

**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2015**

**3:00 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 Michael

**II. Establish quorum**

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

**III. Salute to the flag**

**IV. Adoption of the Agenda**

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

**V. 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.

The Board heard comments from Marianne Slade-Troutman on the Lease Agreement Addendum; Twin Ridges Home Study Charter; and the Budget Revision.

**VI. Closed public forum**

**VII. Presentation**

A. Bitney College Prep High School – Russ Jones, Director

Jones introduced himself; grew up in Nevada County, attended local schools, and worked for the NJUHSD in varying positions for 12 years. He also lived and worked abroad for several international schools.

Upon returning to Nevada County, Bitney was in need of a director. Bitney was the 1<sup>st</sup> established charter high school in the county and has grown to be very well respected by the community, the professional staff and the students. Its small population allows flexibility to work with the students; to inflame interest and passion into the students that draws them to the path of learning. Jones extended an open invitation to the Board to visit the school anytime.

**VIII. 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 February 18, 2015 (*page 1*)
- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the 2014-15 Consolidated Application Winter Release? (*page 5*)

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

#### **IX. Staff Reports**

##### A. Alternative Education, Sanford

Sanford provided a handout detailing the population and attendance at EJ and Sugarloaf.

CAHSEE preparation is taking place for next week's exam. CAASPP Testing begins in April. Tutoring continues once per week.

Launch had their first graduate. By month end, there will be a graduate from Sugarloaf.

Summer school proposal for EJ students will come to the Board in April for consideration.

##### B. Educational Services, Johns

The Summer Learning Academy's administrator has been hired and teachers are in place. Curriculum and facility are taken care of; a safety plan is in place for emergencies. Central Kitchen is being contracted with to provide am snack and lunch. Durham Transportation has been contracted with for field trips.

We are in our third round of educator grants. There is \$21,000 remaining with 58 applicants.

Ed Svcs. Newsletter was shared.

##### C. Business Services, Somers

The business office is working hard on an Audit RFP. Six candidates responded with 5 being highly qualified. School district business managers and superintendents will give input.

#### **X. Superintendent's Report**

##### 1. Legislative Visit to Washington DC for Reauthorization of ESEA

Supt. Hermansen along with 5 other county Superintendents met with legislators, and staff of the current authors of the legislation, regarding the reauthorization of ESEA, also known as NCLB.

The group also met with Congressman LaMalfa, discussed Title One portability and gave reasons against. LaMalfa acknowledged opposition and asked his assistant if they could get an amendment in the bill. Legislators had a great deal of interest in hearing from the county superintendents; and input was extremely well received.

##### 2. Union Hill Superintendent Search

Interviews were conducted. There were 2 panels consisting of staff, parents, community and UHSD Board members. The Board decided to offer the position to one of three incredible candidates. The contract is being negotiated, once the Board approves, it will become public.

##### 3. Supt. Hermansen thanked Altieri for the article he wrote on parent involvement which was submitted to the Parents Resource Guide.

##### 4. The State Board of Education has heard the report from the Special Ed Task Force. Sexton passed out the press release on same. The purpose of the task force is to confirm that we are doing the best we can for our students with disabilities.

5. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> year of testing where results will be available. The SBE approved a parent letter to help explain the transition and that the 2015 scores cannot be compared to the previous STAR Program scores.

#### **XI. Action Items**

- A. Following review of the Second Interim Fiscal Report of 2014-15, shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve certification of the Second Interim Report? *(page 20)*

Supt. Hermansen handed out copies of letters received from John Muir Charter; and Nevada City School of the Arts. Both are taking on their own business services, as they are large enough to handle in house now. This will have a significant financial impact to NCSOS.

Guess, Muir CEO, expressed his appreciation of NCSOS of the last 13 years. The support, guidance, coaching has allowed them to grow and take over their business services.

Somers walked the Board through a PPT, reviewing the Governor's May budget and the 45 day revise; 1<sup>st</sup> interim; 2<sup>nd</sup> interim; 3<sup>rd</sup> interim and the unaudited actuals. An overview of NCSOS Funds were given. Multi Year Projections included staff, program and organizational changes. And charter school updates were given.

Positive certification was recommended.

**On a motion by Meek and seconded by Altieri, the Nevada County Board of Education approved certification of the FY2014-15 Second Interim fiscal Report. The motion carried unanimously.**

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve Resolution 15-02, budget revision to the FY2014-15 budget (Roll call vote) *(page 140)*

**On a motion by Meek and seconded by Sexton, the Nevada County Board of Education approved Resolution 15-02, budget revision to the FY2014-15 budget. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

- C. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Lease Agreement Addendum with Thomsen Properties LLC for the 117 New Mohawk Road, Nevada City, California? *(Page 141)*

Supt. Hermansen advised that Mr. Thomsen approached NCSOS with a reminder that the Annex lease was due April 30<sup>th</sup> and presented this lease agreement addendum.

**On a motion by Altieri and seconded by Sexton, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Lease Agreement Addendum with Thomsen Properties LLC for the 117 New Mohawk Road, Nevada City, California. The motion carried unanimously.**

- D. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Annual Donation for NCSBA dues in the amount of \$100? *(page 142)*

**On a motion by Meek and seconded by Altieri, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Annual Donation for NCSBA dues in the amount of \$100. The motion carried unanimously.**

- E. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the 2015-16 School Calendar for Earle Jamieson Educational Options and Sugarloaf Mountain Juvenile Hall Program? *(page 143)*

**On a motion by Sexton and seconded by Lapiere, the Nevada County Board of Education Approved the 2015-16 School Calendar for Earle Jamieson Educational Options and Sugarloaf Mountain Juvenile Hall Program. The motion carried unanimously.**

- F. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the Comprehensive Safety Plan for Sierra College Child Development Center, which is operated under the County Office of Education? (*page 144*)

Upon law enforcements request for schools to use a similar safety plan, all Nevada County school districts are using this template which is based on a very specific Federal model. Supt. Hermansen works closely with the public health officer, county health and law enforcement while the plan allows specialists in the field (external agencies) to be the spokesperson in the community.

**On a motion by Meek and seconded by Sexton, the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the Comprehensive Safety Plan for Sierra College Child Development Center, which is operated under the County Office of Education. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **XII. Information/Discussion Items**

A. Budget Review

1. NCSOS Program Budget reviews (*page 204*)

B. Twin Ridges Home Study Charter School

Somers reported that TRHS Charter's 2<sup>nd</sup> interim enrolment is up; they are financially stable. Director Jaynie Aydin continues to work closely with the business office. There are no concerns. The school is very responsive; conservative; and they understand schools finances.

C. 2013-14 Education Protection Account (EPA) Report of Actual Expenditures (*page 207*)

## **XIII. Board Reports**

1. SARB, *Lapierre* – full calendar with two no-shows.  
2. Legislative, *Sexton*

*Sexton* provided a handout, "*Report of California's Statewide Task Force on Special Education.*" Bills were introduced to repeal the reserve cap.

3. NCSBA, *Meek* – No report – no meeting.  
4. Charter Liaison, *Altieri*

*Altieri* will coordinate scheduling the Charter school presentations to the Board.

League of Women Voters on March 14<sup>th</sup> will facilitate a panel of experts talking about Charter schools.

5. Individual Board Reports

Michael attended a graduation for a student attending Earle Jamieson.

## **XIV. Correspondence**

1. Young at Art (*page 208*)

## **XV. Adjournment**

Next Meeting Date: April 15, 2015, 3:00 p.m., 112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Trevor Michael, President**

Date: **April 15, 2015**