

Nevada County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 18, 2017
3:00 p.m.
Nevada County Superintendent of Schools
Board Room
380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley, CA 95945

MINUTES

1. **Meeting called to order** by Board President Meek

2. **Established quorum**

Ashley Neumann	present
Bob Altieri	present: arrived during Agenda Item 8
Larry Meek	present
Shelly Sexton	present
Wendy Baker	present

3. **Salute to the flag**

4. **Swearing in of Board member:**

Supt. Hermansen administered the Oath of Office to Board Member representing Area III, Wendy Baker, for the term 2016-2020

5. **Adoption of the Agenda**

On a motion by Sexton and seconded by Neumann, the agenda was adopted as presented; the motion carried 4 ayes; 1 absent (Altieri).

6. **Opened public forum** – Recognition of members of the audience wishing to address the Board:
No comments.

7. **Closed public forum**

8. **Presentations**

A. FY 2015-16 Audit Report, Michelle Hanson, Goodell, Porter, Sanchez & Bright, LLP
(page 1) (document under separate cover)

Hansen presented the FY 2015-16 Audit Report to the Board. An Unmodified Audit Opinion was issued for Financial Statements, as well as Federal and State Compliance. Internal controls were clean.

Altieri arrived at 3:10 p.m.

B. NCSOS Ed Services Programs, Shar Johns

Shar led the board through a powerpoint detailing Ed Services Programs which include: Alt Ed for Expelled/Truant Youth; Juvenile Court School; Child Development Programs; Summer Learning Academy; STEAM Expo; Academic Tournaments; TUPE; Health Education; Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports; School Climate & Safety Training & Support; Foster Youth Services; Indian Ed Services; Independent Living Program; Homeless Ed Program; Peer Court; Law Day; Professional Development; Individualized Curriculum and Instruction Support; Instructional Coaches; Instructional Materials Adoptions; Countywide Professional Development Day; SMART; SARB; Educational Grants for teachers; Nevada County Reads and Writes; Poetry Out Loud; Young at Art; Music in the Mountains Youth Programs; Art Docent Program; and In Concert Sierra 3rd Grade Concerts.

Johns is also responsible for the LCAP review for NCSOS and all Districts; quarterly Williams review for schools in the lower decile; Charter oversight school visits.

The Board appreciated the overview noting this is the heart of what we are here for.

9. 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 14, 2016 (*page 2*)
- B. During the fourth quarter of 2016 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 7*)

On a motion by Sexton and seconded by Neumann, the consent agenda was adopted as presented. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

10. Staff Reports

A. Alternative Education, *Lisa Sanford*

Sanford provided a handout detailing attendance. Staff and students are happy with the new facility. An open house will be planned soon.

For Career Café, Tony with Kuk Sool Won presented. It was very informative and he connected well with the students. Wendy from County Public Health came out and shared info on good nutrition.

Upon approval from the state, the Juvenile Hall facility will house TAY (Transitional Age Youth ages 18-21) in a separate part of the building.

Sierra Presbyterian Church expressed their happiness in the schools presence.

B. Educational Services, *Shar Johns*

a. LCAP Update

Johns, Kiefer & Waddle provided district trainings to districts for the new “dashboard” & LCAP template. They are currently working on ASAM (Alternative Schools Accountability Model), small schools don't fit into the same mold that the larger schools do.

C. SELPA/Special Education, *Eli Gallup* – no report, Gallup is at an out of town meeting.

D. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle* – Business office is busy reviewing interim budgets for all districts.

11. Superintendent's Report

A. County of Nevada Childcare Center Feasibility Discussions

A meeting with a variety of agencies was held, discussing Nevada County being able to apply for up to a \$1.5 million dollar block grant. Lack of childcare for our youngest students was noted; a feasibility study will be done as they move forward.

B. Peer Court

Peer Court program is on hold right now as the high school teacher who coordinated it retired.

C. SELPA Funding

The PPIC in California released a report several weeks ago noting that SELPA's should be disbanded and funding should go directly to school districts. Discussions continue.

D. Charter Renewals

Draft charter petitions have been reviewed and will come to the Board February or March with a summary and staff recommendations.

12. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education accept the FY2015-16 Auditors Report of Nevada County Superintendent of Schools as presented at the regular Board meeting of January 18, 2017?

