

Nevada County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 13, 2011
2:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES

- I. Meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Altieri.
- II. Established quorum
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| Altieri | present |
| Meeks | present |
| Slade-Troutman | present |
| Michael | present |
| Voss | present |
- III. Salute to the flag – led by Bruce Herring.
- IV. Additions to the Agenda – none.
- V. Adoption of the Agenda
On a motion by Slade-Troutman and seconded by Voss, the agenda was adopted as presented. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Opened public forum
Recognition of members of the audience wishing to address the Board: none.
- VII. Closed public forum
- VIII. Presentation
A. Bitney College Prep High School – Bruce Herring, Principal.
Founded in 1998, Bitney focuses on high academics based on the A-G University of CA entrance requirements. In 2009, 100% of their graduates went on to college. Community service is a large part of the school culture. Teacher, Susan Noble elaborated on the benefits: class size varies from 5-18 students; these students enjoy school; family feeling with professional boundaries. From a student's perspective, Nate Simpson expressed that the level of comfort in the ability to be themselves; and getting to know the teachers both help in the learning process.
- IX. Approval of the Consent Agenda
The following items were listed on the Consent Agenda:
A. Approval of minutes of the Regular meeting of March 9, 2011
B. During the first quarter of 2011 January-March, there were no complaints filed to be reported, pursuant to Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures (*E.C. 1240(H): Board policy 1010 – Uniform Complaint Procedures*)
On a motion by Slade-Troutman and seconded by Michael, the Board approved the Consent Agenda with the following correction: Quarterly Williams Report form to reflect April 2011 (for January-March 2011). The motion was unanimously approved.
- X. Action Items – none.
- XI. Discussion Items
A. School Services Report on Consolidation

The County Committee on School District Organization met and had a discussion regarding their role to encourage School Boards to review and discuss the SSC Report on Consolidation. School Boards may place it on their agenda to discuss the next step. The report created a foundation for continued and open discussion. Several questions arose, for example - student impact and transportation. The Union ran an article. Several other counties are looking into a study as a result of this. Supt. Hermansen presented and shared the report with Sutter County Superintendents.

XII. Reports

A. Board member reports

1. *SARB*, Meeks – none.
2. *Budget Review Committee*, Slade-Troutman/Meeks – Whole board will meet at the budget workshop.
3. *Legislative*, Voss – Legislature couldn't come to an agreement. The cuts across the board could equate to 30 days less of school. Education cannot absorb a cut of \$800 per student. Supt. Hermansen was asked to testify, as to the impact this will have on K-12 schools, at the Senate Budget Hearing on April 14th.
4. *NCSBA*, Slade-Troutman – Supt. Hermansen advised Michael of the next NCSBA meeting date. Michael will plan to attend. Slade-Troutman will be a backup.
5. *Charter Schools Liaison*, Altieri/Voss – One of six visits left; upon completion they will report out.
6. *Individual Board member reports* – Slade-Troutman wanted to thank Judy Nielsen for the effort put into Nevada County Reads and Writes. Michael plans to attend the next NJUHSD Board meeting – they may approve a new Charter High School.

B. Superintendent's Report

1. Sierra College Child Development Program Update – There is continued collaboration; Headstart ARRA Funds were not cut this year. The program is operating well and is full with a waiting list.

C. Staff Reports

1. *Nevada County Schools' Tournaments*- report included in packet
2. *Business Services*, Fitting –Muir's WASC review went well. Held a good Business Office meeting with the Charter Business Officials that was very informative.
3. *Curriculum & Instruction*, Miller – Assoc. Supt. Miller explained that SB 1381 passed which changes the age of kindergarten entry from Dec 2nd to Sept 1st. Legislation phases in the new age requirements by moving the cutoff date one month a year for three years.
4. *Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS) Grant*, Bernheimer – The FRC's continues to grow. The outreach is great. SJR Food Pantry is open. Parenting classes continue. SRC Staff Training is taking place. There will be a write up in the *Other Voices* column of The Union. A summer gang resistance program will take place and serve 200 students in collaboration with GVPD. Almost all Nevada County elementary schools are participating in *O/weus* Antibullying curriculum.

D. Future agenda items – Countywide Charter Renewals

XIII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter, Bear River High School on Nevada County Reads and Writes
2. Letter, Moriah Myers, Student, TRESA

XIV. Adjournment at 3:30 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: May 11, 2011, 2:00 p.m., 112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City

Approved: _____

Date: May 11, 2011

Robert Altieri, President