

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 11, 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. Establish 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 Lapierre, the Agenda was adopted as presented. Motion passed 5 ayes.

VI. Opened public forum – Recognition of members of the audience wishing to address the Board:

Holly Pettit, Director of Nevada City School of the Arts expressed disappointment that a Charter school will not be one of the schools visited by State Superintendent Tom Torlakson during an upcoming visit; however acknowledged the difficult decision Supt. Hermansen had in choosing among all the great Nevada County schools.

VII. Closed public forum

VIII. President's Opening Remarks

Slade-Troutman read a letter to the Board, which is hereby incorporated by reference as an attachment to the minutes.

IX. Presentation

Nevada City School of the Arts – Holly Pettitt, Director

NCSA's doors opened in 1994, as Charter #113. Pettitt, who has worked in education 22 years, led the Board through a power point presentation detailing how arts distinguish education at NCSA. Through *Passage Works*, faculty has been trained in the *Five Dimensions of Engaged Teaching* and their commitment to educating children is genuine. Enrollment is currently at 357; anticipating 375 next year.

X. Organizational Meeting

As required by law, members of the Board shall at this meeting select a president, vice-president, and fix the dates, time and place of its regular meetings. (E.C. 1009, 35143)

A. Nomination and Election of President

Moved by Slade-Troutman, seconded by Altieri to nominate Michael as President, vote was taken, motion passed 5 ayes.

B. Nomination and Election of Vice-president

Moved by Slade-Troutman, seconded by Michael to nominate Altieri as Vice-president, vote was taken, motion passed 5 ayes.

C. Nomination and Election of Trustee/NCSBA Representative

Moved by Meeks to nominate Lapierre; Lapierre unable to attend meetings; motion failed for a lack of a second.

Moved by Michael, seconded by Slade-Troutman to nominate Michael as Trustee/NCSBA Representative, motion passed 5 ayes.

D. Selection of dates, time and place for regularly scheduled Board meetings

- Shall the Nevada County Board of Education adopt the meeting calendar for 2014?

The Nevada County Board of Education adopted meeting calendar for 2014 as presented.

XI. 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 November 13, 2013

Moved by Altieri, seconded by Slade-Troutman to approve the Consent Agenda, motion passed 5 ayes.

XII. Board Member Reports

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

No official meeting was held. All board members received a Budget Report sent previously. Slade-Troutman and Meeks met and had several questions which were responded to by Fitting and Supt. Hermansen.

B. SARB, *Lapierre*

- i. Lapierre reported they are still hearing cases rolled over from the prior school year; with the cases getting harder and harder.

C. Legislative, *Meeks*

- i. Meeks reported that all our legislators are now being entertained on vacation; or are being lobbied, including State, Local, and National. Presents are being handed out and results are expected.

D. NCSBA, *Michael*

- i. Michael was not able to attend. Supt. Hermansen provided an update. Due to trouble with membership, they held a thoughtful conversation about continuing. They agreed to change their meeting schedule to meet quarterly, to continue to provide forums. Next meeting was changed to January 9th.

E. Charter Liaison, *Altieri* – no report.

F. Individual Board Member Reports

- i. Altieri provided the following handouts, reinforcing that the Board vote last month to increase support services was a good vote:
 - a. Ed Code 52050 – 52077 detailing the requirements under the Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCFF); and
 - b. Article schooled in Common Core; highlighting the 3rd paragraph which notes the State law requirements in funding

- ii. Slade-Troutman attended and enjoyed a Scotten school program.

XIII. Action Items

A. Review of FY 2013-14 First Interim Report

Fitting led the Board through a power point; explaining the new funding model (LCFF) and how it has been incorporated into the budget. Fitting summarized the status of the 2013/14 First Interim Report recommending the Board approve with a positive certification.

Altieri asked for clarification if LCFF was to payback districts for funding deficits. Fitting advised no; in general it sets targets for districts and then compares to base line funding. Districts won't be paid in full until 2021, the difference being called The Gap. The intention was to restructure how we are currently funded; adding local control to include the community, staff and parents.

Fitting noted total revenues increased \$1.1M; Expenditures increased \$710K; and services increased to reflect the addition of expenditures. Charters have benefited from the new funding model; cash flow is still closely monitored, however there are fewer cash issues than in the past.

Michael noted that the Board will need to pay more attention to Alt. Ed. account spending. Build single site plan goals and objectives with achievements; monitor results, in a format that stakeholders in the school desire. Supt. Hermansen added that the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) does just that. Shar Johns will share with the Board a draft of that plan in the coming months.

Michael would like to see a budget reflecting actuals vs. budget. At year end the Board will need to account for local objectives; how money was spent; and if goals were not met, how to address.

Supt. Hermansen added how the State Board of Ed (SBE) will measure goals continues to be a discussion. Collecting stakeholder input and being transparent is required.

Michael reflected that this year's Interim Budget has unallocated reserves. Do we put money in reserve; or spend money for transitional efforts? Supt. Hermansen recommended both, as LCFF rolls out, we don't know the level of support that will be needed. We need to be thoughtful about needs of the students and districts.

