

**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 14, 2011**

→ 5:00 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 5 p.m.

II. Established quorum

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

III. Salute to the flag was led by Sharyn Turner

IV. Additions to the Agenda - none

V. Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion by Slade-Troutman and seconded by Michael, the agenda was adopted as presented. The Motion was unanimously approved.

VI. Opened public forum

VII. Closed public forum

VIII. Presentation

Marina Bernheimer led a power point presentation on the Safe School/Healthy Students Grant accomplishments. Our three Family Resource Centers are meeting the needs of the community by providing core services; resources and referrals; child development information; after school enrichment; wrap around and unique individual services. Volunteer opportunities have been established. Mental Health; emotional and academic support; drug and violence prevention programs are in place. Every school district is participating in the anti-bullying training. Grants; partnerships; non-profit status for the FRC's; and outcome measures are being looked at for future sustainability.

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 trustee 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 August 10, 2011~~

On a motion by Slade-Troutman; seconded by Michael to approve the consent agenda; pulling item A to allow for further discussion. The Motion passed unanimously.

X. Public Hearings

- A. Opened public hearing to review FY2011-12 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials, grades K-12 (EC §60119)
- B. Closed public hearing

XI. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve Resolution 11-10, Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for grades K-12 for FY2011-12?

Supt. Hermansen advised due to Tier III Flexibility within the current budget, school districts are not required to adopt instructional materials as they are no longer held to the adoption cycle, however, they must still hold a public hearing. Michael questioned where our surplus materials are, Miller explained that we have none, and advised that the school districts supply books for the students at NCSOS 3R and Special Ed.

On a motion by Slade-Troutman; seconded by Michael; and by roll call, Resolution 11-10, Sufficiency of Instructional Materials was adopted as presented. The Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Approval of minutes of the Regular meeting of August 10, 2011

Michael suggested as we go forward that the Board consider expanding the contents of the minutes to fully capture the goings on at the Board meetings.

On a motion by Meeks and seconded by Michael the minutes of August 10, 2011 were approved as presented. The Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Unaudited Actual Financial report for FY2010-11?

Fitting explained that this is the final closing before the audit review. These are the actuals, the black and white facts. Deferred Maintenance had \$275k left which has been set aside. We had some general savings and our 2010/11 Budget revenues were much higher.

At year end, only one school, Sierra Montessori Academy, had a negative fund balance, but is now positive cash. Cash flow is still an issue. A suggestion to view cash flow reports quarterly was made.

On a motion by Michael and seconded by Slade-Troutman, the Unaudited Actual Financial Report FY2010-11 was approved. The Motion passed unanimously.

XII. Discussion Items

- A. First reading of Board Policy 6163.2, Animals at School

Supt. Hermansen explained there is a new trend in having service animals for students with disabilities. In addition, adults may have service animals as an accommodation. After discussion of the draft Board Policy, it was suggested to change the wording in the last paragraph on page 3 to the following:

An administrator or designee may direct an animal to be removed from school premises or transportation if the animal is out of control or not housebroken.

- B. Agreement with Sierra County to Hear Expulsion Appeals

Supt. Hermansen reported that Sierra COE will contact Plumas COE to see if they would be able to work out an agreement as they also are a one district county.

C. Authorizing Agency Oversight Responsibilities and Renewals and Revocations of Charter Schools

Supt. Hermansen reported that on the CDE Board Agenda this month is a discussion regarding Renewal and Revocation of California Charter Schools. The finalized regulations will be provided to the board when completed.

Michael is concerned of the need for all charter schools to be able to meet their financial obligations. If we see a pattern evolving in fiscal mismanagement, what is our plan to preempt the issues? We need to establish a threshold. Possibly review reports on a quarterly basis and study enrollment.

Fitting advised that if the Charters do as we ask, then there is no mismanagement. She also noted that we have a plan in place which establishes the criteria for those Charters which do not meet our requests. Our obligation as the oversight agency is for due diligence. We notice a problem; call a meeting; address the issue; follow up for adherence.

Supt. Hermansen, Associate Supt. Miller, and Fitting will review drafts of renewal petitions and provide feedback to charters.

XIII. Reports

A. Board member reports

1. *SARB*, Meeks – Three cases heard, all left with contracts and encouragement.
2. *Budget Review Committee*, Slade-Troutman/Meeks – none
3. *Legislative*, Voss – none
4. *NCSBA*, Michael – Teacher of the Year, October 27, 2011: Family Affair will handle the catering; price per person reduced this year to \$25 (from \$30); menu is finalized
5. *Individual Board member reports* – none

B. Superintendent's Report

1. STAR Test Results / AYP

Supt. Hermansen presented the summary of how schools performed. This list shows us the number of schools who met/didn't meet standards under the NCLB requirement. Currently, we have 5 schools in Program Improvement (PI); NCSOS will be working with those schools

2. Drop-Out Rates

Supt. Hermansen sent a letter to The Union explaining the Drop-Out Rates.

3. Facilities Update

Supt. Hermansen advised that there are not many facilities in the area that are able to meet our needs. We are tentatively looking at two facilities on Crown Point Circle in Grass Valley. However, they are on hold with the CDE, pending a review due to the proximity of the airport runway.

C. Staff Reports

1. *Curriculum and Instruction*

Miller advised that the Math Collaboration trainings are being well received.

Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI) training will take place on October 23rd, proven method for better teaching and better learning.

Currently we have Sierra College Preschool digital photography art on the NCSOS ramp. Purposeful, serious and calculating, the preschoolers captured delightful images.

Nevada County Reads has chosen the book, "*The Help*"

2. *Business Services*

Fitting reported that the Auditors will be here October 10. They are busy supporting the school districts; working with Ready Springs as they are without a Business Official.

Cash flow continues to be a concern. They are looking at getting short term finances in place and talking to the County Treasurer.

XIV. Correspondence

A. Nevada County Academic Tournament Schedule FY 2011-12

Adjournment at 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: WEDNESDAY, October 12, 2011, 2:00 p.m., 112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City

Approved: _____
Robert Altieri, President

Date: October 12, 2011