

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 19, 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. **Established quorum**

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

3. **Salute to the flag**

4. **Additions to the Agenda** - none

5. **Adoption of the Agenda**

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

6. **Open public forum** – Recognition of members of the audience wishing to address an agenda item may do so at this time – none.

7. **Closed public forum**

8. Presentation

A. Recognition of Les Atchison for his service on the John Muir Charter School Board

Supt. Hermansen stated that Muir's Board is comprised differently in that Atchison is appointed by the Nevada County Board of Education, representing NCSOS. Atchison was thanked for his many years serving on the Muir Charter board. With his experience in education and willingness to travel to any of the 48 sites across the state, he brought a level of involvement and professionalism to insure the Board was informed in daily decisions.

Atchison recalled listening to students state why they need math and the ability to relate it to the real world. Muir Charter gives kids a much needed 2nd chance. It was a very rewarding experience being on the Board. Atchison also thanked the NCSOS Business Office for the tremendous job they do in supporting Muir.

B. *Healthy Kids Learn Better, A Guide to Western Nevada County's Student Wellness Policy* - Sharyn Turner, Countywide Health Coordinator (*page 1*)

Turner gave a demonstration on the NCSOS website and walked the board through accessing the Wellness Policy document; explaining that within the document there are many links to resources.

C. Adventures in Learning Summer Academy update was provided to the board by Shar Johns. 147 students attended the program which partnered with Sierra Streams. Students enjoyed learning opportunities that included literacy; math; hands on science; field trips; and other activities.

Supt. Hermansen complimented Johns on the incredible job done in pulling together the program.

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 July 22, 2015 (*page 9*)

On a motion by Meek and seconded by Sexton, the consent agenda was adopted as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Staff Reports

A. Alternative Education, Sanford

Sanford provided a handout updating the Board on EJ and Sugarloaf. Yesterday was the first day of school and all went well.

B. Educational Services, Johns

- i. Adventures in Learning Presentation – done earlier in agenda
- ii. Kiefer is working hard on NCSOS's upcoming Countywide Professional Development Day being held on September 21st at NUHS which includes presenters; and breakout sessions being offered to over 300 teachers.

C. Business Services, Somers

Somers advised Johns did an awesome job working with districts on their LCAP's. 9 LCAPS and 9 budgets have been approved. One time money was received and it's obvious that the districts are being thoughtful in how it's spent. Somers noted there are 3 new District Superintendents; and 3 new District Business Managers; the Business Office will pay close attention and help districts as needed.

11. Superintendent's Report

A. Back to School Staff Meeting

The Back to School All Staff Meeting was a huge success. The focus was on relationships; belonging; helping people to feel a part of a larger organization; along with team building. This is especially important as our staff is located in several different locations.

Today was the first day of school for many of our schools and Supt. Hermansen visited several the NCSOS programs. There was a great sense of enthusiasm and it was an excellent day.

B. CCSESA Board Meeting

Supt. Hermansen is on the CCSESA Board and is the Chair for the local Region 3 county meetings. The focus of the last meeting was on LCAPs. Other counties are experiencing similar impacts in comparing supports and issues. The suspension of the CAHSEE is a critical issue as the Class of 2015 has not received diplomas yet; there should be a solution by Sept. 3rd.

Altieri inquired if there was discussion of parent involvement in LCAPs. Supt. Hermansen replied that this is an ongoing conversation and school districts are looking at ways to get parents involved. .

C. Scholar Day at the Fair

Scholar Day at the Fair was a huge success.

D. CCBE Conference: LCAP Panel

Supt. Hermansen will be a presenter on the LCAP Panel at the conference, bringing the perspective from rural counties. Board member Meek will attend.

E. Facilities Update

There are no changes since the last report. An architect was hired to create a space plan; a local contractor and out of town contractor are giving rough estimates on the space plan. Next steps include determining if costs are within budget.

12. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education accept the 2015-16 45 Day revise based on the State's adoption of the budget? *(page 12)*

On a motion by Meek and seconded by Sexton, the Nevada County Board of Education accepted the 2015-16 45 Day revise based on the State's adoption of the budget. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the response to the Grand Jury Report: *Nevada County Superintendent of Schools, A review of Transparency and Policy (page 15)*

Supt. Hermansen walked the Board through the draft response for the Board to consider. Changes can be made; or accept as is based on the Boards review.

Sexton responded that having been employed by NCSOS, noted there is an annual audit; an independent CPA reviewing; and the expense procedure was logistical and comprehensive.

Lapierre asked about the commercial credit card excessive spending. Supt. Hermansen explained that she is the chair of a 10 county region and 4 times a year our office is responsible for coordinating meetings. The budget runs through NCSOS; every COE in our region pays dues; NCSOS is reimbursed for these expenses.

On a motion by Lapierre and seconded by Altieri, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the response to the Grand Jury Report: Nevada County Superintendent of Schools, A review of Transparency and Policy. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 15-08 for STRS Exception to the 180 Day Wait Period for STRS Retiree (EC 24214.5(b)) *(page 19)*
Roll Call Vote

On a motion by Meek and seconded by Sexton, the Nevada County Board of Education adopted Resolution No. 15-08 for STRS Exception to the 80 Day Wait Period for STRS Retiree (EC24214.5(b)). Roll Call Vote taken. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Information/Discussion Items

- A. Budget Review

i. NCSOS Program Budget Review *(page 25)*

14. Board Reports

- A. SARB, *Lapierre* – No meetings till fall.

B. Legislative, *Sexton* – Repealing the limit on how much money districts can actually keep in reserves is being discussed. CAHSEE suspension as mentioned earlier is critical and there should be a solution by September 3rd.

C. NCSBA, *Meek* – No report

D. Charter Liaison, *Altieri* – Mary Owens, American Digital Media leadership Campus (ADMLC); and Peter Sagebiel, Forest Charter will both be presenting next month.

E. Individual Board Reports

15. Correspondence

A. 2015-16 Nevada County Academic Tournament Schedule (*page 28*)

16. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: October 21, 2015 at 3:00 PM, 112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City

Approved: _____
Trevor Michael, President

Date: September 9, 2015