

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

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 Baker

2. Established quorum

Paula Sarantopoulos	present
Wendy Baker	present
Ashley Neumann	present
Heino Nicolai	present
Katharine Wanamaker	present

3. Salute to the flag

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Supt. Lay requested to add approval of the SELPA Local Plan; a non-controversial action item; noting the item has been unanimously approved by all Nevada County school districts.

On a motion by Sarantopoulos and seconded by Nicolai, the Nevada County Board of Education adopted the April 10, 2019 Agenda approval of the SELPA Local Plan as an action item; all in favor; motion passed 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. California Healthy Kids Survey Key Indicator Findings, Sharyn Turner (*page 1*)

Turner explained this is the first year a district-level summary has been received. Nevada County has done CHKS since 2005 annually and has received over \$22 million dollars as a result of the survey. It's very rich information surveying every 7th, 9th and 11th graders in school engagement and supports; school safety; substance use; and mental health. Identifying trends helps to put in place programs needed.

8. Public Hearing – EPIC de Cesar Chavez Charter High School Renewal Petition (Action)

A. Opened hearing regarding the charter petition renewal of EPIC de Cesar Chavez Charter High School (EC 47607(b)) (*page 29*)

No comments were made.

B. Closed public hearing

C. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the renewal of EPIC de Cesar Chavez Charter High School Petition for a period of five years from July 1, 2019 through

June 30, 2024? (page 30)

Supt. Lay advised that NCSOS staff reviewed the petition and provided a handout detailing Ed Code 47605(b) – listing the five (5) reasons a charter petition shall not be approved. EPIC meets all criteria for renewal. It was also noted recently retired Yolo COE Supt. Jesse Ortiz is on the EPIC Board and is a great addition to the Board.

Wanamaker questioned how students could work and attend 30 hours of instruction weekly. Delilah Martinez, Exec. Director, EPIC, explained work is seasonal and when in season the Vocational program allows flexibility.

Wanamaker also questioned how cash flow advances are handled. Waddle advised that any cash flow request would go to the NCBOE for approval.

Sarantopoulos questioned how outreach was done. David Villarino, FIELD/EPIC Board President, explained the outreach process includes presentations to employers; having a presence in public places such as flea markets and churches; posting on all social media; physically talking to people.

Neumann questioned the travel and conference budgeted for \$180K in 2018/19. Villarino explained the cost is mostly travel and lodging. EPIC is across the entire state in almost 30 cities. Martinez noted traveling over 40K miles this past year. More than 20 staff travel, which includes supervisors and community coordinators.

Baker noted no expenses budgeted for *books and other reference materials*. Martinez advised purchasing had tapered down, however they just made a \$40K curriculum purchase.

Waddle mentioned that EPIC has a \$1.3-Million-dollar Career Technical Education (CTE) grant from the CDE. Villarino explained that this is a match grant; for every \$1 spent, EPIC must spend \$2. This is a significant grant to train farmworkers around the state to own, operate and govern employee owned cooperative businesses, providing a bridge from the student receiving a diploma to owning a business. The CTE grant expires July 1, however, Board Member Jesse Ortiz and David Villarino met with the CDE requesting an extension.

Neumann questioned EPIC's Dashboard noting standards had not been met. Martinez reported that EPIC does meet all criteria; that she had missed the data submission deadline to the CDE and the CDE was not able to input late submissions.

Neumann questioned why EPIC doesn't require proof of vaccinations, citing SB277. Martinez advised that EPIC students are not ~~minors~~ minors; they are over 18 years of age and vaccination is not a condition of enrollment.

RJ Guess, CEO, John Muir Charter School noted the same, JMCS students are over 18 years of age and proof of vaccinations is not required.

On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Sarantopoulos, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the renewal of EPIC de Cesar Chavez Charter High School Petition for a period of five years from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024; motion passed (4 Ayes – Wanamaker, Sarantopoulos, Nicolai, Baker; 1 Nay – Neumann).

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 March 13, 2019 (page 137)

- B. During the third quarter of 2019 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 141*)

President Baker requested to pull the March 13, 2019 minutes from Consent Agenda to discuss.

On a motion by Wanamaker and seconded by Sarantopoulos the consent agenda was approved as amended, pulling the March 13, 2019 minutes to allow discussion; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

In reviewing the March 13, 2019 minutes, it was noted that Page 1, Item 4, Adoption of the Agenda should be amended to read March, in place of (~~February~~).

