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**Nevada County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, April 10, 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**

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

Board President Slade-Troutman advised that both Michael and Lapierre were absent due to family emergencies.

**III. Salute to the flag**

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

**V. Adoption of the Agenda**

On a motion by Altieri and seconded by Meeks the Agenda was adopted as presented.  
Motion passed unanimously.

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

**VII. Closed public forum**

**VIII. Presentation**

A. John Muir Charter – RJ Guess, Executive Director

Slade-Troutman introduced RJ Guess – see attachment A.

Guess walked the Board through handouts provided, detailing the history of John Muir Charter School and the Educational Services provided in over 40 separate sites around the state serving young adults between the ages of 14 to 25. While focusing on student's individual needs, Muir's devoted and credentialed teachers provide state-aligned curricula with a teacher/student ratio of 17-1.

Muir's Demographic Report for 2011-2013 provides insight on the diverse student body served and their CAHSEE testing success rate.

Guess also provided a Muir Site list, which included enrollment data totaling 1,633 students for the 2012-13 school year.

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**IX. Board Reports**

- A. Budget Review Committee, *Meeks/Slade*-  
Slade-Troutman's report is hereby incorporated by reference – See Attachment B.
- B. SARB, *Lapierre* – none.
- C. Legislative, *Meeks*  
A bill has been introduced in Sacramento to ease the firing of teachers. Meeks reported that 18 states allow adults to be armed under certain conditions. Some states require school board or superintendent approval, while most states, such as California, require county sheriff approval.
- D. NCSBA, *Michael* – none.
- E. Charter Liaison, *Altieri* – none.
- F. Individual Board Reports – none.

**X. Approval of the Consent Agenda (Action)**

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 March 13, 2013
- B. During the first quarter of 2013 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 Altieri and seconded by Meeks, the consent agenda was approved. The motion passed unanimously.**

**XI. Action Items**

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Change the Date of May Budget Workshop?  
Supt. Hermansen advised that the Governor's May Revise, which impacts our budget, will come out after the regularly scheduled Board Meeting in May. It was noted that the Budget Review Committee will meet on May 1 at 1:30 PM.

**On a motion by Meeks and seconded by Altieri, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the following changes to the NCBOE Meeting Calendar:**

May 8, 2013	2 PM	Regular Meeting
June 12, 2013	2 PM	Regular Meeting (12:30 PM Lunch; 1-2 PM Budget Work Session)

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**XII. Information/Discussion Items**

- A. Sierra College Child Development Center: Changes in Head Start Funding  
Supt. Hermansen; NCSOS Staff; and PCAC/KidZKount met yesterday to discuss funding changes to Head Start. As a result of Federal budget cuts imposed through sequestration, Head Start funding will see a reduction of approximately 5 percent. PCAC was recommending a six week summer closure to the NCSOS Toddler and Preschool Programs.

However, this unique partnership between the State Department of Education, Sierra College, PCAC, and NCSOS does not allow for closure as the State requires the programs to operate fulltime year round.

The \$13K budget cut is being negotiated; and a reasonable solution is expected. Supt. Hermansen is traveling to Washington DC to discuss the impact of budget decisions such as this.

**XIII. Reports**

**A. Superintendent's Report**

1. NJUHSD Superintendent Search

Supt. Hermansen has met with the NJUHSD Board 3 times and our office is designing a job announcement. A timeline was approved by the NJUHSD Board and they are moving forward with staff input and public input process. The Board will then select candidates to interview and make a final decision. The only cost to our office is time; all direct costs are billed to NJUHSD.

2. Expense Report – passed out.

3. Assoc. Supt. Stan Miller's Retirement Celebration will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Grass Valley Elks Lodge.

4. Inter-District Transfer Appeals – Due to possible appeals expected this spring, the NCSOS IDTA Handbook will be sent to all Board Members for reference.

5. Outstanding Elections Bill – The Board of Supervisors approved a revised resolution which included an extremely complex formula for election costs. The formula is fair and will save Superintendents; school district board members; and county board members money. As the previous election bill is now resolved, the NCSOS business office will issue a check to the elections office. At the request of the board, Supt. Hermansen will bring a copy of the resolution to the next board meeting.

