

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 26, 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

On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Neumann, the Nevada County Board of Education adopted the June 26, 2019 Agenda as amended; changing Agenda Item 11.b. Local Control *and* Accountability Plan ESSA Federal Addendum to Local Control Accountability Plan *AND* ESSA Federal Addendum; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

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

Dan Craven, former Board Member of Sierra Montessori Academy, advised that he was voted off of the SMA Board for not being a team player and for asking too many questions at meetings. Craven continues to have concerns over SMA's budget; declining enrollment; Directors salary; and questions if the Director meets the criteria to be the Director.

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 May 8, 2019 (*page 1*)
- B. Approval of minutes of the Special meeting of June 12, 2019 (*page 5*)
- C. Approval of Consolidated Application – Spring Release (*page 6*)

On a motion by Sarantopoulos and seconded by Wanamaker, the consent agenda was approved as presented; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

8. Public Hearing (Action)

- A. Opened public hearing regarding the renewal of the charter petition for Forest Charter (EC§47605(b)) (*page 29*)

No comments made.

- B. Closed public hearing

9. Staff Reports

A. Educational Services, *Teena Corker*

Corker advised that the new EJ Principal, Amy Brooks, was able to shadow Lisa. As of June 26, 2019, 19 students were in attendance at EJ. May 31st was a Mental Health Awareness Day at EJ. EJ summer school ended with 5 students enrolled; 3 of which attended regularly. EJ should be starting in the fall with 11 students.

B. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle* – Business office is quiet and busy.

C. SELPA/Special Education, *Eli Gallup*

Gallup is on vacation, Supt. Lay reported on his behalf. Extended School Year (ESY) Summer Program is doing great. The amazing staff works with severely handicapped students as they experience a one-day camping trip. It's inspiring to watch the community, students, staff and parents all come together and help build confidence and responsibility into the students. The Union will be visiting and doing a write up on the program.

10. Superintendent's Report

Supt. Lay reported that Monica Daugherty is the new Interim Superintendent for NCSD, replacing Trisha Dellis who took a job in Carmel. Supt. Lay offered to mentor Daugherty.

The BOS looked at options for Juvenile Hall as a youth facility. Discussions are being held regarding Earle Jamieson. This could be a great collaboration. We're looking at duplication of services; cost; and needs being met.

11. Action Items

A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Petition for Renewal of Charter for Forest Charter School for a period of 5 years from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024?

Wanamaker questioned why the renewal was being pushed up earlier than needed.

Supt. Lay advised that recent changes in laws, specifically AB1507, puts curbs on charter schools in California; noting that some of the charters in Southern California need to close. However, the unintended consequences affect good charter schools, like Forest. Forest's small satellite facilities offer tutoring and special ed support. Supt. Lay has been talking to lobbyists to make them aware.

Peter Sagebiel, Forest Charter Director, stated that pushing out the renewal allows Forest Charter time to work with local school districts; build relationships; and see how the new law is implemented. The language in the law is vague and may change and there may be amendments. Given that, Forest has every intention to become fully compliant with the law.

On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Neumann, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Petition for Renewal of Charter for Forest Charter School for a period of 5 years from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the 2019-20 Local Control ~~and~~ Accountability Plan AND ESSA Federal Addendum? (page 31) (amended at adoption of agenda)

On a motion by Sarantopoulos and seconded by Neumann, the Nevada County Board of Education Approved the 2019-20 Local Control Accountability Plan and ESSA Federal Addendum; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

C. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education adopt *Resolution 19-01*, Blanket Transfer Resolution to the FY2019-20 budget? (page 53) ROLL CALL VOTE

On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Neumann, the Nevada County Board of Education adopted *Resolution 19-01*, Blanket Transfer Resolution to the FY2019-20 budget; by roll call vote all in favor; the motion passed unanimously.

D. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the Education Protection Account? (page 54)

On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Neumann, the Nevada County Board of Education Approved the Education Protection Account; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

E. Adoption of FY2019-20 Budget

Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the 2019-20 Proposed Consolidated Budget of the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools, Nevada County Special Education Services, Nevada County SELPA, Special Education Pass Thru, Nevada County Charter School Cooperative, Child Development, Forest Reserve Fund, and County School Facilities Fund? (EC 1620, 1622, 33129, 52066, 52067 and 52068) (page 55)

Waddle provided a corrected page for the Financial Reports COE Certification reflecting that the public hearing took place at 3 PM not 3 AM. Questions of the board were answered.

