Phase 2 can be moved down the hill a short distance before the incline becomes too steep.
top 4 ½ to 5 feet of fence will be visible from the campus. We will also work to get berry vines or other plants to grow on the fence.

Mr. Monsma recommended the board accept the bids from River City Fence, Inc. for both Phases 1 and 2.

It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the bids from River City Fence, Inc. for Phases 1 and 2 of the Sierra Ridge fence project. Motion unanimously carried.

Board Policies and Administration

Adoption - Resolution 2011-2012-09

It was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Bird, to adopt Resolution 2011-2012-09, “Declaring an Election Be Held in its Jurisdiction, Consolidation with Other Districts, Requesting Election Services.” Motion unanimously carried.

Approval - Bond Underwriting Services

Chief Fiscal Officer Sean Martin reported the district received three proposals for bond underwriting services through information received from our financial advisory firm, Isom Advisors, Inc. Of the three proposals received, the firm of E. J. De La Rosa & Co., Inc. has the best history of negotiated rates. De La Rosa did not have the lowest fee structure, but the ability to negotiate higher bond rates is much more important. In addition, this firm is large enough it has the ability to carry the bonds if they don’t sell. It also has a good reference from a local school district: Lake Tahoe Unified.

It was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Bird, to approve the firm of E. J. De La Rosa & Co., Inc. to provide bond underwriting services for the district. Motion unanimously carried.

Adoption - 2012-13 and 2013-14 Calendars

The Calendar Committee produced two calendars with a “traditional” starting date and two calendars with later starting dates for 2012-13 and 2013-14. These calendars were posted on the district web site for parent comments and presented to staff at each site. Superintendent Monsma recommended the adoption of the calendar with a “traditional” starting date, the Friday before Winter Break off for both staff and students, and two professional development days immediately following the Winter Break.

It was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Bird, to adopt the traditional calendar option as recommended by Superintendent Monsma. Motion unanimously carried.
Adoption - Board Policy 6170.1

It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to adopt Board Policy 6170.1, “Transitional Kindergarten.” Motion unanimously carried.

Personnel

It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the extension of the Superintendent’s Contract for one year with progression to Step VI of the Superintendent Salary Schedule, effective July 1, 2012. Motion unanimously carried.

Staff Reports and Announcements

The Principals, 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, M&O/Food Service Supervisor Phil Karnitz reported that the management plan for the California Forest Improvement Program project has been approved and crews should be able to start working next week.

Superintendent’s Reports, Announcements, and Communications

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- Chamber Mixer – The Chamber Mixer will be held Thursday, April 19, at the Emigrant Trail Educational Centre. Charlene Rupley is preparing the food for the event, and the Sierra Ridge Jazz Band will provide entertainment.

- Teacher Interviews – Interviews for the math position at Sierra Ridge will be held Thursday, April 12; interviews for the ELA-History position will be held Tuesday, April 17. Candidates will meet with the superintendent for a half-hour interview, followed by a half-hour interview with Rich Callaghan and a committee of Sierra Ridge teachers.

- ELA Textbook Adoption – The English Language Arts Textbook Adoption Committee will meet with four publishers on Wednesday, April 18.

- Spelling Bee – The Spelling Bee will be Friday, May 11.

- Administrative Professional’s Lunch – The annual lunch to celebrate Administrative Professional’s Day will be held at The Mandarin on May 11, following the Spelling Bee.

- Anti-Bullying Programs – We are in the process of reviewing anti-bullying programs for implementation in our district in compliance with new state legislation. We will bring something to the board in August.
Board Members’ Reports and Communications

Future Board Agenda Topics

No future board agenda topics were suggested.

Other Board Member Reports

Mr. Bird reported he had a great time visiting district classrooms during his Spring Break and now feels much more connected with the staff.

Mr. Campbell reported he attended an informative session on transitional kindergarten at the SSDA Conference.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

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

APPROVED:

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J. Dennis Cullen, President

DATE: _______________