

**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 12, 2014**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**Nevada County Superintendent of Schools**  
112 Nevada City Hwy., Nevada City, CA 95959

**MINUTES**

**I. Meeting called to order**

**II. Established quorum**

Trevor Michael	present
Tracy Lapierre	present
Marianne Slade-Troutman	present
Jack Meeks	present
Bob Altieri	present

**III. Salute to the flag**

**IV. Additions to the Agenda – none.**

**V. Adoption of the Agenda**

**On a motion by Slade-Troutman and seconded by Meeks, the Agenda was adopted as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**VI. Opened public forum**

The following people addressed the Board:

Calvin Clark wishes to comment on agenda items as they come up

Jan Collins wishes to comment on Action Items 11a; 12a and 12d when items come up

Deanna Johnson wishes to comment on Action Items 11a & 12 d when items come up

Nancy Pierce wishes to make comments during the Agenda Items

**VII. Closed public forum**

**VIII. 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 October 8, 2014 (*page 1*)

B. Annual Report of School Visitations by County Superintendent of Schools Pursuant to Education Code 1240 and the Williams Settlement (*page 8*)

**On a motion by Lapierre and seconded by Altieri, the consent agenda was approved. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **IX. Staff Reports**

### **A. Alternative Education, Sanford**

Sanford provided a handout detailing the population and attendance at EJ and Sugarloaf. School Site Council held their first meeting of the year; two students are on the Council this year. They will focus is on goals and monitoring the LCAP.

A safety meeting, led by Chris Espedal, was held and included both sides of the McCourtney Road Ed Ctr. Earthquake and fire drills were successful.

Eight students took the November CAHSEE; results should be out in January. Shake it Up continues to be a great program for all. They are looking to hire certificated tutors to work with students.

Two students graduated from Sugarloaf.

### **B. Educational Services, Johns**

Johns reported that they held the first countywide professional development day. Fourteen different classes were held at various locations around the county with 214 teachers participating.

A spreadsheet was provided detailing which schools participated in the first round of the NCSOS Educator Grant Program as well as the details of each grant.

Johns/Sanford are monitoring the progress for the LCAP at EJ and Sugarloaf. A spreadsheet was created which may be updated quarterly. They will be establishing baseline data this year.

Also provided was a handout and update on the NCSOS Summer Learning Academy, *Adventures in Learning*, to be held July 6-31 for grades K-5. Sites include NUHS, BRHS and Ready Springs School which can serve up to 64 students per site. Weekly themes have been chosen and a planning timeline has been set.

Educational Services Newsletter was provided.

### **C. Business Services, Somers**

The business office is winding up as we approach 1<sup>st</sup> Interim next month. The districts are engaged in final audit.

## **X. Superintendent's Report**

### **A. Malakoff Environmental Center**

Supt. Hermansen and Shar Johns have been working with Sierra Streams, SYRCL and TRSD. All are interested in finding a use and establishing an environmental site. TRSD would offer the building.

### **B. Drop Grant**

We are partnering with Sierra Streams Institute. This unique grant, *Drought Response Outreach Program*, is available through the State. It's bio-retention of rainwater.

### **C. CCSESA Quarterly Meeting**

The focus was on 1<sup>st</sup> year implementation of the LCAP. Discussion also included the increased roles that COE's have under LCAP, very time intensive.

### **D. Arts Education Leadership Committee**

Stan Miller and Brian Buckley co-chair the committee. The meetings are a nice opportunity for stakeholders and organizations to participate on a committee to see how we can collaborate better. A *Needs Assessment* was sent out to schools, results were shared at the meeting. Judy Nielsen is taking the lead working closely with the organizations to improve arts in schools.

## **XI. Action Items**

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve a Proposal from School Services of California or Total School Solutions to conduct a Facilities Study (*page 10*)

Slade-Troutman requested this be tabled for the next board meeting as there is a possibility of new board members being on board. The information is new and she would like more time, and also thinks the community wants more time.