On a motion by Sarantopoulos and seconded by Neumann, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the 2019-20 Proposed Consolidated Budget of the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools, Nevada County Special Education Services, Nevada County SELPA, Special Education Pass Thru, Nevada County Charter School Cooperative, Child Development, Forest Reserve Fund, and County School Facilities Fund; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

F. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the Annual Workers' Compensation Certificate regarding self-insured workers' compensation claims for FY2019-20? (page 91)

On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Neumann, the Nevada County Board of Education Approved the Annual Workers' Compensation Certificate regarding self-insured workers' compensation claims for FY2019-20; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

G. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve and authorize the submission of application for Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for school year 2019-20 so that staffing is achieved with the best possible candidates, in addition to retaining our countywide substitute teachers? (page 92)

On a motion by Wanamaker and seconded by Sarantopoulos, the Nevada County Board of Education Approved and authorized the submission of application for Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for school year 2019-20 so that staffing is achieved with the best possible candidates, in addition to retaining our countywide substitute teachers; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

H. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools Combined Alternative Educational Programs? (page 96)

On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Neumann, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools Combined Alternative Educational Programs; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

I. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the appointment of Stanton Miller to the John Muir Charter School Board of Trustees for the term 2019-2023?

On a motion by Sarantopoulos and seconded by Neumann, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the appointment of Stanton Miller to the John Muir Charter School Board of Trustees for the term 2019-2023; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

J. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education move the time of Board meetings to an earlier time in the day?

Supt. Lay reminded the Board that this is a meeting held in the public; not a meeting for the public.

Board discussion included pros and cons of changing the time of board meetings. Earlier is not preferred, however if it's held at 9:00 AM it's possible more parents could attend. Later (5:30 PM) impacts staff time; overtime implications; childcare issues; however later is ideal for some parents and teachers. It's good to try and get input from the community, but would shifting time attract parents? The September meeting is at 5:30 PM and traditionally no

parents or teachers attend. Could 4:00 PM or 4:30 PM be a compromise? Parents could send letters to address Board. EJ release time is 2:10 PM, those parents may be able to attend.

The Board requested the item be placed on July's Board Agenda as an action item.

On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Wanamaker, the Nevada County Board of Education opposed moving the time of Board meetings to an earlier time in the day; all opposed; motion failed unanimously.

- K. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Material Revision to Bitney Prep High School Charter Petition and By-laws? (*page 192*)

Jonathan Molnar, Bitney Prep HS Charter Director, explained the significant change in the new bylaws include the Charter Director being a non-voting member; and Board of Directors may not be employees.

On a motion by Wanamaker and seconded by Neumann, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Material Revision to the Bitney Prep High School Charter Petition By-laws; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

12. Information/Discussion Items

- A. COE Summary Report for Student Improvement Plan to Districts (*page 209*)

Corker advised this required report moving forward into next year provides information on how COE's can help school districts, an integral part of accountability.

- B. 2018-19 annual report to the Board of Temporary County Certificates (*page 215*)

- C. Brown Act - Serial Meeting Reminder (*page 218*)

13. Board Reports

- A. SARB, *Heino Nicolai*

Nicolai reported that it seems students referred to SARB at an earlier age helps to change behavior. It's great that more conversation is taking place between agencies that can provide help for the families.

Supt. Lay shared an announcement that Nevada County Deputy DA, Oliver Pong was retiring.

- B. Legislative, *Ashley Neumann*

Neumann noted charter laws are still in the being figured out. Sex Ed; transgender rights in sports; and vaccinations were reported on also.

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

Nicolai reported that he met with RJ Guess, JMCS Director. JMCS has developed great relationships with other organizations and is doing great financially.

- D. Individual Board Reports

14. Correspondence

- A. None

15. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: July 24, 2019, 380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley, California



Wendy Baker, Board President
Nevada County Board of Education

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