

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

3:00 p.m.

Nevada County Superintendent of Schools
Houser Conference Room

112 Nevada City Highway, 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 Altieri, the agenda was adopted as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

No comments heard.

6. **Closed public forum**

7. **Presentation**

A. Twin Ridges Home Study Charter – Jaynie Aydin, Director

Director Aydin reported that enrollment is at a solid 125 students; with a wait list in place. Aydin continues to work with Somers in the Business Office.

The Board was updated on the fraud incident involving the former business manager. Aydin was working closely with law enforcement and after 10 months of investigation, an arrest was made. Aydin continues to work with the district attorney and was also referred to Victim Advocates as a resource.

In response to the Boards question regarding corrective actions in preventing future incidents, Aydin explained that policies are now in place; double signatures required on money transactions; and the Charter Council is more involved in the financial aspect of the budget. Somers stated that previously Charter Council was ill-informed; there were no budget or expenditure reports. Charter Council is now reviewing reports monthly.

B. *“Nevada County Health Services – What is Available” – Sharyn Turner reports on the League of Women Voters Presentation*

Turner recently participated in a panel of local healthcare professionals sponsored by the LWV. Turner walked the Board through a ppt which helped identify strengths and gaps of school health programs that influence student success in Nevada County. Highlights included county rankings compared to state rankings. In 2014 Nevada County was rated 8th in clinical care; in 2015 the ranking rose to 11th. Some reasons include physical health and environment. Nevada County is the 6th lowest in California on the teen birth rate.

The influence of legislation on school health and healthy lifestyles is important. Prop 10 Tobacco Tax is an example. More tobacco education is needed as the percentages rise. 14% of the Adult population smokes while the State average is 13%. California Healthy Kids Survey just revealed that 20% of grade 11 teens smoke cigarettes regularly; and 48% are at our non-traditional schools. Electronic cigarettes are a huge concern in the community and parents agree.

The CDE is sponsoring a bill for higher tobacco tax, trying to get legislation passed.

Immunization update highlighted that 72% of entering kindergartners are immunized. Nevada County has the highest number of kids that have personal belief exemptions or are not fully immunized. The Immunization Task Force has started meeting again, led by public health.

The Board would like to discuss these issues more at future meetings.

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 March 11, 2015 (*page 1*)
- B. During the first quarter of 2015 January-March, 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 Meek, the agenda was adopted as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Staff Reports

A. Alternative Education, Sanford

Sanford provided a handout updating the Board on EJ and Sugarloaf.

B. Educational Services, Johns

1. LCAP Annual Update (*page 6*)

Johns walked the Board through the draft LCAP annual update; and reported they are reviewing LCAP drafts with charters and districts.

2. Educator grant

Johns provided a handout detailing the 3rd round of grants. 53 applicants; not enough money to fund all; the only ones not funded had previously received an educator grant. Special thanks to Judy Nielsen for the enormous amount of work, including organization and notifications; also thanks to the business office.

3. Summer Learning Academy staff met April 14th. All sites are full, and there is now a waiting list. The ratio of teacher-student is 1-8. Kathy Kiefer is working on curriculum; and Johns is working with Central Kitchen to provide am snacks and lunch.
 4. Youth in Placement Action Team (YPAT) & Independent Living Program (ILP) meeting will be on May 26th; flyer provided
 5. Ed Services newsletter handed out
- C. Business Services, Somers

Somers reported that the business office is busy finishing 2nd interims for the districts. There are 8 positive; and 1 self-qualified district. We are keeping a watchful eye on PVUESD due to the volatility and turnover in the office. PVUESD elected to hire a School Services of California, a fiscal advisor who can offer recommendations to help the district.

As of July 1st NCSOS will no longer be on NJUHSD's e-mail system as they have migrated to g-mail and no longer support the server. Office 365, which is free, was recommended for our office. NCSOS Tech Coordinator, Charles Stuart, is facilitating this transition.