**On a motion by Slade-Troutman and seconded by Meeks the Nevada County Board of Education tabled the approval of a Proposal from School Services of California or Total School Solutions to conduct a Facilities Study for 30 days. By roll call vote, the motion passed (3-2) (Ayes: Lapierre, Slade-Troutman and Meeks; Nays: Michael and Altieri)**

Members of the public commented on the topic.

## **XII. Discussion / Information Items**

- A. Review of Board Bylaws: Videotaping of Board Meetings

Supt. Hermansen noted the public has the right to videotape and there is no dispute over that fact. During the last meeting the public videotaping being done was disruptive.

Michael requested the item be placed on the Board Agenda for next month and for Supt. Hermansen to bring suggestive language for videotaping of Board Meetings.

- B. Budget Review

1. NCSOS Program Budget review (*page 17*)

- C. Twin Ridges Home Study Charter School

On the Boards request, Supt. Hermansen contacted the Nevada County District Attorney for an update. The DA investigator informed Supt. Hermansen that Nevada City Police Department had requested information; and they are formulating a case to give to the DA. Investigation is ongoing and the DA will keep Supt. Hermansen apprised.

Somers meets weekly with TRHS Charters Director, Aydin and attends the Charter Council meetings. First Interim goes to the Council next week. Enrollment is up to 116; very favorable. In strategic planning the Charter Council took to heart the nature of the increased funding derived from enrollment, treating it as one-time money.

- D. School Services of California fiscal management services

Slade-Troutman noted that tens of thousands of dollars have turned out missing from TRHS Charter. Law enforcement is looking into this. We oversee the school; charge for business services and our office is responsible because we didn't catch it. This person got bolder and bolder and it went on 7 to 8 years. We can't have the same people fixing that have oversight.

Slade-Troutman also asked for FCMAT to come in and look. FCMAT has been used in our county before; TRSD used; PVUESD is thinking about it. The purpose is not to find fault, but to make sure it doesn't happen again. As FCMAT was voted down by the Board twice, School Services of California could do the job. Slade-Troutman prefers FCMAT; however in the meantime, School Services can be discussed.

Members of the public commented on the topic.

## **XIII. Board Reports**

- A. Board member reports

1. SARB, *Lapierre*

In the past two years, the last meeting was the worst attended; they are trying to make a difference.

2. Legislative, *Meeks – no report.*
3. NCSBA, *Michael – meeting canceled.*
4. Charter Liaison, *Altieri – no report.*
5. Health Advisory Committee, *Slade-Troutman*

The committee met on 10/27/14. Discussions included treats of the day changing from jelly donuts, ice cream and chocolate to applesauce in cake instead of using sugar. A healthy cookbook is being discussed. Guest chefs traveled to different schools teaching kids how to cook healthy. Most of the meeting was devoted to a speaker delivering information as it relates to Common Core. Next meeting will be November 24<sup>th</sup>.

6. *Individual Board member reports*

Slade-Troutman is a member of the Marine Corps Auxiliary. The Veteran's Appreciation Dinner, held on November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Nevada City Elks Lodge was so well attended that they had to turn people away.

Slade-Troutman has information on Toys for Tots for those who would like to volunteer or donate.

The ribbon cutting for *Operation Name a Seat* to honor our Veterans was held yesterday 11/11/14 at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium. Seats were sold for \$250 each.

**XIV. Future agenda items**

- A. Approval of Annual Calendar
- B. Audit Report
- C. Organizational Meeting

**XV. Correspondence**

- A. Thank you letter (for K Kiefer) from Dan Zeisler, Supt. CPSD (*page 20*)
- B. CSBA's Delegate Assembly call for Nominations (*page 21*)
- C. 2014-15 Countywide Spelling Tournament Press Release (*page 22*)

**XVI. Adjournment**

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2014, 2:00 p.m., 112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Trevor Michael, President**

Date: **December 10, 2014**