

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 10, 2010
2:00 p.m.

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

Minutes

All times approximate

- I. Meeting called to order by Board President Robert Stone at 2:03 p.m.
- II. Establish quorum
Roll call was called:
 - Bob Altieri - Present
 - Jack Meeks - Present
 - Marianne Slade-Troutman- Present
 - James Voss- Present
 - Robert Stone- Present
- III. Salute to the flag
Led by Judy Nielsen
- IV. Additions to the Agenda
None
- V. Adoption of the Agenda
On a motion by James Voss and seconded by Marianne Slade-Troutman, the agenda was adopted as presented.
- VI. Open public forum – Recognition of members of the audience wishing to address an agenda item may do so at this time or at the time the agenda item is heard. After being recognized by the Board president, please identify yourself. A member of the public may at this time make brief comments regarding items not on the agenda, although no action may be taken.
- VII. Close public forum
- VIII. Presentations – Recognition of Dr. Robert Stone, Retiring Board of Education Member.
A Proclamation was made in honor of Dr. Stone's many years of involvement on the Nevada County Board of Education, Read by Superintendent Hermansen.

A letter from Terrence K. McAteer was read by Superintendent Hermansen. A gift was presented to Dr. Stone by Holly Hermansen. Marianne Slade-Troutman recognized Dr. Stone's years of service and commitment. A short reception was held.

IX. Approval of the Consent Agenda

5 min.

The following items were on the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of minutes of the Regular meeting of October 13, 2010 (page 1)

On a motion by Bob Altieri and seconded by James Voss, the Board approved the Consent Agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

X. Action Items

15 min.

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Application for a new County-District-School (CDS) Code for Small District Funding Waiver of NCSOS 3R Community Day School per EC §§ 1011, 1013, 1040, 35163, 35164; Government code § 54950 and EC § 48660?

Item presented by Superintendent Hermansen requesting approval of above item related to funding for 3R Community Day School. Discussion included other possible avenues of funding in addition to or in place of the Small District Funding Waiver.

On a motion by Marianne Slade-Troutman and seconded by Bob Altieri. The Board approved the application for a new County-District-School (CDS) Code for Small District Funding Waiver of NCSOS 3R Community Day School. The motion was unanimously approved.

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education accept the 2010/11 45 Day Revise based on the State's adoption of the budget?

Donna Fitting answered questions regarding the impact of the new state budget on NCSOS and county school districts. Discussion of county and national economy followed. The motion of unanimously approved.

On a motion by Marianne Slade-Troutman and seconded by Bob Altieri the Nevada County Board of Education accepted the 2010/11 45 Day Revise based on the State's adoption of the budget.

XI. Discussion Items –

XII.

- A. Appointment Process for Board Vacancy

Superintendent Hermansen explained the CSBA process that was outlined in board packet. Superintendent Hermansen will follow up by posting an ad in the Union newspaper. Jack Meeks requested Superintendent Hermansen research specific guidelines that may be required for the newspaper ad. Samie White will alert the board when the posting has occurred. It was proposed that a sub-committee comprised of James Voss and Marianne Slade-Troutman meet to review applications. Selected applicants will then interview before the board.

B. Provision of County Services, Related to Facilities.

Superintendent Hermansen shared with the board issues and challenges faced by NCSOS in the provision of services, particularly related to facilities. Since NSOS has grown over the years, new leases have been acquired and the organization has become spread out. For greater programmatic support and efficiency Holly proposed exploring options for consolidating into one location. The board had some discussion and is supportive of the idea. The topic will be brought back to the board for future consideration.

XIII. Information Items

20 min.

A. Gallup Poll: What Americans Said About the Public Schools (page 17)

No Discussion. Superintendent Hermansen suggested that the board might be interested in reading the entire poll for informational purposes.

B. Ed Source Report: How California Ranks (page 19)

No Discussion

C. Fire Facts.org (page 31)

Promotional program that teaches kids about fire safety. No Discussion.

D. AB 3632 (page 33)

Regarding funding cut for mental health services for students with IEP's. There are currently 3 lawsuits challenging the governor's legal right to suspend AB3632. NCSOS staff is working closely with Nevada County Behavioral Health to determine how to provide services to students.

XIV. Reports

A. Board Member Reports

20 min.

- i. SARB, Meeks – SARB will meet on Monday, November 15 at 2:00 p.m.
- ii. Budget Review Committee, Meeks/Slade-Troutman – Next meeting December 1 at 2:00 pm.
- iii. Legislative, Voss – reported recent election and how it will affect schools.
- iv. NCSBA, Stone – Bob did not attend. Holly reported that the topics of discussion included the recent elections, Teacher of the Year dinner and the attendance campaign “Be Present.”
- v. Individual Board Reports – Marianne Slade-Troutman reported that she had discussions with the elections office regarding the costs of at large elections.

B. Superintendent's Report

20 min.

- i. SS/HS Kick-off Events - Holly reported that the 3 events were successful and well attended by the community.

- ii. NJUHSD Superintendent's Search – Interviews have been held, and there is a top candidate under consideration.
- iii. Armory facility – Mud Hut portable is being taken away by Celestial Valley towing at no cost. Sculpture in front of Armory may be moved to NCSOS.
- iv. Nevada County Digital Media Center – formerly NCTV. Is now working with Grass Valley Group to expand their services to include more educational outreach. They have formed an advisory board with the K-12 schools.

C. Staff Reports

20 min.

- i. Business Services, Fitting – New hire in Charter Business Services, there have been lots of meetings with charters. New hire, shared position between HR and Business Services. Audit is complete. Lots of new hires in charter business services, working closely with the charters.
- ii. Curriculum & Instruction, Miller – Senate Bill 1381 regarding the Kindergarten cut-off date was discussed. A projected saving of \$700 million with the new cut-off dates. Cut off by 2014 will be Sept. 2. A “transitional K” program funded by ADA with credentialed teachers only will be put in place. Statistics show that children who start school earlier than 5 years old drop out sooner and have lower test scores.

D. Future agenda items-Board would like to recognize local business people who supported local schools through a variety of donations.

XIV. Correspondence

A. Treasury report from Marcia Salter detailing the portfolio of investments for NCSOS as of September 30, 2010 (page 37)

XV. Adjournment – 4:00 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2010, 2:00 p.m., 112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City

Approved: _____

Date: December 8, 2010

Dr. Robert Stone, President