

**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2015
3:00 p.m.**

**Nevada County Superintendent of Schools
112 Nevada City Hwy., Nevada City, CA 95959**

MINUTES

1. **Meeting called to order** by Vice-President Altieri

2. **Established quorum**

Trevor Michael	absent
Tracy Lapierre	present
Larry Meek	absent
Shelly Sexton	present
Bob Altieri	present

3. **Salute to the flag**

4. **Adoption of the Agenda**

On a motion by Lapierre and seconded by Sexton, the agenda was adopted as presented. The motion carried unanimously (3-0-2).

5. **Opened 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.

Nicole McNealy of Grass Valley; and Kay Myers of Grass Valley expressed concern over SB277, the new vaccination law, and the importance of getting correct information out to the public.

Supt. Hermansen advised she was meeting with the school district superintendents and this item was on the agenda for discussion.

6. **Closed public forum**

7. **Presentation**

A. Yuba River Charter – Ron Charles, Director

Charles thanked the Board of Education for inviting him to present. Charles believes in working collaboratively; communicating clearly to everyone; and personally meets with every new family. He is excited about their new bully prevention plan, *Alliance for a Peaceful School Community*, which is Board approved and attached to their LCAP. Their current computer literacy program, Cyber Civics, includes 50 new computers, for 6th – 8th graders; and they are working on a plan to improve students Smarter Balanced test scores.

8. **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 9, 2015 (*page 1*)
- B. During the third quarter of 2015 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) (*page 5*)

On a motion by Sexton and seconded by Lapierre, the consent agenda was adopted as presented. The motion carried unanimously (3-0-2).

9. Staff Reports

A. Alternative Education, Sanford

Sanford provided a handout updating the Board on EJ and Sugarloaf's attendance; classes and Constitution Week Commemoration; and staff development.

B. Educational Services, Johns

Johns provided a packet of handouts for the following:

Summer Learning Academy 2016 – Adventures in Learning.

Countywide PD Day evaluations with a 97.5% overall agree/strongly agree rating for all sessions. Over 400 teachers attended 40 breakout sessions.

Educator Grant Program – concluded 1st round with \$25,000 allocated to 28 programs.

LCAP process monitoring has begun. All school districts are looking at involving stakeholders.

CAASPP 2014-15 results for Sugarloaf & Launch/Edge.

"October Catch" – created by Melissa Parrett for school sites; shows how to use the PBIS SWIS data for screening to determine which students on campus may need increased supports.

Ed Services Newsletter – 4 pages full of information for our schools; includes STEM Expo planning meeting.

C. Business Services, Somers

Somers reported the business office is wrapping up the final review of unaudited actuals. Pleased, as it continues to be a positive designation.

Accountant position has been filled.

Twin Ridges Home Study Charter is staying on track; ADA is up to 130.

Somers is the Chair of our statewide organization and helps with professional development for Northern and Southern California locations. Over 135 staff, from various COE's/School Districts; and the CDE, attended the AB1200 at the Northern YOLO COE location.

10. Superintendent's Report

A. NCSBA/ACSA Teacher of the Year Dinner

NJUHSD's Luke Browning was honored as well as Leila Barber of Yuba River Charter; and several other school district teachers.

B. CAASPP Results

2014/15 Countywide CAASPP Test Results were shared with the Board. Results included charters; surrounding county scores; and similar sized demographic districts. This was the first time taking the test on-line. Some schools were not prepared to take on-line and used paper/pencil.

Efforts are being focused on the achievement gap and method of measuring.

C. CCSESA Quarterly Meeting – LCAP Discussion

The County Superintendents meet quarterly. The focus is on LCAP and consistency around implementation of LCAP around the state. In our office Shar Johns and Donna Somers are working with District Superintendents, their Business Managers and staff.

D. Attorney General Kamala Harris Report on Truancy (*page 6*)

Supt. Hermansen walked the Board through the report. Every district approaches truancy differently as there are different measurements of absences. The State is moving towards measurements of chronic absences as there is no ambiguity and it is also a metric in the LCAP. Most districts don't collect chronic absence data; PBIS has a method through SWIS to collect; however it's not a State level system and is done by hand. Noted also were that low income; Foster Youth and English Learners have the highest challenges and that there are extra dollars intended to support improving this.

Efforts are being made to improve elementary student attendance. It's clear that if a student misses school at a young age, they fall behind and this affects reading. It's critical to increase parent engagement.

Absenteeism due to behavior and discipline needs to be measured; these are covered under PBIS.

Finally, attendance issue is a solvable problem. Areas are being addressed to improve truancy; the first hurdle is collecting accurate data, then moving towards measuring chronic absenteeism.

E. Superintendents Expense Report - provided

11. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve Resolution 15-10, adoption of the Gann Appropriation Limit pursuant to Article XIII B of the California constitution for FY2014-15 and FY2015-16? *Roll Call Vote (page 42)*

On a motion by Sexton and seconded by Lapierre, the Nevada County Board of Education approved Resolution 15-10, adoption of the Gann Appropriation Limit pursuant to Article XIII B of the California constitution for FY2014-15 and FY2015-16. By Roll Call Vote, the motion passed unanimously (3-0-2).

- B. Second Reading, BP 3370, Travel Expense Policy.
Shall the Nevada County Board of Education adopt Board Policy 3370, Travel Expense Policy? (*page 46*)

Item was pulled as it is not ready for Board approval.

- C. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Lease Agreement Addendum with Thomsen Properties LLC for the 117 New Mohawk Road, Suite F, Nevada City, California? (*Page 48*)

On a motion by Sexton and seconded by Lapierre, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Lease Agreement Addendum with Thomsen Properties LLC for the 117 New Mohawk Road, Suite F, Nevada City, California. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-2).

- D. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve Resolution 15-11, excused absence for Board member Larry Meek (E.C. 1090) (**roll call vote**) (*page 50*)

On a motion by Lapierre and seconded by Sexton, the Nevada County Board of Education approved Resolution 15-11, excused absence for Board member Larry Meek (E.C. 1090). By Roll Call Vote, the motion passed unanimously (3-0-2).

12. Discussion / Information Items

- A. Budget Review
 - i. NCSOS Program Budget review (*page 51*)
- B. Assignment Monitoring for School Year 2014-15 (*page 65*)
- C. 2014-15 Education Protection Account (EPA) Report of Actual Expenditures (*page 67*)

13. Board Reports

- A. Board member reports
 - i. SARB, *Lapierre* – One case heard.
 - ii. Legislative, *Sexton* – Legislature is on recess until January. Amendments to SB799, School Districts Reserves balance didn't pass. SB277 Vaccinations passed; noting special education students on an IEP are exempt.
 - iii. NCSBA, *Meek*
 - iv. Charter Liaison, *Altieri*
 - v. Individual Board member reports

14. Closed Session

- A. Real Estate Negotiations
(G.C. 54956.8)

Conference with Real Property Negotiator Holly Hermansen regarding the lease and/or purchase of 104 New Mohawk, Nevada City, California 95959

15. Open Session

- B. Report out from closed session
No action taken

16. Correspondence

Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 3:00 p.m., 112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City

Approved: _____
Bob Altieri, Vice-President

Date: **November 18, 2015**