

**Nevada County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 21, 2015
3:00 p.m.**

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

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order by Board President Michael

2. Establish quorum

Trevor Michael	present
Tracy Lapierre	present
Larry Meek	present
Shelly Sexton	present
Bob Altieri	present

3. Salute to the flag

4. Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion by Sexton and seconded by Lapierre, the agenda was adopted as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Opened 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. After being recognized by the Board president, please identify yourself. A member of the public may at this time make brief comments regarding items not on the agenda, although no action may be taken.

The Board heard comments from Marianne Slade-Troutman on FCMAT and Facilities.

The Board heard comments from Calvin Clark on FCMAT; Penn Valley Update; Health and Safety; and Complaint Procedures.

6. Closed public forum

7. Presentation

A. FY 2013-14 Audit Report, *Elizabeth Sav, Crowe Horwath (under separate cover) (page 1)*

Senior Manager for Crowe Horwath, Elizabeth Sav, walked the Board through the Financial Audit Report. Sav referenced the two accounting standards, GASB 66 and GASB 67 noting there was no impact on the COE this year. Next year however, GASBE 68 will be enacted and may have a significant impact.

There were no corrected misstatements; no uncorrected misstatements. It is Crowe Horwath's opinion that the financials presented led to an unmodified opinion, the best opinion to see on an audit report. Internal controls and Federal compliance were unmodified.

B. Presentation on EPIC Charter School, *David Villarino, President/CEO*

Tiffany Tosti and Felix Garcera, FIELD's Staff, provided the Board with an update on FIELD and EPIC de Cesar Chavez Charter School which included a review of EPIC's assessment policy, student and staff testimonials, enrollment and ADA figures and courses offered.

EPIC serves students ages 18 and older. Current average enrollment including all sites is 79; average daily attendance (ADA) is at 62.31.

8. 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 December 10, 2014 (*page 2*)
- B. During the fourth quarter of 2014 October-December, there were no complaints filed to be reported, pursuant to Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures (E.C. 1240(H); Board Policy 1010 – Uniform Complaint Procedures) (*page 8*)

On a motion by Altieri and seconded by Lapierre, the agenda was adopted as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Staff Reports

A. Alternative Education, *Sanford*

Sanford provided a handout detailing the population and attendance at EJ and Sugarloaf.

School Site Council meeting was held; School Safety Plan approved; LCAP process reviewed; and SPSA goals for 2014-15 discussed.

CAHSEE preparation is underway for the February administration.

Graduation was held for a Sugarloaf student. This is the 7th graduation from Alt Ed this school year.

Staff development day coming up with both Sugarloaf and EJ staff.

B. Educational Services, *Johns*

Johns led the Board through a ppt presentation which included updates and activities on the Director of Curriculum and Instruction ; Alt Ed; Sierra College CDC; TKM Full Inclusion Preschool & Science Discovery Preschool; Student Support Services; Safety & School Climate coordinator; Behavioral Specialist; PBIS; Foster Youth/Indian Ed/ILP; Academic Tournaments; Health Services Coordinator; Safe Schools/Healthy Students/FRC; County Arts Coordinator; Adventures in Learning Summer Program; LCAP; Grant Proposals; and Williams Review.

Johns also noted that as they continue to monitor the LCAP and Alternative Ed has made great progress as they continue to meet and improve on goals.

C. Business Services, *Somers*

With the start of the year the business office is seeing a lot of activity as they review district interims and charter's 1099's.

Pleased to say that Lisa Lahue was hired for the business office and for the time being will split her time between the business office and charter business services.

10. Superintendent's Report

A. Library Tax Measure

Measure C was passed in Nevada County 15 years ago and is set to expire in 2016. A group of individuals determined to see that it is extended are meeting to see that it gets on the 2016 ballot.

B. Malakoff Environmental Center

Supt. Hermansen and Shar Johns continue to meet with Sierra Streams, SYRCL, and TRSD. Efforts are to create a pilot 4th Grade Outdoor Education Program. Plans are moving along well. Sierra Streams is writing a grant; at 2nd interim we may ask that NCSOS help in funding for teachers and funding to offset transportation. Currently we fund transportation for 3rd graders attending In-Concert Sierra and 4th graders attending Music in the Mountains. This would be another way to provide something to all school districts.

C. Jr. Achievement

There is high interest in the school districts for this entrepreneurial skill building program. Moving forward, they are currently enlisting local businesses as they look to raise funds to pay for materials and volunteers.

D. Union Hill Superintendent Search

Public input meetings were held for both the public and staff. Results were reported to the UHSD Board. Deadline was extended one week and is set to close the first week in February.

E. Penn Valley Update

The PVUESD Board released the Superintendent; and took action to appoint two co superintendents. Teena Corker and Susan Clarabut will work together and our office will work closely with them.

