

**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 9, 2009**  
**5:00 p.m.**

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

**MINUTES**

OTHERS PRESENT: Supt. Hermansen, Donna Fitting, Stan Miller, Judy Nielsen, Melissa Parrett, members of the public

I. Meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Slade-Troutman.

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

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

III. Salute to the flag

IV. Additions to the Agenda: none

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

VI. Opened public forum

VII. Closed public forum

VIII. Presentations

- Twin Ridges School District: Board Trustee Mondy Kowal, school garden & local organic farm partnership – TRSD is collaborating with Mountain Bounty Farms to address many issues including where food comes from, farming as a career, obesity, youth core program, math, writing, art, and work ethic. The TRSD Board has also adopted the Nutritional Farm to Fork curriculum.
- Introduction of administrators: Sierra Montessori Academy Director Dione Beilby; Bitney Charter Prep Principal Bruce Herring; and, Forest Charter Director Peter Sagebiel
  - Peter Sagebeil, Forest Charter School – Peter has transitioned from academic dean to director. Along with starting a new K-5 coop and expanding the Forest Hill site, the strong staff and business manager rapport has made it a smooth transition.
  - Bruce Herring, Bitney Charter Prep – Bruce has transitioned from Dean of Academics, History, and Music to Principal. Student and parent moral are high with the new move to a small urban industrial site. Enrollment is at 50 with a goal of 60 students.

- Dione Beilby, Sierra Montessori Academy – Dione was welcomed as the new .5 FTE director. She is actively establishing accountability with students. Enrollment is at 74 with a goal of 92 students.

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 Altieri, seconded by Stone to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Public Hearing: tabled until 6:00 p.m.

XI. Action Items

B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Unaudited Actual Financial report for FY2008-09?

Moved by Altieri, seconded by Voss to approve the Unaudited Actual Financial report for FY2008-09. The ending balance has increased by \$300,000 due to one-time federal stimulus money. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. Discussion Items (none)

XIII. Information Items

- A. NCSOS Policy SP 4101.01, Personnel Policies & Procedures: Internal Employment Opportunities
- B. NCSOS Policy SP 4101.02, Personnel Policies & Procedures: External Recruiting
- C. NCSOS Policy SP 4101.03, Personnel Policies & Procedures: Health & Welfare Benefits Medical/Dental/Vision/Life
- D. NCSOS Policy SP 4101.04, Personnel Policies & Procedures: Personnel Action Form Procedures
- E. NCSOS Policy SP 4101.05, Personnel Policies & Procedures: Classified Employees Performance Evaluations
- F. NCSOS Policy SP 4101.06, Personnel Policies & Procedures: Classified Employees Anniversary Date/Salary Increases/Classified Employees Vacation and Longevity Accruals
- G. NCSOS Policy SP 4115.01, Personnel Policies & Procedures: Live Scan Clearance – DOJ & FBI
- H. NCSOS Policy SP 4240.01, Personnel Policies & Procedures: Classified Employees Professional Growth and Staff Education Stipends/Classified Employees Advanced Degree Stipends
- I. NCSOS Policy SP 4251.01, Personnel Policies & Procedures: Facility Closure/Inclement Weather-Power Outage/Causes Beyond Human Control
- J. NCSOS Policy SP 4260.01, Personnel Policies & Procedures: Substitute Teacher Complaint
- K. NCSOS Policy SP 4290.01, Personnel Policies & Procedures: Cell Phones-Data Devices-PDA/Other Listed Property/Stipends

### XIII. Reports

#### A. Board member reports

1. Public Relations, Altieri: no report.
2. SARB, Meeks: Meeting next week.
3. Budget Review Committee, Meeks/Slade-Troutman: no report.
4. Legislative, Voss: no report.
5. NCSBA, Stone: Annual dinner is Thursday, October 8, where a new slate of NCSBA officers will be elected. Stone circulated the NCSBA-promoted ADA poster that is going out to schools.
6. Individual Board member reports: none

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

- State Testing Results – A handout was provided with a synopsis and two tables that show how students in Nevada County have scored over the last three years as compared to the State average.

### X. Public Hearing

A. Open public hearing to review FY2009-10 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials, grades K-12 (EC §60119): Correction was made to the agenda from FY2008-09 to FY2009-10.

B. Close public hearing

### XI. Action Items

6:00 p.m.

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve Resolution 09-09, Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for grades K-12 for FY2009-10?  
Moved by Voss, seconded by Stone to approve Resolution 09-09, Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for grades K-12 for FY2009-10. Motion passed unanimously.

### XIII. Reports (continued)

#### B. Superintendent's Report (continued)

- H1-N1 virus – There will be a Nevada County Public Health Department community meeting on Monday September 14 regarding the H1N1 flu. Hand washing continues to be emphasized in curbing the spread of germs.
- Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative – A selection has been made for the project director.
- 2009-2010 Superintendent Goals
- Upcoming events: September 14, 6:30 p.m. – Novel H1N1 Flu Community Meeting; October 8 - annual NCSBA dinner; October 14, 5:00 p.m. - retirement party (*not* dinner) for Shirley Veale at the Stone House.

#### C. Staff Reports

1. Business Services, Fitting: Staff member Polly Rippy has resigned to move back to Illinois. Auditors will be here the third week of October.
2. Charter School Coop, Miller: no report
3. Curriculum & Instruction – Miller: Algebra Collaboration Day will take place September 18; Reggio Emilia presentation will take place October 1.
4. Imaginarium/Mud Hut, Nielsen: The Mud Hut has changed their business model from instructors renting the space to becoming contracted employees.

D. Future agenda items: Safe Schools/Healthy Students project coordinator introduction.

XIV. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter dated August 14, 2009 from E. Christina Dabis Treasurer and Tax Collector to the Nevada County Board of Education regarding Resolution No. 09-382 of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada: Resolution authorizing the treasurer and tax collector to sell tax defaulted property at public auction.

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marianne Slade-Troutman, President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Next Meeting Date: WEDNESDAY, October 14, 2009, 5:00 p.m., 112 Nevada City Highway,  
Nevada City

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