

# NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

2:00 p.m. Budget Workshop

3:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting

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. **Budget workshop**

The Board heard a presentation by Associate Supt. Donna Somers and provided input and direction for development of the 2015-2016 budget.

3. **Establish quorum**

Trevor Michael present

Tracy Lapierre present

Larry Meek present

Shelly Sexton present

Bob Altieri present

4. **Salute to the flag**

5. **Adoption of the Agenda**

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

6. **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.**

7. **Closed public forum**

8. **Presentation**

A. Sierra Montessori Academy – *Henry Bietz, Director*

Director Bietz provided handouts and reported on what he called the “Then and Now” describing SMA’s financial status and said they are on track to be pretty close to their projection. Ending fund balance improved significantly; reserve is covered, enrollment and

ADA is up. Director Bietz shared information with the Board regarding programs and priorities for SMA.

B. Nevada County Academic Tournaments – *Bonnie Smart, Coordinator (page 1)*

Smart reported that it's been another good year – 354 student participants – 2/3rds of which attended the Spelling and Math tournaments. NCSOS' tournament expenses are mostly covered by its wonderful sponsors that provide food, prizes, and facilities. NCSOS gained another sponsor and has 20 different community volunteers.

Several volunteers and supporters were recognized and presented with certificates:

- Dan Zeisler – Chicago Park School District
- Dan Castles – Telestream
- Chuck Coovert - GV Group
- Anita Daniels – Tri County Banks
- Kathy Hillis – Spell master at Spelling Tournament

**9. 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 April 15, 2015 (*page 3*)

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

**10. Open Public Hearing**

A public hearing will be conducted for the purpose of receiving public comment and input regarding the initial proposal to the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools from the Nevada County Teaching Assistants (NCTA), and the response and initial proposal from the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools.

- A. Initial Proposal to the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools from the Nevada County Teaching Assistants (NCTA) for 2015-2016 (*page 8*)
- B. Response to the Initial Proposal from NCTA and Initial Proposal from the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools for 2015-2016 (*page 9*)

**11. Closed Public Hearing**

**No comments heard.**

**12. Staff Reports**

A. Alternative Education, *Sanford*

Sanford provided the Board with a handout and reported that attendance is good at Sugarloaf and Edge. Launch is dropping as they're getting more SARB students who struggle with attendance. CAASPP/CST testing is almost done. CAHSEE exam was given to Jrs/Srs.

B. Educational Services, *Johns*

Johns updated the Board on Summer Learning Academy (SLA) and its progress. Teachers and instructional aides are in place and will be collaborating in their first workshop tomorrow. She reported that Judy Nielsen obtained a \$3,000 grant and has enabled us to purchase a

variety of materials (i.e. book bags, canteens, etc.). NCSOS Instructional Coaches are working hard at providing summer institute the 1<sup>st</sup> week in August. Johns has been spending a majority of her time on LCAP, providing technical assistance to districts and charter schools.

C. Business Services, *Somers*

Somers reported the Business Office has been working on a couple of technical projects. 1) New email service effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. 2) Replacement of hardware for financial systems. Budget guidance has been issued to the districts.

**13. Superintendent's Report**

A. Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism, *Truancy Task Force*

Supt. Hermansen reported that she and Melissa Parrett are participating in a Truancy Task Force with the DA, Chief of Probation and other county agencies to look at ways to reduce truancy.

B. New State-wide Assessments

Supt. Hermansen provided a handout and reported that some districts are either already finished or close to finishing assessments. It will be important how information is communicated to parents and the community; CCSESA has been helpful in providing guidance.

C. CCSESA Quarterly Meeting

Supt. Hermansen provided a handout with notes from the last meeting to show what county Superintendents are discussing; LCAP has been a huge part of the conversation.

D. Superintendent's Expense Report

Supt. Hermansen provided the Board with her latest expense report.

**14. Action Items**

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education endorse the Children's Bill of Rights for Nevada County children developed by the Community Support Network of Nevada County? (*page 10*)

**On a motion by Meek and seconded by Lapierre, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the proposal for the Children's Bill of Rights for Nevada County. The motion carried unanimously.**

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Nevada County Plan for Providing Educational Services to Expelled Students? (*page 11*)

Supt. Hermansen provided a copy of the updated Plan (has to be revised every 3 years) to the Board.

**On a motion by Lapierre and seconded by Meek, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Nevada County Plan for Providing Educational Services to Expelled Students beginning June 2015.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**15. Information/Discussion Items**

- A. Budget Review

i. NCSOS Programs (*page 19*)

B. Tobacco Use and Prevention Activities

Turner provided a handout and informed the Board of the rising trend in students using e-cigarettes which has doubled in the last 2 years.

C. Facilities Update

Supt. Hermansen reported that NCSOS has performed a study to see if there is any possible building that would meet the needs of the organization. One is promising for several reasons; it's big enough, has enough parking spaces, and is structurally sound. NCSOS has hired an architect who will do a space plan to see if it matches our needs. Next steps will be to determine if the building matches our needs and is affordable.

**16. Board Reports**

A. SARB, *Lapierre*

B. Legislative, *Sexton*

Sexton provided a legislative update and comments regarding Special Education and LCAPs.

C. NCSBA, *Meek*

We didn't have a meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> due to no quorum; next meeting is 8/27/15.

D. Charter Liaison, *Altieri*

No report.

E. Individual Board Reports

**17. Future Agenda Items**

A. LCAP Public Hearing and NCSOS Budget 2015-16 Public Hearing, June 17, 2015

B. LCAP and Budget 2015-16 Adoption, June 30, 2015

**18. Correspondence**

A. Treasury Report from Nevada County Treasurer and Tax Collector detailing the portfolio of Investments for NCSoS as of March 31, 2015. (*page 22*)

**19. Adjournment**

Next Meeting Date: June 17, 2015, 3:00 PM, 112 Nevada City Highway, Nevada City

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

Date: June 17, 2015