

SIERRA SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Board of Education
Special Meeting
To be held concurrently with the Special Meeting of**

**February 7, 2011
District Office Conference Room C
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 the community the responsibility for developing life-long learners who are responsible, productive citizens.

A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

5:15 P.M.

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

Joanna Rummer, Superintendent

MOMENT OF SILENCE

1. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
2. **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**
 - 9.1 The Board will discuss possible political action and consider adopting resolution #15 1011 to support placing a revenue extension measure on the ballot.
3. **ADJOURNMENT**

9. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

9.1 Adoption of Resolution #15 1011, To Support Placing a Revenue Extension Measure on the Ballot; and/or Other Political Action

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The ongoing fiscal crisis faced by the State of California is a major concern for school districts and as a result, districts are continuing to look for and find ways to manage and maintain fiscal solvency.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS: Staff continues to look at all options available to address the ongoing budget deficit incurred as a result of diminishing State funding allocations to school districts. Governor Brown has proposed a balanced approach to solving the deficit including revenues and new cuts. His proposal provides for an extension of temporary revenues to support programs for our students.

CSBA has developed a sample Board resolution which is included in the packet to support placing a revenue extension measure on the ballot. The serious nature of this situation warrants further discussion by the Board and/or other political action.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Financial considerations for the school district if the measure is placed on the ballot and is successful is approximately \$1,750,000.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: It is the superintendent's recommendation that the board discuss possible political action surrounding this issue and consider approval of this resolution for adoption.



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Sample Board Resolution to Support Placing a Revenue Extension Measure on the Ballot

WHEREAS, Governor Brown's 2011-12 budget proposal is a balanced approach between revenues and new cuts to solving the deficit and provides for an extension of temporary revenues to support programs our students need and deserve; and

WHEREAS, over the last several years, K-12 education funding has taken a disproportionate amount of budget cuts; and

WHEREAS, state and local funding for schools has been cut by more than \$18 billion, or about \$1,900 per student in the last three years; and

WHEREAS, _____ school district/county office of education has cut \$ _____ from its budget over the past three years as a result of ongoing statewide cuts to education funding; and

WHEREAS, the loss of \$7 billion in one-time federal funding further reduces school budgets; and

WHEREAS, to begin to reverse this downward spiral, Californians must retain the revenues that enable us to invest in our schools and students; and

WHEREAS, the governor's budget proposal to limit further cuts to schools in 2011-12 is dependent on voter approval of an extension of existing temporary tax increases; and

WHEREAS, a ballot measure to extend temporary revenues will help prevent further cuts to schools, and without this extension the LAO reports that funding for schools would fall by at least \$2 billion, or more than \$335 per student; and

WHEREAS, _____ school district/county office of education expects our local legislators to work with the governor to protect schools from further cuts and to ensure the continued investment our students deserve; and

WHEREAS, _____ school district/county office of education opposes a cuts-only budget and supports a budget that is balanced with a combination of cuts and revenue extensions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ school district/county office of education supports placing a measure on the June 2011 ballot calling for a five-year revenue extension to protect our schools and students by making education a priority in our state.

Please fax adopted resolutions to CSBA at (916) 372-3369