

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 15, 2017
3:00 p.m.
Nevada County Superintendent of Schools
Board Room
380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley, CA 95945

MINUTES

1. **Meeting called to order** by Board President Meek

2. **Establish quorum**

Ashley Neumann	present
Bob Altieri	present
Larry Meek	present
Shelly Sexton	present
Wendy Baker	present

3. **Salute to the flag**

4. **Adoption of the Agenda**

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

5. **Opened public forum** – Recognition of members of the audience wishing to address the Board:

No comments were made.

6. **Closed public forum**

7. **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 15, 2017 (*page 1*)

B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the 2016-17 Consolidated Application Winter Release? (*page 6*)

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

8. **Public Hearing**

A. Opened public hearing regarding the renewal of the charter petition for the following school (EC §47605(b)) (*page 18*):

Bitney Prep High School

No comments were made.

B. Closed public hearing

9. **Discussion/Information Items**

A. Initial review of petition for renewal of Charter for Bitney Prep High School. (*page 19*)

Supt. Hermansen advised that staff has worked closely with Russ Jones, Bitney's director on the petition. Like the previous petitions submitted, Bitney's petition will be listed as an

action item next month and will include a summary from staff; whether criteria for renewal have been met; and staff recommendations.

10. Staff Reports

A. Alternative Education, *Lisa Sanford*

Sanford provided a handout detailing attendance. Americorps presented this month for Career Café. Lockdown and fire drills were successfully executed. Kick Butts Day was celebrated as Saralyn Crossen lead students through festivities which focused around the effects of tobacco and vaping.

B. Educational Services, *Shar Johns*

1. LCAP Review

LCAP season has started. The districts and charters have been hard at work. Johns has met with each individually in working on a final draft. The public launch of the Dashboard was today; Johns provided a handout of the dashboard reference guide from the CDE.

2. STEAM Expo is March 25th; flyer provided.

C. SELPA/Special Education, *Eli Gallup*

SELPA is comprised of three governance committees. The Superintendents are focusing on updating the funding model. The Special Ed Directors are looking to develop a best practices manual. Sp. Ed Parents Advisory Committee will be attending the May 3rd Legislative Day in Sacramento.

D. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle*

Business office and school districts continue to train for the new financial system.

11. Superintendent's Report

A. NCCLI Education Day

Nevada County Community Leadership Institute Education Day consists of leader's through-out the county whom attend one day per month learning about different topics such as health; county government; law enforcement; and education. Supt. Hermansen facilitates the group on education day. Participants are introduced to public school governance, academic structure and issues facing educators. A school bus transports participants to different school sites where presentations are given.

B. Young at Art

Supt. Hermansen provided a copy of the power point which was presented to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, expressing the importance of art in schools. Student art work is displayed for 3 months at the government center. We received a proclamation from the Board of Supervisors.

C. Supt. Hermansen is the Chair of the CCSESA Legislative Committee and will be leading a team of 12 County Superintendents next week to Washington DC, building relationships and educating the legislators on issues including ESSA, Title I and Title II, IDEA funding Secure Rural Schools.

12. Action Items

- A. Following review of the Second Interim Fiscal Report of 2016-17, shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the certification of the Second Interim Report?
(page 125)

On a motion by Sexton and seconded by Altieri, the Nevada county Board of Education approved the certification of the Second Interim Report, the motion carried unanimously.

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve Resolution 17- 01, budget revision to the FY2016-17 budget? (ROLL CALL VOTE) (page 224)

On a motion by Sexton and seconded by Altieri, the Nevada County Board of Education approved resolution 17-01, budget revision to the FY2016-17 by roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

- C. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve audit services FY 2016-17 to be provided by Michele M. Hanson, CPA as presented? (page 225)

On a motion by Altieri and seconded by Neumann, the Nevada County Board of Education approved audit services FY 2016-17 to be provided by Michele M. Hanson, CPA as presented, the motion carried unanimously.

- D. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Comprehensive Safety Plan for Earle Jamieson Educational Options; Sugarloaf Mtn. Juvenile Hall; Sierra College Child Development Center; and TKM Family Resource Center, which are operated under the County Office of Education? (page 235)

On a motion by Sexton and seconded by Neumann, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Comprehensive Safety Plan for Earle Jamieson Educational Options; Sugarloaf Mtn. Juvenile Hall; Sierra College Child Development Center; and TKM Family Resource Center, which are operated under the County Office of Education, the motion carried unanimously.

- E. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the 2017-18 School Calendar for Earle Jamieson Educational Options and Sugarloaf Mountain Juvenile Hall Program? (page 299)

On a motion by Altieri and seconded by Baker, the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the 2017-18 School Calendar for Earle Jamieson Educational Options and Sugarloaf Mountain Juvenile Hall Program, the motion passed unanimously.

- F. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the Petition for Renewal of Charter for Forest Charter for a period of 5 years from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022? (page 300)

Supt. Hermansen advised that all required criteria has been met. Additional required language is requested to be added:

“Petition acknowledges the fact that any additional sites will require a “material revision”, an “open public meeting”, and 30 days’ notice to school districts prior to adding any sites.”

Forest Director, Peter Sagebiel, agreed to update and submit petition revisions as requested.

