

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 9, 2013
2:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES

I. **Meeting called to order** by Board President Slade-Troutman

II. **Established quorum**

Bob Altieri	Present
Jack Meeks	Present
Tracy Lapierre	Present
Marianne Slade-Troutman	Present
Trevor Michael	Present

III. **Salute to the flag**

IV. **Additions to the Agenda** – none.

V. **Adoption of the Agenda**

On a motion by Altieri and seconded by Michael, 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. **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 Board member 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.

A. Approval of minutes of the Regular meeting of September 11, 2013

B. During the third quarter of 2013 July - September, there were no complaints filed to be reported, pursuant to Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures (E.C. 1240(H); Board Policy 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures)

On a motion by Altieri and seconded by Michael, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the consent agenda. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. **Presentations**

A. Muir Charter – RJ Guess, Director and Les Atchison, Board President

Atchison and Guess led the Board through a powerpoint presentation detailing Muir's history growing from 355 students in 1999 to currently serving 1,700 students and they continue to grow. Guess noted the 2013 CA drop-out Rate is now listed as 22%. Demographic data; variety of programs offered and Muir students improvement in CAHSEE were highlighted.

B. Forest Charter – Peter Sagebiel, Director

Sagebiel led the Board through a powerpoint presentation. Forest opened their doors in the Fall of 2002. Currently 650 students are enrolled in the K-12 WASC Accredited Independent Study charter school. Truckee competition has impacted enrollment a bit, and changes are being made to help.

A JPA was formed for Special Education/SELPA shared services. Their personalized learning model allows flexibility, choices over classes and coursework.

X. Board Member Reports

A. Budget Review Committee, *Meeks/Slade-Troutman*

Slade-Troutman reported no meeting this month due to scheduling conflicts.

B. SARB, *Lapierre*

Lapierre reported 2 cases were heard which were carryovers from 2012/13.

C. Legislative, *Meeks*

Meeks reported that Common Core is being adopted across the country and is seeing a lot of opposition.

D. NCSBA, *Michael* – no report.

Michael unable to attend meeting.

E. Charter Liaison, *Altieri* – great that we are hearing Charter School Presentations.

F. Individual Board Member Reports - none

XI. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve Resolution 13-12, adoption of the Gann Appropriation Limit pursuant to Article XIII B of the California constitution for FY2012-13 and FY2013-14? *Roll Call Vote*

On a motion by Michael and seconded by Lapierre, the Nevada County Board of Education Approved Resolution 13-12, adoption of the Gann Appropriation Limit pursuant to Article XIII B of the California constitution for FY2012-13 and FY2013-14. Roll Call Vote taken. The motion carries unanimously (5-0-0).

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the *Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)*?

On a motion by Altieri and seconded by Lapierre, the Nevada County Board of Education Approved the *Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)*. All in favor. The motion carries unanimously.

- C. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the Los Angeles Education Corps (LAEC) Unaudited Actuals FY2013?

Supt. Hermansen restated that the LAEC left NCSOS last year to join with Inyo COE. LAEC's Board dissolved and became a new board leaving no board in existence to approve the unaudited actuals FY2013. LAEC's ending fund balance had a positive recommendation. When all is done, money will be transferred to Inyo COE.

On a motion by Michael and seconded by Altieri, Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approved the Los Angeles Education Corps (LAEC) Unaudited Actuals FY2013. All in favor. The motion carries unanimously.

- D. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve Resolution 13-13, a Budget Revision to Add Staffing to Support Common Core, School Safety and Local Control and Accountability Plans? *Roll Call Vote*

A motion by Michael and seconded by Altieri, discussion followed:

Supt. Hermansen reported over the course of time, Nevada County Office of Education will receive increases in funding under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). Much thought and energy went into how to use the funds to best support our school districts based on their needs, and the new requirements of the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

Michael expressed concern if 8 teacher experts were enough and is the timeline enough to supplement the school districts. 9 may be more appropriate, peer to peer, one for each school district.

