

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 14, 2011
2:00 p.m.

Nevada County Superintendent of Schools
Houser Conference Room
112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City, CA 95959

Minutes

I. Meeting was called to order at 2 PM by Altieri

II. Established quorum:

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| Altieri | present |
| Meeks | present |
| Slade-Troutman | present |
| Michael | present |
| Voss | present |

III. Salute to the flag led by Supt. Hermansen

IV. Additions to the Agenda - none

V. Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion by Michael and seconded by Slade-Troutman, the agenda was adopted as presented. The Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Open public forum – Recognition of members of the audience wishing to address an agenda item may do so at this time or at the time the agenda item is heard.

Mr. Thompson, the landlord of 117 New Mohawk, Nevada City, California clarified that the month to month lease started December 1st, 2011. He hopes that we will consider staying. He has contacted a broker to initiate a search for a new tenant in the event we do not renegotiate a new lease; however he will give NCSOS the 1st Right of Refusal if a new tenant is found.

VII. Closed public forum

VIII. Organizational Meeting

As required by law, members of the Board shall at this meeting select a president, vice-president, and fix the dates, time and place of its regular meetings. (E.C. 1009, 35143)

A. Nomination and Election of President:

Moved by Slade-Troutman, seconded by Michael to nominate Voss as President. Vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Nomination and Election of Vice-president:

Moved by Meeks, seconded by Michael to nominate Slade-Troutman as Vice-president. Vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Nomination and Election of Trustee representative:

Moved by Slade-Troutman, seconded by Voss to nominate Michael as Trustee Representative. Vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Selection of dates, time and place for regularly scheduled Board meetings

- Shall the Nevada County Board of Education adopt the meeting calendar for 2012?

i. January's meeting will be moved to January 18th due to Charter School notice requirements.

ii. June's meeting will be moved to June 20th due to a calendar conflict.

Moved by Michael, seconded by Voss to adopt the Meeting Calendar for 2012, noting the above changes. Vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Altieri expressed his pride in serving on the Board for the past 17 years, most recently as president, and passed the gavel onto Voss.

IX. Approval of the Consent Agenda

These items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. They will be acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion, unless a Board member or citizen requests that an item be removed for discussion and separate consideration. In that case the designated item(s) will be considered following approval of the remaining items.

- A. Approval of minutes of the Regular meeting of November 9, 2011

Slade-Troutman requested that her documents presented at the meeting be added to the minutes.

On a motion by Michael, seconded by Altieri the minutes of November 9, 2011 were approved as amended adding Slade-Troutman's documents. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Action Items

- A. Review of FY 2011/12 First Interim Report

Fitting summarized the status of the 2011/12 First Interim Report noting that the DOF revenue projections released yesterday dramatically changed the projection in the First Interim. The DOF projections resulted in the enactment of the trigger cuts which amounted to approximately \$13 per ADA, while the First Interim contains significantly higher cut. Although the revenue limit will be cut, most damaging for our rural districts will be a 50% cut in transportation. Pending is the Governor's January 2012 Budget release. Challenges within the next two years include ongoing revenue limit funding reduction; declining enrollment, cash flow and maintaining a healthy reserve currently over \$2.3 million.

Changes in the First Interim included changes to SSHS. The Core Management Team of our Safe Schools/Healthy Students Grant met and decided to augment services which were most successful and needed in our community. Behavioral Health Therapists, School Resource Officer, Counseling Services and a Probation Officer were included in those services.

The Charter Schools Budget is solid. Their fund balance is healthy. 100% of their cash flow funding is from the state, so cash is still a grave concern. They are subject to the full deferral of 38%. The end of June projection is a \$280K cash shortfall. Their options are deferral waivers and working with the County Treasurer.

Michael expressed his concern that we have not established protocol for providing cash to the Charter schools. Fitting advised we would need 3-6 months to determine the need noting that discretionary spending review would be on going. At which point we would work with the Treasurer to determine what is most appropriate: a Board of Supervisor Resolution; Presentation; or Agreement with the Treasurer. We want to be as transparent as possible.

