

**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, May 8, 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**
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| Trevor Michael          | present |
| Tracy Lapierre          | present |
| Marianne Slade-Troutman | present |
| Jack Meeks              | present |
| Bob Altieri             | 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 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**
- SELPA – Eli Gallup, Assistant Superintendent
- Gallup led the Board through a PowerPoint Presentation detailing the SELPA governance structure; Parent involvement; Funding; and services provided. Student data was also discussed noting a decline in *Speech & Language Impaired* and *Specific Learning Disabilities*; while seeing an increase in high cost disabilities such as *Autism*; *Hard of Hearing*; and *Emotional Disturbance*. Staff development and current issues were also discussed.
- IX. **Board Reports**
- A. Budget Review Committee, *Meeks/Slade-Troutman*
- Slade-Troutman reported that the committee met and is waiting for the Governor's May Revise. The Governor is standing strong on the Local Funding Formula; and noted Proposition 30 protects the COE from some cuts.
- Slade-Troutman advised that the out of county charter, Los Angeles Education Charter, desired to seek business services elsewhere and noted Supt. Hermansen would speak to this in her report. Also, Shar Johns, of Pleasant Ridge School District will be taking over Stan Miller's position at NCSOS. NCSOS Health benefits may see a 19% increase, the business office is looking into this further.

- B. SARB, *Lapierre*  
Lapierre reported these are very difficult hearings; and has compassion for the children, as so many times it's the parents who are responsible.

Lapierre attended the Sugarloaf Mtn. Juvenile Hall and Earle Jamieson Ed. Options tour. It was educational and uplifting to see first hand the facilities; students; and staff.

- C. Legislative, *Meek*

Meeks inquired about *Fiscal Reports by School Services of California*. Supt. Hermansen will pull those related to legislative and send to Meeks. Meeks reported that bills are being defeated left, right and center. Surplus in the Governor's May Revise will be shown, however it is unsure how as there are several different avenues.

- D. NCSBA, *Michael* – unable to attend; no report.

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

- F. Individual Board Reports

Slade-Troutman reported on the Sugarloaf Mtn. Juvenile Hall and Earle Jameson Ed. Options tour. Principal Lisa Sanford is doing a fantastic job; teachers are well liked; and these great programs are having an impact on our kids.

X. **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of minutes of the Regular meeting of April 10, 2013

**On a motion by Meeks and seconded by Lapierre the Nevada County Board of Education adopted the Consent Agenda as it was presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

XI. **Action Items**

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of Board Policy 3260, Fees and Charges; and Administrative Regulation 3260, Fees and Charges?

Modeled after the CSBA policy, this addresses the policy and procedure for student fees and charges as allowed under EC 49011; 5CCR350. Donations may be requested. Every school district is required to have a policy in place to address fees and charges to students.

**On a motion by Michael and seconded by Altieri the Nevada County Board of Education adopted Board Policy 3260, Fees and Charges; and Administrative Regulation 3260, Fees and Charges. Motion passed unanimously.**

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve Resolution 13-03, excused absence for Board member Tracy Lapierre (E.C. 1090)?

**On a motion by Altieri and seconded by Meeks the Nevada County Board of Education Approved Resolution 13-03, excusing the April 10, 2013 absence for Board Member Tracy Lapierre by roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.**

- C. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve Resolution 13-04, excused absence for Board member Trevor Michael (E.C. 1090)?

**On a motion by Lapierre and seconded by Meeks the Nevada County Board of Education Approved Resolution 13-04, excusing the April 10, 2013 absence for Board Member Trevor Michael by roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.**

D. Flexibility Transfer

1. Opened public hearing to review the FY2013-14 Flexibility Transfer (Budget Act SBX3 4, 2008-2009 State Budget) (*page 19*)
2. Closed public hearing
3. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve Resolution 13-05, FY2013-14 Flexibility Transfer for acceptance of the categorical funds and electing to enact the flexibility provisions of SBX3-4 and use the funds for any educational purpose? (roll call vote)

**On a motion by Altieri and seconded by Michael, Resolution 13-05, FY2013-4 Flexibility Transfer for acceptance of the categorical funds and electing to enact the flexibility provisions of SBX3-4 and use the funds for any educational purposes was approved by roll call vote. The motion carries unanimously.**

E. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve Resolution 13-06, Education Protection Account (EPA) (roll call vote)

Supt. Hermansen explained when Proposition 30 passed, any funds that come in must be set aside so tax payers may monitor. An accounting of how much money was received and how much money was spent from the EPA must be posted on the COE's website.