Supt. Hermansen advised this is a deployment modeled after EDCOE, which has been very successful and has expanded to 12. Currently each district is doing their own staff development, this would provide a collaborative effort by grade level; and then with ELA/Math.

Slade-Troutman expressed concern over adding bureaucracy. Most districts are seeing little money from the focus on student programs. Slade-Troutman proposes we ask each school district for their student needs; have each school district pose a plan to our board; and offer grant money to each individual school district. This would be a direct benefit to students, rather than administrators. Slade-Troutman also noted concern over not having office space for additional employees.

Supt. Hermansen advised that she met with each School District Superintendent, asking for their needs and what was most beneficial. Staff Development was a high concern. Another concern is lack of after school/summer school programs, and Shar Johns and Supt. Hermansen are looking into this issue. NCSOS Staff spent much time researching our school districts needs and this proposal is of interest to the school districts. In addition, current NCSOS staff cannot take on new accountability and oversight responsibilities under LCFF.

Michael reminded the Board that in 2 years, there will be an accountability of new testing, new results. Between now and then, it is our responsibility to insure our school districts are moving forward. We must analyze the risks, additional types of services may be needed, for nothing weighs more heavily than student achievements.

Michael further stated the legislation allocated funding to school districts; in addition funding to COE's to provide that certain objectives locally were taken care of. This is an accountability moment for our board. What will we have done to make sure we have done what we need to get done?

Slade-Troutman advised that the school districts have people in place, the purpose of LCFF is to streamline funding. Each school district has their own situation and may train in-house rather than we hire someone. Slade-Troutman doesn't want to vote against the achievements for kids.

Supt. Hermansen advised that most school districts do not have a Director for Curriculum and no resources to provide those services. They look to the County office for support in this area.

Michael stated the focus should be on how to most efficiently support 10 school districts and charters. Under the LCFF certain things must be done and accounted for. Our Board has the responsibility to make sure school districts do certain things under Common Core. Currently there is nothing in place to monitor progress.

Supt. Hermansen advised there are new responsibilities under LCFF. Every school district in the state and charter schools must develop a Local Control Accountability Plan which must be submitted by May, before budget, on how they will address the needs of students. The role of the County office is similar to that under AB1200, the County Offices must evaluate the plan, verifying the budget is aligned. If a school district cannot align the plan, the county office has the new responsibility to provide expertise and intervention. It is not the role of our COE to fund school districts; and it's not good use of funds to split up funding when we would be able to give so much more by centralizing the use of the funds. This is a new statutory responsibility to County Offices. Previously, our responsibility was supplying a fiscal expert; under AB1200 we must provide a curriculum expert.

Meeks stated we do not need another layer of government. Schools need after school delinquency programs. Meeks proposes having the school districts handle their own safety and give each a share of the \$750,000.

Fitting stated in Nevada County, we have 9 small districts; and charter schools. The business offices have varying degrees of expertise. Our COE is charged with bridging the gap and providing business services expertise to districts that may need assistance. Replication of a Curriculum expert 10 times would be a misuse of funds. The most economical way is through the COE, this is our charge, to consolidate and provide resources.

Altieri reminded the Board that the school districts are in favor of the proposal and the concept of centralized management has been successfully tested many times.

Meeks made a privileged motion to table the motion previously made for at least one month until school districts plans are consulted; Slade Troutman seconded the motion; Roll Call Vote Taken. The motion failed (2-3-0)

Michael asked to hear from those in the audience.

Shar Johns explained our office's three pronged proposal.

1. Common Core Curriculum Support
2. Safety/Climate
3. Accountability

This is the most economical way to service the needs for all school districts. The plan engages all areas. Johns met with all principals and charter directors. They want coaches in Common Core and Behavior to come into the schools. Hands on is needed and wanted. Safety must be number one; the Superintendents and Principals know this; implementation is a huge job to coordinate. If one school feels a safety issue, it's felt throughout the county.

RJ Guess advised if they received a little money, it wouldn't be enough to do what is required. It is better to work with the COE and coordinate services.