Michael asked if any board members wanted to comment on needs for unallocated reserves.

Slade-Troutman asked what the percent by law must be in reserve. Fitting advised 4% is required by law.

B. Approval of Certification of FY2013-14 First Interim Report *(page 114)*

Moved by Altieri, seconded by Slade-Troutman, the Nevada County Board of Education Approved the Certification of th FY2012-13 First Interim Report. Motion passed 5 ayes.

C. Approval of Resolution 13-14, Budget Revision to the FY2013-14 Budget **(Roll Call Vote)** *(page 117)*

Moved by Slade-Troutman, seconded by Altieri, the Nevada County Board of Education Approved Resolution 13-14, Budget Revision to the FY2013-14 Budget by Roll Call Vote, motion passed 5 ayes.

D. First reading of Board Policy 6171, Title I Programs *(page 118)*

Johns advised that Earle Jamieson Educational Options; and Sugarloaf Mtn. Juvenile Hall receive Title I funds; and must have a Comparability of Services policy in place. This policy outlines that we are giving our students the same level of services as any other school.

XIV. Information/Discussion Items

A. County Office of Education – Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Supt. Hermansen has been having conversations on how LCAP will look like for NCSOS Alternative Ed Programs; Foster Youth Programs; and Special Education. Lisa Sanford, Principal of the Alt. Ed Programs, is looking at identifying outcomes; stakeholder input; public hearing; and will bring a draft of the plan in the spring.

B. CalPERS Settlement (*page 120*)

An agreement was reached between CCSESA and CalPERS regarding eligibility for CalPERS benefits for CCSESA employees. The NCSOS share of legal fees was put into the First Interim.

C. Superintendents Policy 5144.1, Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (*page 122*)

This policy defines the expulsion process for NCSOS students. It details the process in which a Discipline Review Board would hear the case and submit a recommendation to the Board.

D. Administrative Regulation 5144.1, Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (*page 125*)

XV. Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

i. Keeping Kids in School and Out of Court Summit

Nevada County judges wanted to bring a whole team to this intense truancy workshop which focused on support services, safety nets in place; and early intervention; as opposed to punitive measures.

ii. RSSD/PVSD Consolidation Update

County Committee meets next week; with public hearings scheduled for January.

iii. Update on new positions

iv. FIELD Charter Petition

Muir Charter has a site in Kern County, FIELD, which has 4 learning centers. FIELD came to Muir 5 years ago with the intention of someday becoming their own charter. FIELD would like NCSOS to be their authorizer.

A petition is expected to be submitted in January.

B. Staff Reports

i. Business Services, *Fitting* – nothing further.

ii. Educational Services, *Johns*

Johns reported that 2 new positions have been filled.

Kathleen Kiefer, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Accountability, comes from PRSD with a wealth of experience as well as a Masters in Curriculum and will start January 6th, 2014;

Chris Espedal, Safety and School Climate Coordinator, comes from NJUHSD with a BS in Safety Management and safety experience and will start January 21st, 2014.

Supt. Hermansen provided the Board with the Annual Report from Yuba River Charter.

C. Future agenda items

- i. Second reading and adoption of Board Policy 6171, Title I Programs

XVI. Correspondence

- A. Fiscal Reports (page 144)

XVII. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: January 8, 2014, 2:00 p.m., 112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City

Approved: 
Trevor Michael, President

Date: January 8, 2014

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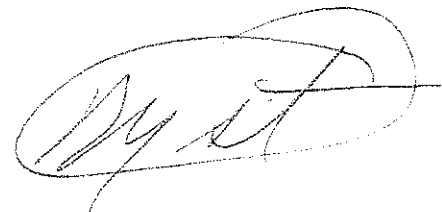
I wish to thank the Board for entrusting me with the presidency this past year. It has been a fruitful year and, I hope you share with me, the optimism for the future for this Board as we work with the County Superintendent and our districts to better enhance the lives of our youth. While we may disagree a time or two, the key is that we remain focused on our primary goal—the betterment of the academic and social lives of the school children of Nevada County.

With our large reserves and the new funds from the Local Control Funding Formula, this Board is poised to assist our all children, teachers and schools in this county.

As Terri Burns, the California School Boards Policy and Programs Director notes in a recent CSBA publication, and I quote, “I can’t emphasize enough how crucial it is for governance teams to begin planning immediately. You have to start planning your public outreach, adjusting your budgets, and setting local priorities.”

Therefore, since budgets and priorities will be at the head of our agenda this next year, I propose that we abolish the two member budget review committee. This official committee of the Board has been in place for many years and has served its purpose during tough fiscal times but now it is time for the Board of the whole to tackle and address the large issues before us. We need to devote more time on our agendas to the discussion of financial objectives and district assistance and we would be better served to do this as a whole board instead of the confines of the existing two member committee. I hope you agree with me as I pass this gavel to the next able member.

Again, thank you for your trust and cooperative spirit.



Marianne Slade-Troutman
President, Nevada County Bd of Education

ADD TO MINUTES