

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 8, 2012

2:00 p.m.

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

Minutes

I. Meeting called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Voss

II. Established quorum

Altieri	present
Meeks	present
Slade-Troutman	present
Michael	present
Voss	present

III. Salute to the flag was led by Caleb Buckley

IV. Additions to the Agenda - none

V. Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion by Altieri and seconded by Slade-Troutman, the agenda was adopted as presented. The 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.

Mr. Thompson, the landlord of 117 New Mohawk, Nevada City, California, reminded the Board that the lease is currently going month to month and he anticipates a decision in March.

VII. Closed public forum

VIII. Presentation

A. Recognition of Jenny Travers, Director Twin Ridges Home Study Charter.

Assoc. Supt. Miller, chronicled Travers' rich and productive career in Nevada County which began in 1974; and on behalf of the Nevada County Charter of Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), presented a plaque recognizing her as the *2011/12 Administrator of the Year*, and a bouquet of flowers.

Director Travers gracefully accepted the award and read a poem which she wrote.

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 January 18, 2012

B. Approval of annual donation for NCSBA dues in the amount of \$100

On a motion by Michael and seconded by Altieri, the consent agenda was approved. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Action Items

- A. Second reading and adoption of Board Policy 6173, Education for Homeless Children; Administrative Regulation 6173, Education for Homeless Children

On a motion by Slade-Troutman and seconded by Michael, Board Policy 6173; and Administrative Regulation 6173, Education for Homeless Children was approved. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the Petition for Renewal of the Countywide Charter for Bitney College Preparatory High School for a period of 5 years?

Supt. Hermansen referred the Board to summary of petition and renewal requirements submitted at previous board meeting.

On a motion by Altieri and seconded by Michael, the Nevada County Board of Education Approved the Petition for Renewal of the Countywide Charter for Bitney College Preparatory High School for a period of 5 years. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the Petition for Renewal of the Countywide Charter for Nevada City School of the Arts for a period of 5 years?

Supt. Hermansen referred the Board to summary of petition and renewal requirements submitted at previous board meeting.

On a motion by Slade-Troutman and seconded by Altieri, the Nevada County Board of Education Approved the Petition for Renewal of the Countywide Charter for Nevada City School of the Arts for a period of 5 years. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the Petition for Renewal of the Countywide Charter for Sierra Montessori Academy for a period of 5 years?

Supt. Hermansen provided a letter of support, received February 7th, 2012, from the California Charter Schools Association on behalf of SMA; and referred the Board to summary of petition and renewal requirements submitted at previous board meeting.

SMA had agreed to supply a revised budget to our business office; as of today, it was not received. Fitting was able to obtain a copy of the 2nd Interim Budget from Rachael Navarrete, the Charter Business Services Manager. Fitting reviewed this budget and noted it does not meet the budget reserve requirements.

SMA provided details regarding cut backs in personnel and indicated there will be no custodial/maintenance position next year.

Supt. Hermansen explained to board potential liability regarding Special Education.

Public comments, including students, strongly supporting Sierra Montessori were presented to the Board.

Bietz provided to the Board Members and explained an 11 page *SMA Business Review 2011/2012* handout which included a budget dated 2/7/2012.

Bietz noted they have met the mandated reserve requirement of 3%, which is the same as all other schools in California. Fitting advised that most schools have a 17% reserve in these difficult economic times.

Slade-Troutman questioned the liability on NCSOS. As they are a 501c3, there is no liability except for Special Education. NCSOS would be required to pick up 100% of the cost. We have a fiscal responsibility to all schools who petition through our office; and a budget is necessary for the Supt. to review as part of the petition process.

Michael questioned if the budget presented today had been verified by Fitting. Bietz advised this document was not provided to Supt. Hermansen; nor was it provided to Fitting, the Associate Supt., Business Services. Bietz stated that Rachael Navarrete, the Charter Business Services

Manager, along with Pam Down, the Business Manager at SMA created the budget on 2/3/2012 and he did not see the need to provide it to NCSOS.

Fitting explained Navarrete's review of the budget is for the operation of the school; she does not analyze for purposes of renewal.

Bietz advised due to time constraints on the petition process, they do not want an extension.

Michael questioned the Board, if they were prepared to vote. It was noted leadership is in place; academic program is outstanding; recent promotional efforts in place; issue is finances.

Four of the Board members agreed they need more time to review. NCSOS must review budget and make recommendations. We need to assess the risk on NCSOS. Compare and analyze based on information provided today.

On a motion by Slade-Troutman and seconded by Altieri, the Nevada County Board of Education agreed to table the decision to Approve the Petition for Renewal of the Countywide Charter for Sierra Montessori Academy to Wednesday, February 15th, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. Motion passed (4-1)

E. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the Petition for Renewal of the Countywide Charter for Yuba River Charter School for a period of 5 years?

Supt. Hermansen referred the Board to summary of petition and renewal requirements submitted at previous board meeting.

On a motion by Altieri and seconded by Slade-Troutman, the Nevada County Board of Education Approved the Petition for Renewal of the Countywide Charter for Yuba River Charter School for a period of 5 years. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Discussion Items

A. Board Goals and Professional Governance Standards – Item will be tabled for next meeting.

B. Facility Report: Update on results of search for potential facility

Supt. Hermansen presented an update indicating a facility has not yet been located which would increase efficiency and operations; include the Annex, NCSOS, and the 3-R school; improve conference and meeting rooms; provide adequate parking; and provide a cost savings. Three sites were looked at, only one has potential however parking is a concern at this site. Supt. Hermansen requested direction to enter into lease negotiations with the landlord of the New Mohawk facility.

Meeks provided a handout requesting a specific agenda item related to facilities be added to future agenda. Meeks would like the opportunity to talk to the landlord also.

XII. Reports

A. Board member reports

1. SARB, *Meeks* – Next SARB meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2012.

2. Budget Review Committee, *Slade-Troutman/Meeks*

Slade-Troutman provided handouts questioning Supt. Hermansen's Rotary Club expenses, believing this to be a personal benefit and would therefore be in violation of Ed Code 1209.

Altieri indicated the intent of a Rotary Member in the business community has a very important role. Supt. Hermansen's involvement in Nevada County agencies is a valid expense.

A legal opinion will be sought to clarify if this expense is compensation or a benefit.

3. Legislative, *Voss* – no report

4. NCSBA, *Michael* – no report

5. Individual Board member reports - none
- B. Superintendent's Report – all reports tabled.
1. ESEA Reauthorization
 2. State Board and ESEA Waiver
 3. Redevelopment Agencies
 4. Transitional Kindergarten
- C. Staff Reports – all reports tabled.
1. Business Services, *Fitting*
 2. Educational Services, *Miller*
- D. Future agenda items
1. Redistricting: Rearranging Trustee Areas Based on Federal Decennial Census
 2. Approval of FY2011-12 Consolidated Application Part I and Part II for Categorical Aide Programs
 3. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education accept the Lease/Rental offer of Thomsen Properties LLC dated 10 Nov 2011 for the 117 New Mohawk Rd. Nevada City CA office Space? Action item for 14 March 2012 meeting submitted by Meeks.

XIII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Quarterly Investment report
2. 2012 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election – County Representative
3. Spelling and Math Tournament Results

Adjournment at 4:55 p.m.

Next Meeting Dates: February 15, 2012 p.m. Special Meeting
March 14, 2012, 2:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City

Approved: _____
James Voss, President

Date: March 14, 2012