Peter Sagebiel advised there are efficiencies in the JPA sharing; he couldn't do his job without the centralized coordination. Support is also needed in the transition to Common Core.

On a motion by Michael and seconded by Altieri, the Nevada County Board of Education Approved Resolution 13-13, a Budget Revision to Add Staffing to Support Common Core, School Safety and Local Control and Accountability Plans. Roll Call Vote Taken. The motion Carries (3-2-0).

XII. Discussion / Information Items

A. AB 484 – Pupil assessments: Measurement of Academic Performance and progress (MAPP)

Supt. Hermansen referred the Board to the packet. Legislation has passed suspending STAR. Field testing the new Common Core test will take it's place; which allows testing of technology and the new test. Teachers may now fully implement Common Core without a concern of STAR testing.

B. Local Control Funding Formula – Local Control Accountability Plan

XIII. Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

1. NCSBA/ACSA Teacher of the Year Dinner – Wonderful event.
2. TB Serum – National Shortage – Public Health Officer announced the shortage. Nevada County has created a plan identifying high risk individuals and those receive the TB Serum. Our office is helping to identify those who are high risk; a nurse does an assessment and based on answers, either delays or receives the TB Serum.

3. Ready Springs-Pleasant Valley Consolidation – Talks have continued. PVSD voted unanimously and took action to pursue a petition. RSSD is meeting today. Once a petition is received, Supt. Hermansen will verify all pieces are in place and the County Committee on School District Organization will be called to meet. Election could be waived and not go the State Board of Education as the CCOSDO has the authority to approve locally under certain conditions, and the districts could request an election waiver from the State Board.

B. Staff Reports

1. *Educational Services* – Johns

Johns reported that each school district participated in a 50 question survey for Common Core implementation from the CDE to see where they currently are. After compiled; there will be statewide results broken down by county.

Site visit at Ready Springs School for the Williams review was completed and a letter will go to RSSD Superintendent. Next step will be the SARC; Credential check and then final report will come.

2. *Business Services* – Fitting

Fitting reported that unaudited actuals, audit completed. There were no findings and no exceptions. The business office is now getting ready for 1st Interim; and is converting to the new funding formula.

XIV. Future agenda items

1. Presentation: Bitney Charter - Ron Handel, Director
2. Presentation: NJUHSD – Louise Johnson, Superintendent

XV. Correspondence –

1. Fiscal Reports

Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2012, 2:00 p.m., 112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City

Approved: _____


Marianne Slade Troutman, President

Date: November 13, 2013

An Alternate Proposal Regarding Action Item XI D—"Shall the Nevada ^{NCBOE} County Board of Education Approve Resolution 13-13, a budget revision to ~~10/9/13~~ add staffing to support common core, school safety and local control and accountability plans?"

by Marianne Slade-Troutman
President, Nevada County Board of Education
October 9, 2013

I cannot support this expenditure plan. It appears to me that all we are adding is more bureaucracy to this office instead of adding student programs that directly, not indirectly, assist our youth. I can see it coming that we will need to spend the rest of the monies on new housing to house this ever expanding bloated bureaucracy.

I understand in talking to district school board members that most districts in this county, outside of the county office of education, are seeing little, if any, new money from the Governor's budget. These new dollars that we have received are unrestricted monies which we could and should be using to support student-centered programs. I believe our struggling school districts would appreciate this concept more than adding top-down administrators as they know what they need and don't need us spending precious resources and time finding this out.

As an alternative to the existing proposal, we need to grant much of this money to our districts with a plan that they submit to us for maintaining and developing student programs such as after-school tutoring, open gyms, or maintaining art and music programs. This type of plan would develop a closer working relationship with the districts, their boards, the County Superintendent and the County Board of Education. This alternative plan would also assist more youth than the current plan before us today.

I would hope that Superintendent Hermansen and my fellow board members would support some modifications and redrafting of this plan which specifically asks our districts for their student-centered needs which might include common core, and safety as part of the plan. The taxpaying public would certainly appreciate this approach of direct benefit to our students rather than adding more administrators.

~ ADDITION TO MINUTES ~