F. CCSESA Federal Task Force

Conversations are taking place on reauthorization of NCLB; Forest Reserve Funds no longer coming in; funding continues to be increased for special needs students as costs go up and funding remains the same. Federal Legislation is important this year.

G. League of Women Voters CCSS Presentation

On January 10th, Shar Johns, Kathleen Kiefer and Devin Bradley (Ready Springs Teacher) gave a presentation. There was incredible turnout. League of Women Voters summarized the program presentation in a handout which was shared with the Board.

H. School Site Visitations

With a goal of visiting each school site, this month's visits included Truckee sites of Forest and Twin Ridges Home Study Charter. Supt. Hermansen also met with the TTUSD Superintendent.

11. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education accept the FY2013-14 Auditors Report of Nevada County Superintendent of Schools as presented at the regular Board meeting of January 21, 2015?

On a motion by Meek and seconded by Sexton, the Nevada County Board of Education accepted the FY2013-14 Auditors Report of Nevada County Superintendent of Schools as presented at the regular Board meeting of January 21, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education schedule a special meeting in June for Public Hearings for LCAP and Budget?

On a motion by Altieri and seconded by Lapierre, the Nevada County Board of Education scheduled a Special Board meeting on June 17th at 3:00 PM for Public Hearings of the LCAP and Budget; and a Regular Board meeting for June 30th at 2:00 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion/Information Items

A. Governor's January Budget Proposal

Somers noted that the Governor's January Budget Proposal is just a proposal, and still needs to go through committees and may change in the June adoption.

The continuing commitment by the Governor is strong as he is steadfast in his commitment to funding LCFF and reducing the wall of debt.

Revenue for January is over \$2Billion higher. The \$2Billion will likely come to schools in the form of one time monies. Most of the additional money goes to Prop 98 funds. Prop 98 is the minimum level of funding.

There is also a proposal to provide funds for Adult and Career Education which is needed as Many ROP's were decimated or severely reduced in the recent years.

The governor provided some additional funds to COEs to defray additional costs related to LCAP work now and ongoing.

There may be a change in legislation regarding school district reserves to return local control to districts.

Good news, California has been 50th in the nation in student funding; we've moved up to 46th based on 2012 data. The national average in 2012 was \$11,735 per student; Nevada County is well below that average.

We are well into the 7th year in expansion in California and traditionally there is some retraction every 7 years.

Prop 30 new taxes are set to expire in 2016 for sales tax and 2017 for the personal income tax. We will see if Prop 30, sales and property taxes, gets renewed.

B. Budget Review

a. NCSOS Program Budget review (*page 9*)

C. Twin Ridges Home Study Charter School

NCSOS continues to provide business services and work closely with the director and the charter council. The outlook is excellent. Somers continues to attend all council meetings and each meeting does a little more training; and meets with the director weekly. They are very responsive and open to suggestions. Their enrollment is stable. At budget time the ADA was 97; they had a strong stable ADA increasing to 107; and finished P1 at 116. Council and director have been cautioned on how to treat one-time money; trends need to be established.

D. Facilities update

In talking with Susie Richards, local realtor, there are two buildings that may meet the parameters of NCSOS needs.

Sexton had asked what the work space industry's standards were at the last meeting. After some research, Supt. Hermansen discovered there are standards and codes; and will be working with an architect.

Supt. Hermansen asked if there were 1-2 Board members who wish to form a sub-committee to work with staff and visit potential options. Altieri, a licensed real estate broker, volunteered.

E. FCMAT Review of County Office Operations

Public comment was heard from Slade-Troutman and Clark.

Michael asked what the will of the Board was, to close item or place on agenda for future activity. All Board members unanimously agreed there is no need to revisit this item.

13. Board Member Reports

A. SARB, *Lapierre* – no report.

B. Legislative, *Sexton*

January 1st, 2015 several bills took affect for training volunteers at school sites on the EpiPen. Mandated reporter training annually for other employees.

C. NCSBA, *Meek* – next meeting is scheduled for February 5th at 9 AM

D. Charter Liaison, *Altieri* – no report.

E. Individual Board member reports

14. Correspondence

A. Nevada County Board of Education Meeting Calendar for 2015, as approved 12/10/14 (*page 23*)

15. Future Agenda Items

A. *Lapierre* needs to see if the May 20th 2015 can be rescheduled, as she has a conflict.

16. Closed Session

A. Real Estate Negotiations
(G.C. 54956.8)

Leased Property described as 117 New Mohawk, Suite F, Nevada City, California 95959

17. Open Session

Report out from closed session – after discussion, no action was taken.

18. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: March 11, 2015, 3:00 p.m., 112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City

Approved: _____
Trevor Michael, President

Date: February 18, 2015