

**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 19, 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 2:06 p.m. by Board President Altieri.
- II. Established quorum
- III. Salute to the flag – Jim Voss led the salute.
- IV. Additions to the Agenda – None.
- V. Adoption of the Agenda –  
**On a motion by Marianne Slade-Troutman and seconded by James Voss, the agenda was adopted as presented. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.**
- VI. 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.
- VII. Closed public forum
- VIII. Presentation
  - i. **Yuba River Charter School** –  
Holly Hermansen introduced Caleb Buckley, Director of YRCS. Buckley has been named President of the National Alliance for Public Waldorf Education. YRCS, established in 1994, was the first Waldorf inspired charter school in the United States. It is a public institution that has become a model for Waldorf charter schools nationally. YRCS recently received \$1.5 million dollars from the state as an initial payment towards a previously awarded grant/loan for their new school facility. Buckley described the new site; school; and highlighted several alumni in a handout.
  - ii. **FY 2009-10 Audit Report** (*distributed under separate cover*) –  
Jeff Jensen, of Perry-Smith, presented the 2009-10 audit report to the Board.
- VIII. Board member vacancy to the Nevada County Board of Education

Whenever a vacancy occurs, or whenever a resignation has been filed with the county superintendent of schools containing a deferred effective date, the school district or community college district governing board shall, within 60 days of the vacancy or the filing of the deferred resignation, either order an election or make a provisional appointment to fill the vacancy.

  - i. Review of process – A vacancy was advertised; one person responded and he is present in the audience.  
Marianne Slade-Troutman passed out a memo referencing:  
*Ed Code 1006 – (a) Any registered voter is eligible to be a member of the county board of education except the county superintendent of schools, any member of his staff, or any employee of a school district.*

Slade-Troutman requested that we obtain a legal opinion before making a motion to appoint Trevor Michael. She feels there could be a conflict because Trevor's wife is on the Grass Valley School District Board.

After lengthy discussion, the remainder of the board showed they appreciated her concern, but felt there is no conflict; that Ed Code 1006(a) does not apply to Trevor Michael as *he* is not an employee of GVSD; and the will of the remaining board members was to proceed with the appointment process.

**A motion was made by Slade-Troutman to table the appointment process until we are able to obtain a legal opinion from an attorney; there was no second; motion died due to lack of a second.**

- ii. Interview of prospective Board member to fill the seat of District III representing Pleasant Ridge School District.

Slade-Troutman advised Michael not to take her concern personally; she only wanted a legal opinion; stated Michael will be an asset to our board.

Altieri has known Michael since 1995; states he is an astute businessman with great integrity.

Meeks requested details of the business Michael owns. Michael advised "Margarita's" which has been opened for 8 years and employees 26 people.

When asked by Voss why he wanted to be on the board, Michael replied the state of education is of personal interest to him; his children perform at high levels and he wants to see all children succeed. He feels the NCBOE has an influence, maybe not directly; but he sees roles changing in the future. School districts may run into financial management needs and the BOE has an influence. Collaboration is needed between NCSOS and the BOE to effect changes in our county.

- iii. Deliberation Process
- iv. Motion to Appoint

**Moved by Voss, seconded by Altieri, to make a provisional appointment of Trevor Michael to fill the vacancy in District III representing Pleasant Ridge School District. Vote was taken: Altieri – yes; Voss – yes; Meeks – yes; Slade-Troutman – Abstain. Motion passed (3-0-1).**

#### 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 December 8, 2010.....

~~B. Approval of Resolution 11-01, Special Education Local Plan Area Local Education Agency (LEA) Assurances (Roll Call Vote)~~

~~C. Approval of Resolution 11-02, Rules & Regulations Governing the Purchase of School Supplies & Equipment (Roll Call Vote)~~

- D. During the fourth quarter of 2010 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).....

**Moved by Slade-Troutman, seconded by Voss the consent agenda was approved. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Moved by Slade-Troutman, seconded by Voss to rescind the motion to approve the consent agenda. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Moved by Slade-Troutman, seconded by Voss to approve the consent agenda; pulling items B and C as they are action items. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.**

X. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education accept the FY2009-10 Auditors Report as presented at the regular Board meeting of January 19, 2011?