On a motion by Altieri, and seconded by Sexton, the Nevada County Board of Education accepted the FY2015-16 Auditors Report of Nevada County Superintendent of Schools as presented at the regular Board meeting of January 18, 2017. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve an application for a Waiver for Carrie Brunt for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year so that NCSOS Special Education Services can fill an immediate staffing need? *(page 8)*

On a motion by Sexton, and seconded by Altieri, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the application for a Waiver for Carrie Brunt for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year so that NCSOS Special Education Services can fill an immediate staffing need, the motion carried unanimously (5-0).

- C. Board Member Assignments were appointed as follows: Larry Meek to SARB; Shelly Sexton to Legislative; and Wendy Baker to Charter Liaison.

13. Discussion/Information Items

- A. Governor's January Budget Proposal

Darlene Waddle attended. Revenue growth has slowed down; cost containment and status quo with no new revenue. Focus is on the 2020 LCFF model. School districts and COE's could see struggling times especially with STRS/PERS increases.

COE's received onetime funding 2 years in a row due to significant increased responsibility in the LCAP and LCFF. Many school districts and COE's hired staff; NCSOS increased workloads. The one time funding has not been renewed in the Governor's Budget.

- B. Budget Review

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

No concerns were noted. Spending is in line; revenue is at 65%; expenses are at 30%

- C. EPIC Update

Supt. Hermansen reported that student achievement data was just received and is currently being reviewed. Only English Language Arts data was received; nothing in math. Audit was due December 15, however was not received until this week. EPIC continues to work hard to address concerns and continues to work with our HR and Business Office.

Gilpatric advised she will be attending the staff development in Bakersfield next month. Communication is better. Gilpatric's role helps keep communication open. Attendance is at about 50%.

Supt. Hermansen gave a summary of EPIC's history as it relates to the Nevada County Board of Education being their authorizer; and how the law is very specific in authorizing/denying charter schools.

The board was prepared to see someone from EPIC here today, however no one was present. The Board directed Supt. Hermansen to write a letter to EPIC thanking them for what was received, however the Student Achievement Data is critical information needed that has not been received as outlined in the Charter; that EPIC is out of compliance with the MOU; immediate attention is requested.

EPIC's Charter is very specific on what data is to be provided. Gilpatric noted that she follows the MOU for oversight and compliance only.

D. Salary Increase per Ed Code Section 1302: Human Resources Director (*page 24*)

Supt. Hermansen spoke to the memo advising that the FCMAT report noted many positions out of alignment and steps are slowly taking place to address issues called out. A salary study was done looking at several like counties; and that even with this adjustment, it's significantly low, however a step in the right direction.

E. Appointment to Fill Vacancy During Term of County Superintendent of Schools (*page 25*)

Supt. Hermansen informed the Board of her intent to retire. Her term is up the end of 2018; the next election is June 2018. The Board may appoint to fill the remainder of the term. Supt. Hermansen contacted an attorney who provided information on filling a vacancy during the term of the county superintendent of schools due to a resignation.

The Board held discussion moving forward which included advertising internally and to surrounding counties, allowing anyone to submit a letter of interest. Preferred criteria included intention to run in the 2018 Election.

The Board appointed a subcommittee consisting of two Board members, Sexton and Baker, to review applications and make recommendations to the board of those to be interviewed in open session.

The Board asked if there were any internal candidates interested. Supt. Hermansen replied yes, Shar Johns.

14. Board Member Reports

- A. SARB – no meeting
- B. Legislative, *Sexton* – SELPA funding issue as discussed earlier. SB 18, Children's Bill of Rights was introduced. Integrating the K-12 college system to a K-14 system is being discussed; as well as an increase in early Headstart funding.
- C. Governmental and Community Relation Outreach, *Meek* – position removed.
- D. Charter Liaison, *Altieri* – Meek and Altieri visited Bitney, hearing a great presentation on the schools new learning model *Big Picture Learning*. Students are paired with a mentor on what they want to do in the future. Great program.
- E. Individual Board member reports

15. Correspondence

- A. Nevada County Board of Education Meeting Calendar for 2017, as approved 12/14/16 (*page 26*)

16. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: February 15, 2017, 3:00 p.m., 380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley, California

Approved: _____
Larry Meek, President

Date: February 16, 2017