On a motion by Sarantopoulos and seconded by Nicolai the Nevada County Board of Education approved the March 13, 2019 minutes amending Page 1, Item 4, Adoption of the Agenda to read March in place of ~~February~~; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

10. Staff Reports

A. Alternative Education, *Lisa Sanford*

Sanford provided a handout noting EJ is at capacity; however, no student has been turned away as of yet. Sanford has met with Corker and Marks for Differentiated Assistance, to determine why EJ has a higher suspension rate. Career Café was held with the Training Zone speaking on of the fitness industry. *Make Your Own Path Day* was held; local law enforcement, Public Health, Sierra Presbyterian Church and Counselor Crossen met with students helping them plan for a future without alcohol, tobacco, nicotine and other drugs. Spring break; CAASPP; and CST testing are coming up.

B. Educational Services, *Teena Corker*

1. LCAP Update – Corker has met with EJ; Sp Ed Program Staff; and will meet with Grizzly Hill soon. Chronic absenteeism is being addressed.
2. Steam Expo – Incredible event; very successful. Special thanks to staff and to Board members Wanamaker, Nicolai and Sarantopoulos (husband) for their participation.

C. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle*

Waddle presented a J13A Emergency Waiver for Earle Jamieson to be signed by the Board and explained the CDE process and requirements for waivers.

D. SELPA / Special Education, *Eli Gallup*

Gallup is providing outreach with ACSA for AB1546 Mental Health supports for students. AB1546 would allow access to Federal funds.

Gallup is volunteering as a CASA; and is on the CSN Board. He's able to offer special ed support to students, parents; as well as those involved in CSN.

With the recent passing of Sean Manchester, NJUHSD Special Ed Director, in a kayaking accident, Gallup has been reaching out to help the district.

11. Superintendent's Report

Supt. Lay added that trauma teams are in place at NJUHSD to help in the tragic loss of Sean Manchester.

Supt. Lay advised Terry McAteer is the interim charter director for Bitney.

12. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education reschedule the July 10, 2019 board meeting to July 24, 2019?

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Wanamaker, the Nevada County Board of Education rescheduled the July 10, 2019 board meeting to July 24, 2019; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve Ashley Neumann as an alternate for SARB?

On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Sarantopoulos, the Nevada County Board of Education approved Ashley Neumann as an alternate for SARB; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

- C. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Certification of Supervisors of Attendance (*page 142*)

On a motion by Sarantopoulos and seconded by Nicolai the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Certification of Supervisors of Attendance; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

- D. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the SELPA Local Plan?

(Item added at adoption of agenda)

Gallup provided the SELPA Local Plan document and reiterated Supt. Lay noting that this document is a non-controversial action item and has been unanimously approved by all Nevada County school districts. This plan allows for greater local control and updates a 140 page 15-year-old plan, resulting in an equitable system for all districts in the county.

On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Wanamaker the Nevada County Board of Education approved the SELPA Local Plan; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

13. Discussion/Information

- A. New Superintendent Policy: SP 4020 Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace (*page 151*)

Supt. Lay advised that this policy is required to receive federal funding. The policy does not require Board approval and is for information only.

14. Board Reports

- A. SARB, *Heino Nicolai*

Nicolai reported that 88% of the cases were no-shows in the last hearing; and they are working with the school to determine the cause.

- B. Legislative, *Ashley Neumann*

Neumann noted that the AB 1871 Charter schools – free and reduced-price meals bill is still in place. JMCS CEO, RJ Guess, added that there are options available that help to meet the requirements of AB 1871.

SB 276 – Immunizations: medical exemptions and SB 673 – Comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education were discussed.

- C. Charter Liaison, *Wendy Baker and Heino Nicolai*

~~Baker~~ and Nicolai had a good meeting and conversation with Stephen De Sena, SMA Director.

D. Individual Board Reports

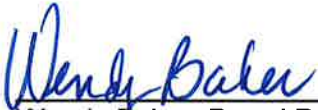
Wanamaker participated as a judge in the STEAM Expo.

15. Correspondence

- A. Classified School Employees of the Year *(page 154)*
- B. Countywide Speech Tournament Press Release *(page 155)*
- C. Treasury Report from Nevada County Treasurer and Tax Collector detailing the portfolio of Investments for NCSOS as of March 31, 2019. *(page 157)*

16. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: May 8, 2019: Board Budget Work Session 2:00 PM;
Board of Education Meeting 3:00 PM,
380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley



Wendy Baker, Board President
Nevada County Board of Education

May 8, 2019
Date