- B. Approval of Certification of FY2011-12 First Interim Report

Moved by Meeks, seconded by Altieri to approve Certification of the FY2011-12 First Interim Report. Vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Approval of Resolution 11-12, Budget Revision to the FY2011-12 Budget

Moved by Altieri, seconded by Michael to approve Resolution 11-12, Budget Revision to the FY2011-12 budget. Vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Discussion Items

- A. Charter Petition Renewal Process

Supt. Hermansen provided a handout detailing the Process for Renewal of Countywide Charters.

Four Charters are currently intending to submit a petition. Forest and Twin Ridges Home Study may apply pending the results of the Tahoe/Truckee outcome.

Petitions and staff recommendations will be submitted to the County Board in January of 2012. The County Board may take action on the renewals in the February 2012 Board meeting.

We have a great working relationship with the Charter's Student Services and JPA for Special Ed Services. Fitting and Supt. Hermansen meet monthly with the Charters and their wish is to continue to be authorized through the NCBOE.

Supt. Hermansen will verify the renewal denial criterion which is believed to be different from an initial petition denial.

XII. Reports

A. Board Member Reports

- i. SARB, *Meeks* – one case was heard.
- ii. Budget Review Committee, *Meeks/Slade-Troutman* – Slade-Troutman had questions regarding formatting of the Budget; would like a copy of the salary schedule; and an acronyms list on the budget for jobs description. Fitting advised that it is a huge thing to digest and invited Meeks/Slade-Troutman to call and come into the office; reports can be generated differently and Fitting can answer any questions.
- iii. Legislative, *Voss* – No report.
- iv. NCSBA, *Michael* – There was no December meeting; the next meeting will be January 5th, 2012.
- v. Individual Board Reports – Altieri reported that the study *High Hopes – Few Opportunities: The Status of Elementary Science Education in California*, by *West Ed*, could help bring science back to the forefront of education. Miller advised the problem is exacerbated as school districts are *required* to achieve in ELA and Math. However, with the release of this recent study, efforts should rise to bring science back up.

B. Superintendent's Report

- i. NCLB Waiver – NCLB has not been reauthorized by congress. School Districts will go into PI because of not meeting accountability requirements. By 2013 100% would need to meet standard of proficient and above. The state did not apply for the February waiver, may be looking to June.
- ii. NCSBA training on Effective Governance and the Brown Act – We are working with CSBA to provide the training for us. It will be held January 19, 2012 at Yuba River Charter School from 4-7 p.m. Flyer to follow.

Slade-Troutman read Gov. Code 54956.8 and provided a handout on same and a sample agenda from "Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. Supt. Hermansen apologized for the omission in the Agenda and advised that prior to the closed session, the Board President would identify the property and the location would be announced.
- iii. Holiday Party will take place on December 16th, 2011

C. Staff Reports

- i. Business Services, *Fitting* – none.
- ii. Curriculum & Instruction, *Miller* – none.

D. Future agenda items

- i. Redistricting: Rearranging Trustee Areas Based on Federal Decennial Census

XIII. Correspondence

- A. Quarterly Treasury report from Nevada County Treasurer and Tax Collector detailing the Portfolio of investments for NCSOS as of September 30, 2011

Break from 4:12 p.m. – 4:17 p.m.

XIV. Announcement of Closed Session: President Voss announced the property location; negotiator; property management and purpose of discussion prior to going into closed session at 4:18 p.m.

- A. Real Estate Negotiations (G.C. 54956.8)
- i. Property location: 117 New Mohawk Road, Nevada City, Ca
 - ii. Negotiator: Supt. Hermansen
 - iii. Property Management: Thompson Properties LLC
 - iv. Renewal Discussion

XV. Open Session at 5:45 p.m.

- A. Report out from closed session.
- a. NCSOS will continue to rent on a month to month basis (January and February) and the Board will revisit at the March 2012 Board Meeting.

XVI. Adjournment at 5:46 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: January 18, 2012, 2:00 p.m., 112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City

Approved: _____
James Voss, President

Date: January 18, 2012