6. NCBOE Alternative Ed Sites Tour – May 2, 2013; meet at NCSOS at 10:30 AM

7. Budget Review Committee will still meet on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 PM

**B. Staff Reports**

1. **Business Services, Fitting**

School districts have turned in their 2<sup>nd</sup> interim for review. There is still 1 qualified school district, PRSD. Charter oversight visits by Fitting and Miller will begin. Auditors will be here the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in June.

2. **Educational Services, Miller**

NCSOS is supporting the school districts in Common Core Standards. K-12 ELA training will conclude its 10<sup>th</sup> training day on April 16<sup>th</sup>. NCSOS is contracting with PCOE to offer summer training. The districts need our services.

Over 30 ILP, Foster Youth and Emancipated students participated in the *Life Skills – Domestic Bliss* event. Students traveled from station to station which included cooking, laundry, cleaning, and sewing helping them to get a great start in life.

ILP Graduation is scheduled for May 31, 2013. The Board will receive invitations.

**C. Future agenda items**

1. SELPA Update – Eli Gallup

2. LAEC Presentation

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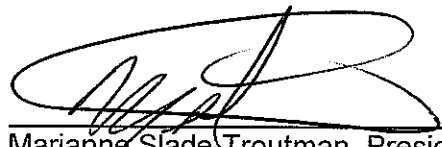
3. Expulsion Policy

**XIV. Correspondence**

- A. Fiscal Reports
- B. Classified School Employees of the Year Recognition Breakfast
- C. Speech Tournament Finals Report
- D. *InConcert Sierra* – The Zodiac Trio

**XV. Adjournment**

Next Meeting Date: May 8, 2013: Board of Education Meeting 2:00 PM,  
112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City

Approved:   
Marianne Slade Troutman, President

Date: May 8, 2013

Introduction by Marianne Slade-Troutman: John Muir Charter School, named after the famed California naturalist, was approved by this Board in 2002 to serve youth in the California Conservation Corps, Job Corps, Local Conservation Corps, YouthBuild and Workforce Investment Act programs. Our Board besides approving the charter, appoints the Chair of the Muir Board of Directors who then appoints the Muir Executive Director.

The first Muir Board Chair was former County Superintendent Jerry Hund who resigned in 2006. Former Placer-Nevada SELPA Director Kay Atchison was confirmed by this Board to replace Mr. Hund and she served until 2009. This Board then appointed Les Atchison, Kay's husband, to fill her seat. Les has impeccable credentials serving in our public schools for many years.

We are pleased this afternoon to have Mr. RJ Guess, Executive Director of the John Muir Charter School. According to the Muir website, we are serving youth in 18 California Conservation Corps sites, 6 local conservation corps sites, 12 workforce investment act sites, 5 YouthBuild sites and one Americorps site. A total of 42 sites.

Conclusion: Thank you very much Mr. Guess for your informative presentation. I certainly appreciate you taking time from your busy schedule to address the Board. The Board is planning to hear in June from Noel Trout, the Executive Director of our Los Angeles Conservation Corps Charter School, our other out of county charter

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Budget Review Committee Report

The Budget Review Committee met this past week to discuss our charters and the fiscal impact they have upon our budget. We currently have two out-of-county charters and six in-county charters that we authorize and provide business and oversight services. We receive a five percent fee for managing the business services and one percent for oversight.

The Budget Review Committee would like to report the following figures which were discussed at our meeting:

**John Muir Charter School (Sacramento-based)**

1450 students  
Business Services \$489,000  
Oversight \$85,000  
Total: \$578,000

**Los Angeles Conservation Corps Charter (Los Angeles-based)**

400 students  
Business Services \$128,000  
Oversight \$22,000  
Total: \$150,000

**Six in-county charters**

1560 students  
Business Services \$480,000  
Oversight \$90,000  
Total: \$570,000

In total, our eight charter schools bring into our budget nearly \$1.3 million dollars. These funds help support our business services staff and some of our local programs.

The Budget Committee also discussed the future of the 49er Regional Occupation Program or ROP. Nevada County's ROP is managed and funded by the Placer County Office of Education. The Governor's budget proposes to implement a new funding formula known as the Local Control Funding Formula. This formula would make the current funds received by County Offices become unrestricted. Being unrestricted, the Placer County Office of Education could use these ROP funds for other purposes. Placer County will be working with Nevada Union High School District to decide the future of the program. This program has no impact on our budget.

End of Budget Review Committee report 4/10/13  
Submitted by Members Marianne Slade-Troutman and Jack Meeks  
Attached to the Minutes of the May meeting