The countywide financial system is no longer supported and a system migration to new hardware will take place in October.

10. Superintendent's Report

A. Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors

Supt. Hermansen updated the BOS on Nevada County schools highlighting current challenges faced in education; LCFF; LCAP and district responsibilities; SBAC; and NCLB accountability. Included some of NCSOS initiatives to support students in Nevada County – Summer Learning Academy; Educator Grant Program; PBIS; common core Coaches; Safety and School Climate Coordinator; and programs sustained under the Safe Schools Healthy Students Grant.

The Board of Supervisors are very interested in students access to STEM and Career Tech opportunities; declining enrollment; and how our students are performing in comparison to other counties and the state.

B. Nevada County Community Leadership Institute Education Day

NCCLI is a yearlong program of classes in which community leaders learn about issues, topics and institutions that impact Nevada County. Supt. Hermansen has facilitated the education portion for 8 years now, introducing participants to public school governance, academic structure and issues facing educators. Also included is a tour of school sites and presentations at the elementary, high school and community college levels. Great way to educate the community.

C. NCSOS Wellness Program

Supt. Hermansen provided a handout detailing the current wellness program and activities which staff are participating in. The program is funded by SIG and promotes healthy lifestyles; team building and wellness in general. Events include yoga, Jazzercise, Daffodil Run/walk, cooking classes, nutritional speakers, healthy lunches and upcoming summer exercise classes.

11. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the proposal for Summer Learning Program at Earle Jamieson (*page 24*)

On a motion by Meek and seconded by Altieri, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the proposal for Summer Learning Program at Earle Jamieson.

The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve Goodell, Porter, Sanchez & Bright, LLP as the auditors for the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools to provide an audit of the financial statements for the fiscal years ending 2015, 2016 and 2017? (*page 27*)

Somers walked the Board through the Audit RFP process and answered questions.

On a motion by Altieri and seconded by Lapierre, the Nevada County Board of Education approved Goodell, Porter, Sanchez & Bright, LLP as the auditors for the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools to provide an audit of the financial statements for the fiscal years ending 2015, 2016 and 2017.

The motion carried unanimously.

12. Information/Discussion Items

- A. Budget Review

1. NCSOS Program Budget reviews (*page 39*)

The Board reviewed the current program budget.

- B. A Guide to Effective Governance: California County Boards of Education (*page 53*)

The Board appreciated the document as a resource.

- C. Facilities Discussion

Supt. Hermansen was informed by NJUHSD that we will not be able to continue to have EJ at the McCourtney Road site. There is not a specific date and we will be able to be there for at least next year. Research revealed that the EJ County Community School may occupy a site that doesn't meet the requirements of the Field Act; however, we must demonstrate that there is no Field Act Compliant Building available. We are conducting a survey of the county to determine eligible available buildings. Ed Code states a school may occupy as long as it is structurally sound.

RJ Guess, Muir Charter CEO, advised they also are looking in Nevada County for facilities.

Nancy Pierce suggested Nevada City Elementary. Supt. Hermansen advised NCE is on the list of facilities to consider.

13. Board Reports

- A. SARB, *Lapierre*

Interesting cases. 8 cases with 4 parent no shows.

- B. Legislative, *Sexton*

Sexton reported on several general education and special education bills.

- C. NCSBA, *Meek*

Next meeting is May 7th

- D. Charter Liaison, *Altieri*

All six charters under NCSOS are scheduled to present; two have presented. EPIC Charter has presented also; Muir Charter's Annual report will be scheduled.

E. Individual Board Reports

14. Correspondence

A. Classified School Employees of the Year Recognition Breakfast (*page 99*)

B. CALPADS Data Management Recognition (*page 100*)

C. Countywide Speech Tournament Press Release (*page 102*)

15. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: May 12, 2015: Board Budget Workshop 2 PM;
Board of Education Meeting 3:00 PM,
112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City

Approved: _____
Trevor Michael, President

Date: May 12, 2015