

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 8, 2009 - 2:00 p.m.
112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City, CA 95959

MINUTES

OTHERS PRESENT: Supt. Hermansen, Donna Fitting, Renee McGrath, Judy Nielsen, Bonnie Smart, and a 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	present
Voss	absent
- III. Salute to the flag
- IV. Additions to the Agenda: none
- V. Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Stone, seconded by Altieri to adopt the agenda. Motion passed.
- VI. Opened public forum
- VII. Closed public forum
- VIII. Presentations: none
- 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.
- X. Action Items
 - A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education change the date of the regularly scheduled board meeting for the month of June 2009? Moved by Altieri, seconded by Stone to change the regularly scheduled Board meeting for the month of June to June 18, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Motion passed.
- XI. Discussion Items
 - A. CCBE Policy Platform Discussion: Critical Issue #7; Professional Standards
- XII. Reports
 - A. Board member reports
 1. Public Relations, Altieri: no report

2. SARB, Meeks: There are two more dockets this year with eight students at the next SARB hearing.
 3. Budget Review Committee, Slade-Troutman/Meeks: Meeting will be April 27 at 2:00 p.m.
 4. Legislative, Voss: no report
 5. NCSBA, Stone: The Brown Act workshop was a thorough two hour presentation.
 6. Individual Board member reports: no report
- B. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Hermansen summarized her written report as follows:

- School District Organization – A preliminary fiscal analysis has been conducted to evaluate what K-12 unification looks like. Fiscally there is an increase in revenue but when salaries are equalized the advantage is lost. Other issues are loss of local control and student achievement. Supt. Hermansen will make the analysis public when completed.
- Youth Partnerships Program – Butte County Private Industry Council in coordination with Nevada County Social Services will implement a two-fold plan, providing youth ages 16-24 with job training.
- TTUSD Update – NCSOS continues to work to resolve issues related to county-sponsored charter schools and basic aide school districts.
- NJUHSD Emergency Management for Schools Grant - NJUHSD is currently in the process of compiling an emergency management plan.
- Washington D.C. Legislative Advocacy – Along with 15 other superintendents, Supt. Hermansen will be in Washington D.C. April 21-24 to meet with legislators on several key education issues.
- Immunization Workgroup – With a high number of personal belief exemptions, Nevada County has the lowest immunization rate in the state. The immunization workgroup is approaching this issue from an educational standpoint to encourage families, especially pre-school age, to have students immunized.
- Classified Employee of the Year, Friday, May 8 – The Board was invited to honor all nominees that were selected by the school districts as part of the state-wide Classified Employee of the Year Recognition Program.
- Paula Campbell Reception, Wednesday, May 20, 7:30 a.m. – NCSBA and the NCSOS are hosting a breakfast to honor Paula Campbell for her accomplishments as president of CSBA.
- Bitney College Prep High School update – May is the deadline to secure a facility. Two are currently being considered.
- Upcoming events – Five schools in Nevada County are being recognized as distinguished schools: Ghidotti, Nevada Union, Bear River, Seven Hills, and Magnolia.

C. Staff Reports

1. Student Tournaments, Smart – In the nine years that Bonnie has been coordinating tournaments, this year constituted the highest number of participants including public, private and charter school participation. Sponsors pay the bulk of tournament expenses.

2. Business Services, Fitting – The budget is precarious with further cuts in FY2009-10. The May CA special election will have a great impact on the budget. If propositions pass, these dollars are one-time money that will plug holes but is the same trap we are now experiencing.
3. Imaginarium/Mud Hut, Nielsen – The Imaginarium is booked for the remainder of the school year.

D. Future agenda items

- May - Bitney College Prep High School
- May - Distinguished Schools criterion, Miller
- May - Drop-out and graduation rates, Supt. Hermansen
- May – Recognition of retirees Charlie Brown, Cheryl Kopp-Hughins, Jane McCardle, and Mary Pipkin.

XIII. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Approved: _____
Marianne Slade-Troutman, President

Date: _____

Next Meeting Date: May 13, 2009, 1:00 p.m., 112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City
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