

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 12, 2009
2:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES

OTHERS PRESENT: Supt. Hermansen, Brian Buckley, Jon Byerrum, Stan Miller, Judy Nielsen, member of the public

I. Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Slade-Troutman.

II. Establish quorum – Quorum was established by roll-call vote as follows:

Altieri	present
Meeks	present
Slade-Troutman	present
Stone	absent
Voss	present

III. Salute to the flag

IV. Additions to the Agenda: none

V. Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Voss, seconded by Altieri to adopt the agenda. Motion passed.

VI. Opened public forum

VII. Closed public forum

VIII. Presentations

- Grass Valley School District, Supt. Jon Byerrum: Principal Brian Buckley and Supt. Jon Byerrum presented information on the Lyman Gilmore multi media lab elective called Gilmore News Network (GNN). This extremely popular program/class/club provides strong vocational technology preparation that dovetails nicely into the high school program and the Nevada County digital technology community.

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.

Moved by Voss, seconded by Altieri to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed.

X. Action Items (none)

XI. Discussion Items (none)

- A. Revisit Board mission statement: Members Altieri and Voss will rework the NCSOS Board mission statement and bring back for discussion in December.

XII. Information Items (none)

- A. Statutory Functions document review: This Venn diagram solidifies the role of a county board to be a support piece; by assisting districts and facilitating high academic standards.

XIII. Reports

A. Board member reports

1. Public Relations, Altieri: no report.
2. SARB, Meeks: John Smoak has been invited to be the community representative on the SARB board.
3. Trustee Representative report from NCSBA dinner, Meeks: All members were reinstated.
4. Budget Review Committee, Meeks/Slade-Troutman: The committee met. As NCSOS program revenues are cut, programs will need to adjust accordingly.
5. Legislative, Voss: Race to the Top (RTTT) legislation is a \$4.35 billion federal grant to pay for the development of innovative programs to close the achievement gap. To qualify to apply for the federal funds, states must have a system in place that ties student assessment data to teachers.
6. NCSBA, Stone: no report.
7. Individual Board member reports: none

B. Superintendent's Report – Supt. Hermansen gave the following report:

- Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative – Supt. Hermansen, Assoc. Supt. Fitting, and SS/HS Director Bernheimer attended the Washington, D.C. orientation to learn grant requirements. Sharyn Turner will be the .5 FTE curriculum coordinator. Interviews for the county-wide coordinator have been scheduled.
- Grass Valley School District Superintendent's Search – Procedures and practices are being presented to the GVSD board. Staff and public will be provided opportunities for input.
- Armory facility - NCSOS has been notified by the State Department of General Services that the Armory is officially being viewed as a school site and does not meet the Field Act. It was reported that the superintendent of schools and county board become personally liable. Supt. Hermansen recommended pursuing other options for the Imaginarium.
- Upcoming events - none

C. Staff Reports

1. Business Services, Fitting: no report
2. Charter School Coop, Miller: no report.
3. Curriculum & Instruction – Miller: Associate Supt. Miller highlighted a December 10, 2009 workshop for teachers on the value and use of classroom clickers; and, the January 27, 2010 workshop addressing State pre-school to kindergarten foundations for private, public, and in-home non-registered providers.

4. Imaginarium/Mud Hut, Nielsen: EcoKids is a well established community event that was attended this year by approximately 225 people.

D. Future agenda items:

- Discussion - Board mission statement
- Discussion - Armory

XIV. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Treasury report from E. Christina Dabis detailing the portfolio of investments for NCSOS as of September 30, 2009

B. CSBA e-mail dated 10/29/09: call for nominations for elected members of the Delegate Assembly

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Approved: _____
Marianne Slade-Troutman, President

Date: _____

Next Meeting Date: WEDNESDAY, December 9, 2009, 2:00 p.m., 112 Nevada City Highway,
Nevada City

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