

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 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 Board President Michael.

2. **Established quorum**

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

3. **Salute to the flag**

4. **Adoption of the Agenda**

On a motion by Sexton and seconded by Meek, the agenda was adopted as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Opened public forum**

6. **Closed public forum**

7. Presentation

A. *Nevada City School of the Arts – Holly Pettitt, Director*

Pettitt led the Board through a powerpoint presentation. NCSA, an Arts and Project Learning based charter school, opened in 1994 with only 100 students and has grown to an enrollment of 407 with a waitlist. Curriculum is based on the Five Dimensions of Engaged Learning; and they have comprehensive academic intervention. NCSA has 2 technology labs which include tablets; and they enjoy after school sports. Their budget is healthy. They have strong community support and hold monthly parent advisory meetings.

B. *At Risk Programs – Melissa Parrett, Student Services Program Coordinator*

Parrett provided a five page handout detailing programs and services available to Nevada County students. The COE has several programs available for at risk students, including:

1. Special Multi-Agency Resource Team (SMART) in which several agencies meet for students referred by agencies/schools;
2. Supports for students with housing challenges (McKinney-Vento);
3. Attendance Improvement Efforts include: School Attendance Review Board (SARB); School Attendance Mediation (SAM); Attendance Awareness Month; US Dept. of Ed's Nationwide "Every Student, Every Day" Campaign; "The Gift of Attendance" – Holiday Messaging; Nevada county Truancy Workgroup; Free online tools to calculate chronic absenteeism; Truancy Court – Juvenile Justice Unite for 8th grade site visits
4. Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) training which is improving relationships all around and strengthens what is already in place.

5. Law Day – Approximately 600 - 5th grade students experience & learn about the legal system; law enforcement efforts and visit the courthouse.
- C. *Recognition of Marcia Westbrook for her years of service on behalf of children as Coordinator for the Child Care Coordinating Council.*

Supt. Hermansen presented Westbrook with a Certificate thanking her for her 16 years of service with the Local Planning Council. Westbrook was very successful in creating relationships between agencies and childcare providers to support childcare. The LPC is funded by the state and NCSOS acts as their fiscal agent.

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 October 21, 2015 (*page 1*)
- B. Annual Report of School Visitations by County Superintendent of Schools Pursuant to Education Code 1240 and the Williams Settlement (*page 5*)

On a motion by Altieri and seconded by Sexton, the consent agenda was adopted as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

9. **Staff Reports**

- A. Alternative Education, Sanford

Sanford provided handout detailing attendance; and included a photo of EJ's room size fall planter box. The Nevada County Health Department recently presented a *Certificate of Appreciation* to Earle Jamieson for their dedication and commitment to the health and well-being of our students in Nevada County.

- B. Educational Services, Johns

Twenty-nine 8th grade students throughout school districts and charters in the county recently participated in the American Math Competition. Students had 40 minutes to complete 29 test questions.

STEAM Expo planning meeting took place.

LCAP was presented to site council.

- C. Business Services - no report
- D. SELPA/Special Education, Gallup – no report

10. **Superintendent's Report**

- A. Pivot Rural Professional Learning Network

There are five local school districts participating in this 2 year series.

- B. Nevada County Immunization Coalition

Supt. Hermansen updated the Board on SB277, which becomes effective January 1, 2016. There is lack of clarity on the implementation of this law. The Nevada County Immunization Coalition had put out a survey to kindergarten parents to get feedback; however the response rate was low.

- C. Business Office Update

Donna Somers, Associate Superintend for Business Services has resigned. Moving forward, Terri Ryland of Ryland School Business Consulting has been hired to help in the interim. The Board wishes Somers the best in her future.

Laura Flores, External Business Services Adviser, has taken a position with NJUHSD.

11. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve a Restructure of the Superintendents Salary to Include the Car Allowance as Per CalSTRS Regulations? (*page 8*)

The law changed January 2015, Supt. Hermansen noted there is no change in amount, only a modification on how received.

On a motion by Altieri and seconded by Lapierre, the Nevada County Board of Education Approve a Restructure of the Superintendents Salary to Include the Car Allowance as Per CalSTRS Regulations. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve Resolution 15-12, excused absence for Board member Trevor Michael (E.C. 1090) (roll call vote) (*page 12*)

On a motion by Lapierre and seconded by Sexton, the Nevada County Board of Education approved Resolution 15-12, excused absence for Board member Trevor Michael (E.C. 1090). By Roll Call Vote, the motion carried with Sexton, Altieri, Meek and Lapierre voting Yay; and Michael abstaining.

- C. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve Resolution 15-13, excused absence for Board member Larry Meek (E.C. 1090) (roll call vote) (*page 16*)

On a motion by Lapierre and seconded by Sexton, the Nevada County Board of Education approved Resolution 15-13, excused absence for Board member Larry Meek (E.C. 1090). By Roll Call Vote, the motion passed with Sexton, Altieri, Michael and Lapierre voting Yay; and Meek abstaining.

12. Discussion / Information Items

- A. Budget Review

1. NCSOS Program Budget review (*page 20*)

- B. December Organizational Meeting

Supt. Hermansen advised there are 4 fiscal deadlines that require meeting on the 2nd Wednesday. The Board agreed to hold those meetings on the 2nd Wednesday, with the remaining meetings to be held on the 3rd Wednesday.

13. Board Reports

- A. SARB, *Lapierre* – no report
B. Legislative, *Sexton* – Several updates were reported to the Board.
C. NCSBA, *Meek* – no report
D. Charter Liaison, *Altieri* – no report
E. Individual Board member reports

14. Correspondence

- A. Treasury report from Nevada County Treasurer and Tax Collector detailing the portfolio of investments for NCSOS as of September 30, 2015 (*page 23*)

15. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2015, 3:00 p.m., 112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City

Approved: _____
Trevor Michael, President

Date: December 9, 2015