

**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 10, 2018**  
**3:00 p.m.**

**Nevada County Superintendent of Schools**  
380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley, CA 95945

**MINUTES**

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

**2. Established quorum**

Wendy Baker - present

Paula Sarantopoulos - present

Larry Meek - present

Ashley Neumann - present

Heino Nicolai - present

**3. Salute to the flag**

**4. Adoption of the Agenda**

**On a motion by Sarantopoulos and seconded by Nicolai, the Nevada County Board of Education adopted the October 10, 2018 Agenda; all in favor; motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

**5. Opened public forum**

Recognition of members of the audience wishing to address the Board –

No comments.

**6. Closed public forum**

**7. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing** *(Under Separate Cover)*

The board will hold an Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing concerning a student.

A. Adjourn to Closed Session – Board President Meek announced that the meeting would move into closed session to hear an Interdistrict Attendance Appeal filed on behalf of a student currently residing in the Penn Valley Union Elementary School District and wishing to attend school in the Union Hill School District.

B. Reconvene to Public Meeting

i. Announcement of Action Taken in Closed Session

**On a motion by Sarantopoulos and seconded by Nicolai, the Nevada County Board of Education voted to uphold the decision of the Penn Valley Union Elementary School District Board and deny the Interdistrict Transfer request to attend Union Hill School. On a roll call vote, the motion passed (3-2) (3-Ayes: Sarantopoulos, Nicolai, Meek; 2-Nays: Baker, Neumann).**

## 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 September 7, 2018 (*page 1*)
- B. Annual Report of School Visitations by County Superintendent of Schools Pursuant to Education Code 1240 and the Williams Settlement (*page 6*)
- C. During the third quarter of 2018 July - September, 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 8*)

**On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Nicolai, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the consent agenda as presented; all in favor; motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

## 9. Staff Reports

### A. Alternative Education, *Lisa Sanford*

Sanford provided a handout detailing EJ's current attendance and population. Career Café continues with Job Corps speaking to students last week. Sierra College is coming out to speak to the students next week. PD Day was a great day of learning. Red Ribbon will be celebrated; and a drill will take place for the CA Shake Out on 10/18/18 @ 10:18 am.

### B. Educational Services, *Teena Corker*

Corker and Marks attended the Charter Authorizers workshop. Differentiated Assistance has been offered to schools.

### C. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle* – Will address agenda items as they come up.

### D. SELPA/Special Education, *Eli Gallup*

Local plans, policies and procedures have been developed; includes best practices and helps when the law is silent for special education.

RoJean Cossairt has been hired for the SELPA Director position. We are now searching for the open Special Education Principal position.

Special Ed classes are filling up with five out of seven being full; and we are looking at how to serve additional students in the future.

## 10. Superintendent's Report

### A. CAASPP results

Supt. Lay provided a handout with CAASPP comparison data for 2016-2018 for all Nevada County schools.

### B. 2019 Teacher of the Year

Countywide TOY, Tim Grebe, Ready Springs School, PVUESD; NCSOS TOY, Mickey Vuksinich; and District Teachers of the Year were honored at this special event.

## 11. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve Resolution 18-07, adoption of the Gann Appropriation Limit pursuant to Article XIII B of the California constitution for FY2017-18 and FY2018-19? **ROLL CALL VOTE** (*page 9*)

**On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Neumann, the Nevada County Board of Education Approved Resolution 18-07, adoption of the Gann Appropriation Limit pursuant to Article XIII B of the California constitution for FY2017-18 and FY2018-19 by roll call vote; all in favor; motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Unaudited Actual Financial report for FY2017-18? (*page 10*)

**On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Sarantopoulos the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Unaudited Actual Financial report for FY2017-18; all in favor; motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

Waddle answered questions of the Board, noting this report will be updated at First interim and will be going through a final audit the end of October.

- C. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve Resolution 18-06 excused absence for Board member Wendy Baker (E.C. 1090) **ROLL CALL VOTE** (*page 92*)

**On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Nicolai the Nevada County Board of Education Approved Resolution 18-06 excused absence for Board member Wendy Baker (E.C. 1090) by roll call vote; motion passed (4-Ayes – Neumann, Nicolai, Meek, and Sarantopoulos; 1-Abstain – Baker).**

- D. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve Waiver Renewal # 19-10-2016 for School Site Council Composition and Size? (*page 93*)

**On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Sarantopoulos the Nevada County Board of Education Approved Waiver Renewal # 19-10-2016 for School Site Council Composition and Size; all in favor; motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

## 12. Discussion / Information Items

- A. 2017-18 Education Protection Account (EPA) Report of Actual Expenditures (*page 94*)
- B. Letter of Concern – Sierra Montessori Academy Charter (*page 95*)

Supt. Lay updated the Board on SMA's status. SMA is down 30 students from the close of school to now. Board meeting governance and leadership continues to be of concern. School climate for students is not healthy.

Lack of SMA's presence at NCBOE meetings are a concern. At the Boards request, Supt. Lay will notify SMA's Director and Board President that the NCBOE is discussing Revocation.

- C. Report on California Dashboard Local Indicators for NCSOS programs (*page 99*)

Corker walked the Board through data gathered on the local indicators, which include appropriately assigned teachers; implementation of State Academic Standards; parent engagement; school climate; access to a broad course of study; and self-reflection data on expelled students and foster youth.

## 13. Board Reports

- A. Board member reports

- i. SARB, *Heino Nicolai* – Two cases scheduled: one cancelled and the other was a no-show. There's a full docket scheduled for the next meeting.
- ii. Legislative, *Ashley Neumann* – no report.
- iii. Charter Liaison, *Wendy Baker*

Baker visited Forest charter – wonderful facility use, budget is great, kids are great; only concern is the ability to provide meals. Confident they will come up with a plan.

Baker toured Yuba River Charter – remarkable. They too are working on the school lunch program.

RJ Guess, CEO for JMCS, added the possibility of the CDE offering a waiver as being able to offer free and reduced-priced meals is a big issue for charters.

Baker met Pauline Takhar, new Twin Ridges Home Study Charter Director. Takhar is very enthusiastic and comes with a background in Special Ed.

iv. Individual Board member reports

Nicolai inquired about Board packets being placed in a drop box for Board pickup vs. being mailed out via US Mail. Samie White will look into the possibility.

Board President Meek noticed audience members who arrived after public comment and invited them to speak. Susan Roberts Emery expressed concern over the use of pesticides at schools. Supt. Lay explained that each school district has a notification process; that she need only call them to inquire what type of pesticide is used.

**14. Correspondence**

B. NCSOS LCAP Approval Letter for 2017/18-2019/20 (*page 105*)

Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 7, 2018, 3:00 p.m., 380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley.

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Larry Meek, Board President  
Nevada County Board of Education

November 7, 2018  
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Date