

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 11, 2009 - 2:00 p.m.
112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City, CA 95959

MINUTES

OTHERS PRESENT: Supt. Hermansen, Donna Fitting, Stan Miller, Judy Nielsen and various members of the public. (Sign-in sheet attached)

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 Meeks, seconded by Voss to adopt the agenda. Motion passed.

VI. Opened public forum

VII. Closed public forum

VIII. Presentations

- John Muir Charter School, Buzz Breedlove: The CCC, YouthBuild, and LCC programs serve students 18-25 years old with youth development programs. Muir is exclusive in the State to serve adults over 19 years old. Students learn life skills, physical training, leadership, academics, and have a paying job. The program is transformational, not only for work ethic but attitude about school. The California high school exit exam has provided escalated expectations and holds teachers and administrators more accountable. Teachers are expected to tune-in to each individual student's needs. NCSOS provides personnel, budgeting, accounting, and curricular support. Services provided by NCSOS staff are exemplary. Muir has launched a new interactive web-site that interfaces with state, local, and federal programs. Supt. Hermansen encouraged the Board to go on a site visit. Muir has just received their Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation. The county board acknowledges the exceptional program provided by Muir Charter School.

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

X. Action Items

A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve Resolution 09-02, Behavioral Intervention Plans (Hughes Bill) Mandated Cost Claim Settlement and Agreement to Waive Future Claims?

Moved by Altieri, seconded by Voss to approve Resolution 09-02, Behavioral Intervention Plans (Hughes Bill) Mandated Cost Claim Settlement and Agreement to Waive Future Claims. Motion passed.

XI. Discussion Items

A. Bitney College Prep High School Report to the Board to demonstrate attainment of conditions of MOU. Marshall Goldberg presented the Board with a report that addressed the mutually agreed upon conditions described in an addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding between Bitney College Prep High School and the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools and the Nevada County Board of Education. In his report, Marshall addressed the projected budget and described the challenges faced with declining enrolment numbers at the school. He also addressed the facilities challenges the school is facing including the difficulty of securing a facility for the upcoming school year. The Board will take action on this item at the March meeting.

B. Sierra Montessori Academy report to the Board to demonstrate attainment of benchmarks identified in MOU. Daniel Elkin presented a report to the board to demonstrate attainment of conditions identified in an Amendment to the Charter of Sierra Montessori Academy. This report will be used by the Board to make the decision to extend the term of the Charter for an additional year. In his report, Daniel addressed the significant drop in enrollment, and presented a budget that reflected a variety of staffing scenarios. The Board will take action on this item at the March meeting.

XII. Reports

A. Board member reports

1. Public Relations, Altieri: no report
2. SARB, Meeks: no report
3. Budget Review Committee, Slade-Troutman/Meeks: no report
4. Legislative, Voss: no report
5. NCSBA, Stone: no report
6. Individual Board member reports: no report

B. Superintendent's Report

- Budget Web-cast – A one hour budget web-cast will take place on Wednesday, February 12 for all superintendents and board members. It will be followed by a question/answer session with a panel.
- Youth Community Forum – 35-40 agencies and the high school met to brain-storm this topic. Butte County PIC, who runs the Nevada County One-Stop, has a model youth job training program in Butte County.

- CCSESA & Superintendents conference report – The conference focused on every aspect of the State budget.
- Calendar events/dates
 - 6:00 p.m. forum at Nevada Union High School, new multi-purpose room, presented by Supt. Ralph Swensen and Asst. Supt. of Business Karen Suenram to share what they know and solicit ideas from the community.
 - March 26 – NCSBA will sponsor a Brown Act refresher with Attorney Jim Young, plus a mock Board meeting.

C. Staff Reports

1. Business Services, Fitting – Because of the dire condition of the State budget there is great conversation going on. There is \$39 billion coming out of Washington, D.C. that has to go to K-12 education.
2. Charter School Coop, Miller – Associate Supt. Miller reported on Nevada County Reads and all associated events. The book, ‘Three Cups of Tea’, was reviewed.
3. Curriculum & Instruction, Miller – The real world applications of algebra program was shared with Muir Charter.
4. Imaginarium/Mud Hut, Nielsen – The Imaginarium supported the high school event, Poetry Outloud, for a second year.

D. Future agenda items:

- Retreat: AB1200 and the role of the Board (March)

XIII. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Treasury Report from E. Christina Dabis detailing the portfolio of investments for NCSOS as of December 31, 2008
- B. California School News publication dated January 2009 highlighting article by CSBA President Paula S. Campbell “We are the solution to problems that loom” and article “CSBA installs new officers and directors”
- C. Letter dated January 22, 2009 from Supt. Hermansen to staff regarding State budget update

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at **4:30 p.m.**

Approved: _____
Marianne Slade-Troutman, President

Date: _____

Next Meeting Date: March 11, 2009, 12:00 p.m., 112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City

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