

SIERRA SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Board of Education
Special Concurrent Meeting**

**MARCH 14, 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 Adoption of Textbooks and Instructional Materials for Grades K-12 History-Social
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14. ADJOURNMENT

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The previous state adoption of kindergarten through grade eight (K–8) instructional materials in history–social science took place in 2005. The California Department of Education (CDE) had begun preparations for the next adoption, scheduled for 2011, when a moratorium on curriculum framework development and instructional materials adoptions was put in place in late July 2009 through the passage of Assembly Bill X4 2. That bill added Section 60200.7 to the Education Code (EC), which suspended all State Board of Education (SBE) actions related to those activities until July 1, 2013. The suspension was extended for two more years by Senate Bill 70.

The SBE adopted the *History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools* in July 2016. While the California academic content standards in history–social science have not changed, the new curriculum framework includes significant revisions and new content. The framework reflects the significance of the adoption of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in English language arts, the literacy standards for history/social studies, and an emphasis on the collaborative aspects of literacy and skill development instruction. The framework also includes a particular emphasis on the contributions of diverse groups to the development of California and the United States, and preparing students for their role as active citizens in our democracy by promoting civic engagement and civic participation. In November 2017, the SBE approved publishers and programs which were posted on the California Department of Education’s website.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS: SBE-approved history-social science programs were reviewed and evaluated by Sierra Sands Unified School District elementary grade level and secondary History-Social Science teachers and administrators in December 2018. Evaluation results from the reviews were tallied and presented to the Textbook Selection Committee(s) for review and recommendation to the District Instructional Materials Review Committee (DIMRC). On January 31, 2019, the DIMRC met and reviewed the recommendations. The DIMRC voted unanimously to approve the adoption recommendations and to submit the history-social science programs and supplemental materials to the board for approval.

Recommendations are as follows: See table below.

Grade Span or Course	Publisher	Program
Elementary	Studies Weekly	<i>CA Studies Weekly</i>
Middle School	Teachers' Curr. Institute	<i>History Alive!</i>
HS American Gov.	McGraw Hill	<i>Impact CA Soc. Studies Principles of American Democracy</i>
HS AP American Gov.	Cengage	<i>American Gov. Institution and Policies</i>
HS Economics	McGraw Hill	<i>Impact Principles of Economics</i>
HS AP Economics	Cengage	<i>Principles of Economics</i>
HS CP US History	Pearson	<i>US History 20th Century CA Edition</i> Supplemental: <i>Voices Volume 2</i> for each teacher.
HS AP US History	Norton	<i>Give Me Liberty</i> Supplemental: <i>Voices Volume 1 and Volume 2</i>
HS CP Modern World History	Pearson	<i>World History the Modern World</i>
HS Honors MWH	Cengage	<i>The Earth and Its People A Global History</i>
HS World Geography	McGraw Hill	<i>Geography the Human and Physical World</i>

A February 2019 press release informed the public that history-social science textbooks and materials being considered for adoption by the Board of Education were available for review at the Textbook Depository located at the Sierra Vista Education Center.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The anticipated cost of History-Social Science instructional materials is as follows: Elementary: \$198,512, Middle School: \$369,966, and High School: \$308,131. The General Fund will be used for these expenditures.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the board approve the recommended History-Social Science textbooks and instructional materials as presented.