

SIERRA SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Board of Education
Special Meeting**

**April 23, 2009
District Office Conference Room
113 Felspar
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We, the members of the Board of Education of the Sierra Sands Unified School District, are committed to providing the highest quality education in a safe environment to all K-12 students. We believe the school shares with the family, church, and community the responsibility for developing life-long learners who are responsible, productive

A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

6:00 P.M.

Amy Covert
Judy Dietrichson
Bill Farris
Tim Johnson
Tom Pearl
Kurt Rockwell, Vice President/Clerk
Michael Scott, President

Joanna Rummer, Superintendent

MOMENT OF SILENCE

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

2.1 Adoption of Resolution #39 0809 Regarding Submission of a Preschool Licensing Application for Leapin' Lizards, Inc. and the Sierra Sands Unified School District for Operation of the Inyokern State Preschool Program (*Goal #1, #2, #5*)

This resolution authorizes the submission of a licensing application and designates authorized representatives for the licensing process.

2.2 Approval of Out-of-State Travel for Burroughs High School Thespian Students to Attend the International Thespian Festival in Lincoln, Nebraska on June 22-27, 2009

Parents and fund-raising activities will support this effort. There will be no cost to the district.

3. CLOSED SESSION

3.1 Evaluation of the Superintendent

4. ADJOURNMENT

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.1 Adoption of Resolution #39 0809 Regarding Submission of a Preschool Licensing Application for Leapin' Lizards, Inc. and the Sierra Sands Unified School District for Operation of the Inyokern State Preschool Program (Goal #1, #2, #5)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Application was made to the California Department of Education by Sierra Sands Unified School District to expand state preschools to Faller Elementary beginning in January 2009. Since there is not a licensed facility at Faller, preschool services were held at the Inyokern Preschool this spring until the Faller site can be licensed by the California Department of Social Services.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS: The district is currently preparing all license documents for submission to the Department of Social Services for the Faller preschool site. Under authorization by the board in October 2008, Mrs. Tina French, the preschool program director, attended the required orientation meeting. A board resolution authorizing the submission of the license application needs to be approved by the board and submitted with the application. Mrs. Rummer will serve as the authorizing signer on behalf of Sierra Sands Unified School District.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Funding for the state preschool is provided by the State of California through the CDE Child Development Services. Funding currently totals \$422,779 for Pierce, Inyokern, and a half-year program at Faller. With full year funding for Faller next year, this award is expected to be \$509,870. In addition, the district will be eligible to gain some of the contract hours released by High Desert Leapin' Lizards this year. State Preschool is a protected Tier 1 program under current flexibility regulations and did not experience a reduction in funding and was not subject to flexibility provisions. The cost of Faller licensing is \$400 for the application fee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution #39 0809 authorizing the submission of the Faller Preschool licensing application as presented.

SIERRA SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION #39 0809

A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SIERRA SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING SUBMISSION OF A PRESCHOOL LICENSING APPLICATION FOR OPERATION OF THE FALLER STATE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Sierra Sands Unified School District as follows:

WHEREAS, licensing for the Faller Preschool site is being submitted for the 2009-10 school year; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet state requirements, a new license application must be submitted that names High Desert Leapin' Lizards, Inc. and the Sierra Sands Unified School District as licensees;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Sierra Sands Unified School District Board of Education authorizes the submission of the licensing application for the Faller State Preschool and designates Joanna Rummer to serve as the authorized signer of the application.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Education of the Sierra Sands Unified School District duly held on the twenty-third day of April, 2009, on a motion of _____, seconded by _____, and by the following vote:

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

BY _____
Secretary, Board of Education
Sierra Sands Unified School District

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

2.2 Approval of Out-of-State Travel for Burroughs High School Thespian Students to Attend the International Thespian Festival in Lincoln Nebraska on June 22-27, 2009

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Burroughs Thespian Troup #1683 traveled to the California All State Thespian Conference in April. Many Burroughs High School students competed in multiple categories of theatrical genres. In the past three years, Burroughs students have earned Burroughs High School a rating of Over All Superior for a Theatrical Arts Program and Thespian Troupe.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS: Because of the awards and recognition these students received at the California All State Thespian Conference, four Burroughs students have qualified to represent California and Burroughs High School at the International Thespian Festival in Lincoln, Nebraska. Those students are Jose Perez, Andrea Eyre, Aaron Askew, and Sutton Vie. As board permission is required for students to travel to an event out of state, authorization is being requested for these students and two chaperones to attend this distinguished event.

The festival will be held at the University of Nebraska on June 22-27, 2009. The cost of participation is \$555 per student, which includes lodging on the campus and three meals a day in the campus cafeteria. There will be additional costs associated with travel. Instructor Tristan Kratz, along with another male chaperone, will supervise the students on this trip. While travel details are still being worked out, registration for this event must be submitted by May 1.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: There will be no cost to the district for this travel. Parents are willing to support the travel beyond that which is earned through student fund-raisers.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the board approve out-of-state travel for four Burroughs High School students and two chaperones to attend the International Thespian Festival in Lincoln, Nebraska on June 22-27, 2009 at no cost to the district, as presented.