On a motion by Baker and seconded by Altieri, the Nevada County Board of Education Approved the Petition for Renewal of Charter for Forest Charter for a period of 5 years from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022, contingent upon adding language stating that “additional sites will require a material revision; and notice will be given to school districts prior to adding any sites”, the motion carried unanimously.

- G. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the Petition for Renewal of Charter for Nevada City School of the Arts (NCSA) for a period of 5 years from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022? (page 302)

Supt. Hermansen advised that all required criteria has been met. However, the following changes are recommended:

1. Under *Admission Requirements*, remove #6 “Students who reside in the Grass Valley School District”. (NCSA is a countywide charter)

2. Under *Suspension / Expulsion policy* – revise to include all relevant laws including those for students with disabilities.

NCSA Director, Holly Pettitt, agreed to update and submit petition revisions as requested.

On a motion by Sexton and seconded by Altieri, the Nevada County Board of Education Approved the Petition for Renewal of Charter for Nevada City School of the Arts (NCSA) for a period of 5 years from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022, contingent upon the following changes: *Under Admission Requirements, remove #6, Students who reside in the Grass Valley School District; and Under Suspension / Expulsion policy* – revise to include all relevant laws including those for students with disabilities, the motion carried unanimously.

- H. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the Petition for Renewal of Charter for Sierra Montessori Academy (SMA) for a period of 5 years from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022? (page 307)

Supt. Hermansen noted that SMA met the required criteria. They demonstrated growth in ELA and Math in 2016, similar to the state averages; scores were lower than comparative schools in South Nevada County in both ELA and Math, however they exceeded the overall scores in Northern Auburn. For that reason, they met the criteria.

On a motion by Baker and seconded by Sexton, the Nevada County Board of Education Approved the Petition for Renewal of Charter for Sierra Montessori Academy (SMA) for a period of 5 years from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022, the motion carried unanimously.

- I. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the Petition for Renewal of Charter for Twin Ridges Home Study (TRHS) Charter for a period of 5 years from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022? (page 312)

Supt. Hermansen noted that TRHS Charter has met the required criteria, however the following changes/clarifications are recommended:

1. Clarification needed regarding ability to appeal expulsion to the county board. Petition states there may not be an appeal; and in another place states there may ~~not~~ be an appeal.
2. *“Petition acknowledges the fact that any additional sites will require a “material revision”, an “open public meeting”, and 30 days’ notice to school districts prior to adding any sites.”*

Baker expressed concerns in math scores; and appendixes being mislabeled. TRHS Charter Director, Jaynie Aydin, apologized for the mislabeling; acknowledged concerns over math scores and advised the petition addresses the concerns and a plan is described.

Aydin agreed to take out *“there may not be an appeal”* for clarification, revise and submit petition revisions as requested.

On a motion by Sexton and seconded by Altieri, the Nevada County Board of Education Approved the Petition for Renewal of Charter for Twin Ridges Home Study (TRHS) Charter for a period of 5 years from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022, contingent upon adding language stating that *“additional sites will require a material revision”*; and remove language regarding expulsions stating *“there may not be an appeal”* to the county board, the motion carried unanimously.

- J. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the Petition for Renewal of Charter for Yuba River Charter (YRC) for a period of 5 years from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022? (page 314)

Supt. Hermansen noted that YRC has met the required criteria, however the following change is recommended:

1. Under *Admission Requirements*, remove #6 *“Students who reside in the Grass Valley School District”*. (YRC is a countywide charter)

YRC Director, Ron Charles, advised the YRC Charter Council wishes to leave this language in as it enables YRC to qualify for facility grant funding.

After a thoughtful discussion of YRC's admission priority categories, YRC Director Charles agreed to discuss the GVSD admission priority with GVSD's Supt. Eric Fredrickson to come up with an amicable solution; and will report back to Supt. Hermansen.

On a motion by Sexton and seconded by Neumann, the Nevada County Board of Education Approved the Petition for Renewal of Charter for Yuba River Charter (YRC) for a period of 5 years from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022, contingent upon changing Admission Priority #7 - students residing in Grass Valley School District, the motion carried unanimously.

13. Discussion/Information Items

A. Budget Review

1. NCSOS Program Budget review (*page 319*)

B. EPIC Update (*page 322*)

Supt. Hermansen reported that EPIC has provided NCSOS w/additional information and has met the MOU's requirements.

Delilah Martinez addressed the request of Board President Meek to have the EPIC Board review documents prior to being submitted to the NCBOE. EPIC held a special board meeting and the Executive Summary went to the board.

The MOU expires June 30, 2017. This is year 3 of the charter; in 2019 EPIC will be up for renewal. EPIC has been looking to have another county with larger resources serve them. Meek requested EPIC be placed on April's agenda to discuss moving forward regarding oversight.

14. Board Reports

A. SARB, *Larry Meek*

Meek reported difficult cases; families attending have more than attendance issues.

B. Legislative, *Shelly Sexton*

C. Charter Liaison, *Wendy Baker*

Baker will call Twin Ridges Home Study Charter to arrange a visit to their school.

D. Individual Board Member Reports

15. Correspondence

A. Young at Art (*page 330*)

16. Adjournment at 5:15 pm

Next Regular Meeting Date: April 19, 2017, 3:00 p.m., 380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley

Approved: *Larry Meek*
Larry Meek, President

Date: April 19, 2017