**Moved by Voss, seconded by Slade-Troutman to accept the FY2009-10 Auditors Report as presented at the regular Board meeting of January 19, 2011. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.**

- B. Approval of Resolution 11-01, Special Education Local Plan Area Local Education Agency (LEA) Assurances (Roll Call Vote)

**Moved by Voss, seconded by Slade-Troutman to approve the Resolution 11-01, Special Education Local Plan Area Local Education Agency (LEA) Assurances. Vote was taken. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.**

- C. Approval of Resolution 11-02, Rules & Regulations Governing the Purchase of School Supplies & Equipment (Roll Call Vote)

**Moved by Voss, seconded by Slade-Troutman to approve Resolution 11-02, Rules 7 Regulations Governing the Purchase of School Supplies & Equipment. Vote was taken. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.**

XI. Discussion Items

- A. AB 2444 Interdistrict Transfers-  
Legislation has passed this year involving interdistrict transfer policies and procedures. School District of Choice; Open Enrollment Schools; and Schools on Program Improvement (PI) also impact interdistrict issues. There are many complicating factors around this and it is important for the board to be well-informed due to possible Interdistrict Transfer Appeals. The superintendents will be discussing. Supt. Hermansen will report back with a county wide impact report.
- B. Governor's 2011 Budget report –  
Supt. Hermansen and Donna Fitting attended the School Services Governors Budget Workshop. Governor Brown's proposed budget includes a slight reduction of \$19/ada to schools in the 2011-2012 school year. In addition the proposal is based on the voters passing an extension of the temporary taxes, set to expire in June 2011. Without this tax extension, schools may expect an additional \$330/ada cut. An additional deferral was also included in the budget which further exacerbates a continuing cash flow issue.

XII. Reports

- A. Board member reports  
1. SARB, Meeks – no report.

2. Budget Review Committee, Slade-Troutman/Meeks – no report.
3. Legislative, Voss – no report.
4. NCSBA, Slade-Troutman –  
Supt. Hermansen reported that the NCSBA meetings are held at 9 a.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month. Supt. Hermansen is working with CSBA on an evening forum focusing on Program Improvement and School Accountability Issues.
5. Charter Schools Liaison, Altieri/Voss –  
Altieri and Voss met with Assoc. Supt. Stan Miller. Dates are being coordinated to attend Charter Council Meetings. Their purpose is to better understand the programs offered by our Charter Schools.
6. Individual Board member reports – none.

#### B. Superintendent's Report

1. U.S. Dept. of Education Phone Conference –  
Nothing of interest to report – may be a resource to look at in the future.
2. Safe Schools/Healthy Students –  
Supt. Hermansen attended a conference in Washington DC with other partners from the grant. Systems integration and sustainability are topics of discussion. Sustaining services and programs after the grant funds conclude is critical. In Nevada County we have great collaboration with our partner agencies. As we applied for a countywide grant, we are not eligible for an expansion grant. At our next meeting, Supt Hermansen will bring updated numbers of Family Resource Center Participation.
3. TRES D Superintendent Search –  
TRES D requested help in searching for a new Superintendent/Principal as Joan Little is retiring June 2011. Supt. Hermansen has met with the board and has held a meeting for public input. Understanding the unique culture of the area is critical. A survey was sent out; results will be analyzed; and shared with the board.
4. Staffing updates – Sherry Tygart in accounts payable; Carrie Stouder handles accounting for the Charters; Helena Heinzelman is the new ILP Case Manager; and Jennifer Panno handles attendance, Calpads, business accounting for the Charters.

#### C. Staff Reports

1. Business Services, Fitting –  
Donna Fitting reported wrapping up the interim reports. The AB1200 review of school districts is going well; all positive certifications. There are school district cash issues on the cusp of June 30, 2011. She's meeting with the county auditor controller in pursuing resources.
2. Curriculum & Instruction, Miller – none.

#### D. Future agenda items – none.

### XIII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Nevada County Board of Education Meeting Calendar for 2011, as approved  
Adjournment at 4:03 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: February 9, 2011, 2:00 p.m., 112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Altieri, President

Date: February 9, 2011