

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 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. **Established quorum**

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

3. **Salute to the flag**

4. **Adoption of the Agenda**

Discussion was held to move Agenda Item 12. A up to allow EPIC personnel to leave early.

On a motion by Altieri and seconded by Baker, the agenda was adopted as amended, moving Agenda Item 12.A above Agenda Item 9; 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. **Presentation**

A. NCSOS-Special Education Services – Eli Gallup, Assoc. Supt/SELPA Director

Gallup walked the Board through a powerpoint presentation detailing county services and supports which are put in place to meet the needs of NCSOS Special Education students. Gallup also provided a handout regarding same and answered questions from the Board.

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 Special meeting of March 14, 2017 *(page 1)*

B. Approval of minutes of the Regular meeting of March 15, 2017 *(page 2)*

C. During the third quarter of 2017 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 7)*

On a motion by Sexton and seconded by Altieri, the consent agenda was adopted, pulling Agenda Item 8. B. Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15,

2017 for discussion; and changing Item 8.A. from “Regular” to “Special”. The motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Altieri and seconded by Sexton, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2017; amending Agenda Item 12. I. 1. removing the word *not* to read as follows: *in another place states there may not be an appeal*. The motion carried unanimously.

(12.) Information/Discussion

A. EPIC Discussion (Moved agenda item per adoption of agenda motion)

Meek noted that EPIC has met the criteria of the MOU; based on the improvements made.

Discussion followed regarding whether there is a concern with the continuation of improvements without the additional oversight. Supt. Hermansen stated that if a system is in place and attendance data is cleaned up, returning to original oversight may be recommended. If serious concerns arise, the revocation process would be required to be initiated as opposed to extending monitoring.

Alvarez addressed the boards concerns, noting that systems are in place; assessment piece is in place; and that governance has improved as the Board is involved. EPIC’s only fluid area is staffing. Martinez advised that EPIC is going through the WASC Accreditation process.

Supt. Hermansen reminded the Board that the MOU expires June 30, 2017; and would then return to regular oversight as done for other charters authorized by NCBOE. It was noted also that EPIC is authorized as a countywide charter which requires them to have a site in Nevada County.

The Board feels that, based on the improvements shown, the level of oversight required by the MOU may not be necessary; however would like to discuss in May’s meeting when a full Board is present.

9. Staff Reports

A. Alternative Education, *Lisa Sanford*

Sanford provided a handout updating the Board on; attendance; Career Café; and CAASPP and CAST Testing. With 7.5 weeks of school remaining the population at EJ is increasing. An open house for EJ is being planned for May 2017; additional info will be provided soon.

B. Educational Services, *Shar Johns*

1. LCAP Update

Johns provided an LCAP handout for NCSOS which detailed goals, progress, needs and an overview of actions and services provided.

2. STEAM Expo was amazing with between 1000-1500 people engaged the entire day. We are now gearing up for Adventures in Learning summer program which runs June 19 – July 30.

3. Dashboard training was held for District Superintendents and Charter Directors.

C. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle*

Business Office is gearing up and winding down simultaneously. Two staff members of the Business Office moved out of state. School districts and NCSOS staff are excited for new financial system going from QSS to *Escape* which goes live January 1, 2018.

D. SELPA / Special Education, *Eli Gallup*

Gallup is working with parents to attend Legislative Day in Sacramento. This is a great way to let politicians know Special Education issues.

10. Superintendent's Report

A. Federal Legislative Visit

Supt. Hermansen reported that 12 County Superintendents attended this productive trip. Talking points included budget; Title I Allocations; School Choice; and Early Childhood Programs.

B. ACSA Teacher Who Makes a Difference

This annual award was presented to Sherry Fortner of Earle Jamieson; and Brendan Cariaga of NCSOS Special Ed Adaptive PE. Both are incredible teachers.

C. Reminder that the *Gracing the Walls* - Artist Reception be held on May 16 at 4:30 PM. NCSOS is hosting the reception for a permanent art installation at the new NCSOS facility. One piece of artwork has been submitted from each School District; and NCSOS Charter Schools and Programs. Also debuting will be the *School Pride* wall, which has each school in Nevada County School Districts school logo on it.

11. Action Items

A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the proposal for 2016-17 Summer Learning Program at Earle Jamieson (*page 8*)

On a motion by Sexton and seconded by Baker, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the proposal for 2016-17 Summer Learning Program at Earle Jamieson; The motion carried unanimously.

B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve *the John Muir Charter Schools Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM) Alternative School of Choice and Charter School Application?* (*page 10*)

Supt. Hermansen advised that the regular accountability model doesn't work for John Muir as most students are drop-outs; and only a few take the CAASPP as JMCS doesn't have many 11th graders. Guess has submitted back-up information for the designation.

On a motion by Altieri and seconded by Sexton, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the *John Muir Charter Schools Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM) Alternative School of Choice and Charter School Application*; the motion passed unanimously.

C. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the Petition for Renewal of Charter for Bitney Prep High School for a period of 5 years from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022? (*page 25*)

Supt. Hermansen walked the Board through the renewal summary. Bitney meets all the requirements; has a solid budget; and is moving forward to the implementation of their new model "*Big Picture Learning*."

Baker visited Bitney and was impressed. Altieri asked Director Jones about having defined milestones for increased enrollment. Jones replied that they are aggressively marketing; and are confident they will open with good numbers. The internship program is in place.

On a motion by Altieri and seconded by Sexton, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Petition for Renewal of Charter for Bitney Prep High School for a period of 5 years from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022; the motion passed unanimously.

- D. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education schedule a Special Board Meeting for Tuesday, August 1, 2017?

The meeting is scheduled for the Scott Lay to be sworn in as the new Superintendent.

On a motion by Altieri and seconded by Sexton, the Nevada County Board of Education approved scheduling a Special Board Meeting for Tuesday, August 1, 2017; the motion passed unanimously.

12. Information/Discussion Items

- A. EPIC – discussed earlier (*after agenda item 8*)
- B. Charter Schools Deeper Dive Training (*page 30*)

13. Board Reports


- A. SARB, *Larry Meek* – Best SARB meeting, incredible parents and students.
- B. Legislative, *Shelly Sexton* – There's a huge list of bills, will wait to report once the list is smaller.
- C. Charter Liaison, *Wendy Baker* – Visited TRHS Charter, very delightful. Baker plans to visit EPIC next.
- D. Individual Board Reports

14. Correspondence

- A. Williams Report on Decile 1-3 Schools (*page 32*)
- B. Classified School Employees of the Year (*page 34*)
- C. Countywide Speech Tournament Press Release (*page 35*)

15. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: May 10, 2017: Board Budget Work Session 2 PM;
Board of Education Meeting 3:00 PM,
380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley

Approved: 
Larry Meek, President

Date: May 10, 2017