

SIERRA SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Board of Education
Special Concurrent Meeting**

**JANUARY 17, 2019
Ridgecrest City Council Chambers
100 West California Avenue
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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

7:00 P.M.

Amy Castillo-Covert
Bill Farris
Tim Johnson
Kurt Rockwell, President
Michael Scott, Vice President/Clerk

Ernest M. Bell, Jr., Superintendent

MOMENT OF SILENCE

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

6. EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

6.3 Approval of Purchase Order #79178 to Don-Johnston Human Learning Tools for Co:
Writer Universal

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

12.5 Approval of Recommendation for Expulsion, Expulsion Case #6 1819

12.6 Approval of Recommendation for Expulsion, Expulsion Case #7 1819

14. ADJOURNMENT

6. EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

6.3 Approval of Purchase Order #79178 to Don-Johnston Human Learning Tools for Co: Writer Universal

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Established in 1980, Don-Johnston is a company that was created to help students overcome reading and writing challenges using technology. They have several tools available to help emergent and struggling readers augment their learning, improve their literacy skills, and increase independence. Their suite of tools includes books, readers, apps, and augmentative alternative communication products. Today, the company offers over a dozen literacy programs and adaptive devices to break through common learning barriers. Thousands of U.S. school districts use their award-winning programs: Snap&Read®, an accessible text reader to deliver accessible instruction materials and Co:Writer®, a word prediction accommodation writing tool are designed to improve literacy skills such as spelling, vocabulary and grammar.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS: Sierra Sands recognizes the need to provide all students, especially those with disabilities, with interventions that will increase their ability to access the curriculum and demonstrate their understanding of content areas. Students who have difficulties with reading printed text and putting their thoughts and ideas on paper can benefit from tools and supports that effectively integrate technology tools into balanced literacy instruction. The district is proposing to purchase a three-year district license for Co:Writer Universal. This would allow all students within the district to use the program as needed. It is more economical to purchase the district license as opposed to student by student.

Co:Writer is a word prediction and speech recognition software available for Google Chrome. Co:Writer components include:

- **Word Prediction:** Helps give students the words and phrases that they are intending to type. With just a letter or two, Co:Writer “predicts” words and phrases related to the topic in real time.
- **Speech to Text:** Students can speak into the microphone and Co:Writer will turn it into text. It reads the dictated text aloud and predicts ahead using topic-specific vocabulary.
- **FlexSpell:** Corrects students’ most phonetic and inventive spellings.
- **Vocabulary:** Students have access to over four million topics from atomic structure to penguins. Co:Writer automatically pulls in the academic and topic-specific vocabulary.

Co:Writer also does word prediction across languages with the right tense and conjugations. It supports Spanish, French, German, and English (Canadian, British, and American).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The cost of the three year district licenses for Co:Writer Universal is \$12,150.00. The amount will come from the Medi-cal budget.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the board approve Purchase Order #79178 to Don-Johnston Human Learning Tools for Co:Writer Universal as presented.



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Product	List Price	Sales Price	Quantity	Total Price
Co:Writer Universal District Year 1	\$0.00	\$3,750.00	1.00	\$3,750.00
Co:Writer Universal District Year 2	\$0.00	\$3,750.00	1.00	\$3,750.00
Co:Writer Universal District Year 3	\$0.00	\$3,750.00	1.00	\$3,750.00
		Subtotal		\$11,250.00
		Shipping & Handling		0.00
		Implementation Fee		900.00
		Leadership Package		0.00
		Shipping per Curriculum Total Cost		0.00
		Discount		0.00%
		Grand Total		\$12,150.00

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

12.5 Approval of Recommendation for Expulsion, Expulsion Case #6 1819

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Education code requires the board to take final action on recommendations for expulsion.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS: Board approval is requested for the following expulsion case:

Expulsion Case #6 1819: As stated in a stipulated expulsion agreement, student is expelled for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. Student will be eligible to apply for readmission to a district school in August of 2019 if all of the conditions of the agreement are met.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Approve the recommendation for expulsion, Expulsion Case #6 1819, as presented.

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

12.6 Approval of Recommendation for Expulsion, Expulsion Case #7 1819

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Education code requires the board to take final action on recommendations for expulsion.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS: Board approval is requested for the following expulsion case:

Expulsion Case #7 1819: As stated in a stipulated expulsion agreement, student is expelled for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year and the 2019-20 fall semester. The fall semester will be suspended allowing student to apply for readmission to a district school in August of 2019 if all of the conditions of the agreement are met.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Approve the recommendation for expulsion, Expulsion Case #7 1819, as presented.