

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2009 - 2:00 p.m.
112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City, CA 95959

MINUTES

OTHERS PRESENT: Supt. Hermansen, Steve Davis, Donna Fitting, Arnold Goldberg, Helena Heinzelman, Joe Limov, Eric Nielsen, Judy Nielsen, Sarah Nielsen, Renee McGrath, Shirley Veale, auditor

- I. Meeting was called to order at 2:02 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	present
- III. Salute to the flag
- IV. Additions to the Agenda: none
- V. Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Voss, seconded by Stone to adopt the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Open public forum
- VII. Close public forum
- VIII. Presentations
 - A. FY 2007-08 Audit Report: There were no audit adjustments. The state compliance opinion, internal controls, and federal compliance opinion were unqualified. Special Education was the targeted program this auditing cycle. There were no findings in the prior year and so no follow-thru report.
 - B. Proclamation of appreciation to Arnold Goldberg of Accent Lighting: Arnold Goldberg was recognized for his many years of service and financial support, not only to the programs of the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools office, but to all student programs in Nevada County throughout the past 30 years.
 - C. Nevada City School District Seven Hills Bicycle Recycle Project, Seven Hills Principal Joe Limov & Project Coordinator Steve Davis: Over the past ten years Counselor Steve Davis has developed the Bicycle Recycle Project, a program that builds classroom success, environmental awareness, and hands-on mechanical learning through repairing bicycles. Thousands of repaired bikes are gifted to many agencies, organizations, migrant workers, and the homeless.
- 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 Stone, seconded by Altieri to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Action Items

A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education accept the FY2007-08 Auditors Report as presented at the regular Board meeting of January 14, 2009?

Moved by Altieri, seconded by Voss to accept the FY2007-08 Auditors Report as presented at the regular Board meeting of January 1,4 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Conference Items: none

XII. Discussion Items

A. CCBE Policy Platform Discussions: Critical Issue #6; Governance & Structure – Supt. Hermansen suggested the Board set a vision, as it can guide effective governance and structure.

XIII. Reports

A. Board member reports

1. Public Relations, Altieri: no report
2. SARB, Meeks: There were four hearings at the last monthly review.
3. Budget Review Committee, Slade-Troutman/Meeks: no report
4. Legislative, Voss: no report
5. NCSBA, Stone: Stone distributed the Charter Cooperative tri-fold and CSBA President Paula Campbell's acceptance speech.
6. Individual Board member reports: no report

B. Superintendent's Report

- TTUSD update – tabled to February
- Youth Council – The Department of Human Services and participating agencies are in the process of expanding development opportunities to youth. Board members were invited to participate in the development process.
- State Budget Update – The State needs to reduce expenditures and increase revenues. Schools will be dipping into reserves over 3% for this school year. Next year they need to replace reserves and make further cuts. There will be average cuts of 12%. California is not a good risk for lenders due in large part because of a \$40 billion deficit in two years. The State Controller directs money to debt services first, schools second, followed by all others.
- Calendar events/dates
 - February 2 - 10:00 a.m. 8th grade youth matinee of "The Little Shoppe of Horrors" staged by the Nevada Union drama department at the Don Baggett Theatre
 - February 4 – Youth Council Meeting

C. Staff Reports

1. PEER Court update, Heinzelman/Veale – This program serves two functions: curriculum and proceedings. Curriculum teaches students about the court system, and about rights and responsibilities. Proceedings are for first time low level offenders. The program is manned by peers who serve as jury, prosecuting and defending attorneys, bailiff, and clerk. Helena is the program coordinator beginning with a referral from probation/courts, through courtroom proceedings, and finally completion of student sentencing.
2. Business Services, Fitting – There has been an upgrade to the financial system. The business office has introduced NCSOS program presentations to their staff meetings to enhance a better understanding between programs and business support.
3. Charter School Coop, Miller – no report
4. Curriculum & Instruction, Miller – no report
5. Imaginarium/Mud Hut, Nielsen – The first-time winter camp was a success. The Imaginarium had a minor burglary.

- D. Future agenda items:
- Retreat: AB1200 (March)

XIV. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Thank you letter from Supt. Hermansen for \$100 donation to 3R School dated December 17, 2008
- B. Update of Nevada County Board of Education meeting calendar for 2009

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Approved: _____
Marianne Slade-Troutman, President

Date: _____

Next Meeting Date: February 11, 2009, 2:00 p.m., 112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City

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