

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 10, 2010
2:00 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, Judy Nielsen, Debra Sandoval, Thomas Bivens, member(s) of the public

I. Meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. by Stone.

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 Slade-Troutman, seconded by Altieri to adopt the agenda. Motion passed.

VI. Opened public forum

VII. Closed public forum

VIII. Presentations

- A. Pleasant Valley & Ready Springs School District(s): Superintendent Deborah Sandoval and Ready Springs Principal Thomas Bivens
Supt. Deborah Sandoval shared successes of programs and services offered to students in both districts. She described the positive effects of sharing resources and services between districts. Thomas Bivens shared a program being implemented by Ready Springs. They have adopted Building Effective Schools Together (BEST), a positive behavior intervention and support program that is being credited for reducing suspensions by 75% since last year.

IX. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Item B was removed for further consideration. Moved by Altieri, seconded by Voss to adopt item A & C of the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of annual donation of NCSBA dues in the amount of \$125

Moved by Slade-Troutman, seconded by Altieri to approve the annual donation of NCSBA dues in the amount of \$125. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education vote for CSBA candidate Bessie R. Hironimus, Delegate for Region 4 for the 2010 Delegate Assembly?

Moved by Slade-Troutman, seconded by Altieri to vote for CSBA candidate Bessie R. Hironimus, Delegate for Region 4 for the 2010 Delegate Assembly. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve an amendment to the charter for Sierra Montessori Academy which outlines conditions necessary for the school to receive a one-year extension to the charter?

Moved by Altieri, seconded by Voss to approve an amendment to the charter for Sierra Montessori Academy which outlines conditions necessary for the school to receive a one-year extension to the charter. Moved by Altieri, seconded by Voss to amend the motion to reflect that outlined conditions will be demonstrated to the Board by May and voted on at the regularly scheduled Board meeting in May. Motion passed unanimously. Vote was taken on the original motion. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Discussion Items: none

XII. Reports

A. Board member reports

1. SARB, Meeks: no report.
2. Budget Review Committee, Meeks/Slade-Troutman: no report.
3. Legislative, Voss: no report.
4. NCSBA, Stone: NCSBA continues to work on attendance campaign.
5. Individual Board member reports: Slade-Troutman's grandson, an NU student, was recognized with a \$1000 award for high performance in football.

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

1. 2010 Census – The census is important for schools as it affects funding.
2. Armory facility update – To continue occupancy NCSOS would need to demonstrate good faith to meet State compliance with the Field Act, ADA, structural fidelity, and approval of all previous changes to the facility.
3. Sierra College Toddler Program – Early childhood education is critical. The program will serve 18 months-3 year olds. NCSOS will provide training, coordinate data, help with consistency, and provide quality programs.
4. GVSD Superintendent Search update – The brochure and all advertising are complete and circulated. Application deadline is February 26.
5. School District Organization workshop – A public workshop will be held on February 18, addressing legal and local aspects regarding consolidations, unifications, and other issues related to school district organization.
6. Dial 211 – Going on-line today, Nevada County becomes the first rural community to go live in California. Dial 2-1-1 is a resource and referral information line.
7. Pleasant Ridge School – Action was taken last night to close Pleasant Ridge School, as the district has had severe declining enrollment for the past two years. The school district is in the process of developing a plan to form a charter school that could possibly be housed at the school.
8. Upcoming events – Poetry Outloud and Teachers Who Make a Difference

C. Staff Reports

1. Business Services, Fitting: Nevada County charter schools are performing very well. School districts continue to provide high quality education as they focus on students and classrooms, during this time of budget-driven reorganization.

2. Curriculum & Instruction, Miller: Supt. Hermansen reported that the Nevada County Reads kick-off event will take place February 24 at the Stone House.

D. Future agenda items

XIII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Quarterly Investment report
2. NCSOS mileage claim form reflecting new rates as of January 2010

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Approved: _____ Date: _____
Dr. Robert M. Stone, President

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2010, 2:00 p.m., 112 Nevada City Highway,
Nevada City

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