

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 14, 2019
4:00 p.m.
Nevada County Superintendent of Schools
Board Room
380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley, California 95945

A G E N D A

All times approximate

- 1. Meeting called to order**
- 2. Establish quorum**
- 3. Salute to the flag**
- 4. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 5. Open public forum** – Recognition of members of the audience wishing to address an agenda item may do so at this time or at the time the agenda item is heard. After being recognized by the Board president, please identify yourself. A member of the public may at this time make brief comments regarding items not on the agenda, although no action may be taken.
- 6. Close public forum**
- 7. Approval of the Consent Agenda** 5 min.

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 - A. Approval of minutes of the Regular meeting of July 24, 2019 (*page 1*)
- 8. Staff Reports** 5 min.
 - A. Alternative Education, *Amy Brooks*
 - B. Ed Services, *Teena Corker*
 - C. SELPA/Special Education, *Eli Gallup*
 - D. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle*
- 9. Superintendent's Report** 10 min.
 - A. Back to School Staff Meeting
 - B. Scholar Day at the Fair
 - C. Start of School updates
 - D. Charter Schools update
- 10. Action Items** 10 min.
 - A. Superintendent Salary: Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the same 2% increase to the salary of the County Superintendent that was approved for NCSOS Staff in June?
- 11. Information/Discussion Items** – none.

12. Board Reports

5 min.

- A. SARB, *Heino Nicolai*
- B. Legislative, *Ashley Neumann*
- C. Charter Liaison, *Wendy Baker & Heino Nicolai*
- D. Individual Board Reports

13. Correspondence

- A. 2019-20 Nevada County Academic Tournament Schedule (*page 5*)
- B. Nevada County Board of Education 2019 Meeting Calendar as amended 7/24/19 (*page 6*)
- C. NCSOS Letter of Concern to Twin Ridges Home Study Charter (*page 7*)
- D. Nevada County Republican Women Federated letter dated July 30, 2019 (*page 8*)

14. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: September 11, 2019 at 5:00 PM, 380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley

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Posted: 8/9/2019
Date

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3:00 p.m.

Nevada County Superintendent of Schools

Board Room

380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley, California 95945

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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 Sarantopoulos and seconded by Nicolai, the Nevada County Board of Education adopted the July 24, 2019 Agenda; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

5. Opened public forum – Recognition of members of the audience wishing to address the Board – no comments.

6. Closed public forum

7. Approval of the Consent Agenda

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A. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of June 26, 2019 (page 1)

B. During the third quarter of 2019 April-June, there were no complaints filed to be reported, pursuant to Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures (E.C. 1240(H): Board policy 1010 – Uniform Complaint Procedures) (page 5)

Neumann moved and Wanamaker seconded to approve the consent agenda; motion failed unanimously.

On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Wanamaker, the consent agenda was approved amending Agenda Item 13 B. by removing the words “in the”; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

8. Staff Reports

A. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle*

Special Ed continues to be a big project, however should be coming to a close soon.

B. Ed Services, *Teena Corker*

Feedback was received from the CDE on the LCAP Federal Addendum and additional information was submitted.

Final district LCAP's are in for review.

C. SELPA / Special Education, *Eli Gallup* – no report; Gallup is on vacation.

9. Superintendent's Report

Supt. Lay introduced Amy Brooks, Earle Jamieson/Sugarloaf Principal.

Nevada County Arts Council received a grant. NCSOS is working with the Arts Council on a countywide arts plan for curriculum. Kim Ewing was announced as the new Arts Coordinator.

NCSOS All Staff meeting will take place on August 12th at Twin Cities Church.

Scholar Day at the Fair is coming up on August 7th. The tradition of NCSOS staff handing out popsicles to scholar students carries on and Board members are welcome to help.

Supt. Lay attended the JMCS graduation in Sacramento. Inspiring to see students, their families and hear their stories.

10. Action Items

A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Annual review of Board Policy 2710, Conflict of Interest? (*page 6*)

On a motion by Wanamaker and seconded by Neumann the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Annual review of Board Policy 2710, Conflict of Interest; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve changing the time of Board meetings?

After a lengthy discussion the Board agreed, on a trial basis, to move the August, October and November NCBOE Meetings to a 4 p.m. start time.