**On a motion by Michael and seconded by Altieri, Resolution 13-06, Education Protection Account was approved by the Nevada County Board of Education by roll call vote. The motion carries unanimously.**

F. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the 2013-14 school calendar for Earle Jamieson Educational Options

**On a motion by Michael and seconded by Lapierre, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the 2013-14 school calendar for Earle Jamieson Educational Options. The motion carries unanimously.**

G. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the 2013-14 school calendar for Sugarloaf Mountain Juvenile Hall Program

**On a motion by Altieri and seconded by Michael, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the 2013-14 school calendar for Sugarloaf Mountain Juvenile Hall Program. The motion carries unanimously.**

XII. **Discussion/Information Items**

A. First reading of Board Policy 5131.7, Bullying

Through the Safe Schools Healthy Students Grant, Paula Campbell was hired to create policies, using CSBA models, which our school districts will be able to use as models to create their own policies. Additional information is on the CDE website; there was no statutory law in California on Bullying until AB9. These policies contain information on how schools intervene; respond; and investigate.

B. LAEC move to Inyo County Superintendent of Schools

Supt. Hermansen reminded the Board of the numerous discussions regarding our cash flow policy and practice. Our charters are requested to set aside reserves to cover cash flow in the same manner school districts do across the state. LAEC anticipated facing cash shortages and prefers not to have \$700k sitting in reserves and feels Inyo County will better serve its needs as they will front the cash.

In that regard, as of June 30, LAEC Charter School will close and no longer be under the authorization of Nevada County Board of Education.

C. Board of Supervisors Resolution Regarding Elections

The BOS has approved a resolution which amends the original formula in school district elections establishing a fair and reasonable method for election costs incurred in both the June and November elections.

D. Economic Impact Aid Funding 2013-14

Supt. Hermansen advised our office has always reported this funding. New legislation, SB 754, requires the report to be posted on the NCSOS website.

E. Board Budget Workshop

Traditionally the Board Budget Workshop is held in May; however the Governor's May Revise will not be out until after the Board's May meeting. Supt. Hermansen clarified that the workshop will take place on the same day which the Board would vote on the budget, and offered to schedule a special meeting prior to June 12. The Board is comfortable with the schedule set for June 12.

XIII. **Reports**

A. Superintendent's Report

1. CCSESA Legislative Visit to Washington DC

Supt. Hermansen sits on the CCSESA Board as Region 3 Chair; there are 11 regions in California. Each year a group is sent for legislative action to promote concerns in education. Supt. Hermansen was able to meet with the U.S. Dept. of Education; legislators and their staff reporting on K-12 issues; the impacts they are having; and urge solutions.

Discussions were held on Sequestration; ESEA; NCLB; and Common Core Standards. Congress has been unable to reauthorize NCLB as of now. CA is not eligible to submit a waiver as one of the requirements is teacher evaluations be tied to student performance. 9 large school districts in California banded together, creating California Organization to Reform Education (CORE). They have created a waiver working with the U.S. Dept. of Ed. It is hoped other agencies can sign on to the waiver. This could work until congress can reauthorize or act on it.

2. Associate Superintendent Position

Shar Johns, Cottage Hill Principal at PRSD, has been hired for Stanton Miller's position as Associate Superintendent, Educational Services. She brings a wealth of experience to our office as she has been a Principal; Vice-Principal; Special Ed. Director; and has experience in curriculum.

Retirement Party for Stanton Miller will be June 1, 2013

4. NJUHSD Superintendent Search Update

Flyer was passed out. A timeline was given. Outcomes of the staff survey and public input will be presented at NJUHSD's next meeting. The job posting is up at EdJoin; NJUHSD; EdCal; and NCSOS website.

5. District Updates

**Pleasant Ridge School District:**

PRSD's Superintendent, Britta Skavdahl, has taken a position in the Modesto area; Alta Sierra School's principal has been let go; and Cottage Hill School's

principal has accepted the NCSOS Associate Supt. position. There are lots of changes going on in the district.

6. Expense report passed out

B. Staff Reports

1. Business Services, *Fitting* – unable to attend, no report.
2. Educational Services, *Miller*

*California Distinguished Schools:*

Three Nevada County Schools recently received California Distinguished Schools Honors: Pleasant Valley School; Ghidotti High School; and Nevada Union High School's Partnership Academy. The schools have been recognized by State Superintendent Tom Torlakson for their strong commitment and innovative approaches to improving student academic achievement.

*Independent Living Program (ILP):*

Graduation to be held on May 31, 2013.

*Williams Settlement Letter:*

Williams Settlement letter requires under Ed Code 1240 (c)(2)(B) that our office inspect schools and report to the governing board any findings. Ready Springs Elementary School had no findings and was of exemplarily level.

C. Future agenda items

1. Second Reading of Board Policies

XIV. Correspondence

- A. Treasury Report from Nevada County Treasurer and Tax Collector detailing the portfolio of Investments for NCSoS as of March 31, 2013.
- B. NJUHSD Letter – Mason's Scholarship Awards

Adjournment at 4:30 p.m.

Next Meeting Date:

WEDNESDAY, June 12, 2012, 2:00 p.m., Board Budget Workshop 12:30 PM;  
Board of Education Meeting 2:00 PM,  
112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marianne Slade-Troutman, President

Date: June 12, 2013