On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Neumann the Nevada County Board of Education moved to approve changing the August, October and November meetings to a 4 p.m. start time; motion passed (Ayes – Neumann; Wanamaker; and Nicolai; Nays – Sarantopoulos; and Baker).

11. Information/Discussion Items - none.

12. Board Reports

A. SARB, *Heino Nicolai* – First hearing is scheduled for September.

B. Legislative, *Ashley Neumann* – The new Mental Health Days law in Oregon was shared with the Board.

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

TRHSC continues to be a concern. Supt. Lay sent a letter requesting information by Friday, July 26th. If no response, on behalf of the Board, a formal *Letter of Concern* will be sent. Concerns include numerous Brown Act Violations; and lack of information to implement a school lunch program. NCSOS Staff will attend the upcoming August 1st TRHSC Board Meeting and continue to monitor closely.

D. Individual Board Reports

Neumann is concerned about school food waste and if it's being addressed. Supt. Lay advised *SB 557 Food donations and pupil meals* addresses waste; Central Kitchen is putting changes into packaging this year; and they're looking at other organizations to help.

Nicolai is a member of the Citizens Oversight Committee for the Measure B Bond and gave a status report; and also a report on the Talent Development Committee, noting it's great to have Christina Giffin as the Career Liaison for NCSOS. Nicolai complimented the STEAM Expo for adding an employer component.

Wanamaker was approached by Stop the Bleed Program, great opportunity for students. Supt. Lay advised the program is in place at NJUHSD and to contact Chris Espedal for more information.

Wanamaker was approached by a community member concerned for her safety. She wanted reassurance that all people are welcomed in our community. Wanamaker reminded all if you see something, say something.

13. Correspondence

- A. Rob Metcalfe, NUHS, NJUHSD - Nevada County Teacher of the Year (*page 8*)
- B. Welz Family Children's Foundation Donation to San Juan Ridge FRC (*page 9*)
- C. Treasury report from Nevada County Treasurer and Tax Collector detailing the Portfolio of investments for NCSOS as of June 30, 2019. (*page 10*)

14. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: August 14, 2019, 380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley, California

Wendy Baker, Board President
Nevada County Board of Education

August 14, 2019
Date



Nevada County Superintendent of Schools

2019-2020 Nevada County Academic Tournament Schedule

Tournament	Date & Time	Registration Due	Location
Geography - Grade: 7	Thursday, October 10, 2019 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Registration due: September 26, 2019	Chicago Park School
Spelling - Grades: 5-6	Wednesday, November 13, 2019 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Registration due: October 30, 2019	Miners Foundry
Spelling - Grades: 7-8	Thursday, November 14, 2019 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Registration due: October 31, 2019	Miners Foundry
Writing - Grades: 7-8	Tuesday, January 14, 2020 9:00a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Registration due: December 12, 2019* (*before winter break)	Miners Foundry
Speech Prelims - Grades 4-8 Topic: TBD	Thursday, March 5, 2020 9:00 am-12:30 pm (Gr. 6-8) 1:00-4:30 pm (Gr. 4-5)	Registration due: February 20, 2020	Calvary Bible Church
Speech Finals - Grades 4-8	Tuesday, March 10, 2020 6:30-8:30 pm	-	Nevada Theatre
STEAM Expo – Grades K-12	Saturday, March 28, 2020 9:00 am-3:00pm	Registration due: March 6, 2020	Nevada County Fairgrounds
TechTest Jr. (part of the STEAM Expo)	TBD	TBD	Telestream - 848 Gold Flat Road #1, NC AJA Video - 180 Litton Drive, GV

7/30/2019

Sharon Shafran sshafran@nevco.org

Nevada County Board of Education

Meeting Calendar for 2019

Regularly scheduled meeting dates for the Nevada County Board of Education are GENERALLY held the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room, located at the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools office at 380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley, California, 95945, unless otherwise noted.

Date	Time	Notes
January 9	3:00 PM	
February 13	3:00 PM	
March 13	3:00 PM	
April 10	3:00 PM	
May 8	3:00 PM	2 PM Budget Work Session
June 12	3:00 PM	Special Meeting - LCAP and Budget Public Hearings
June 26	3:00 PM	
July 24	3:00 PM	****
August 14	4:00 PM	***
September 11	5:00 PM	**
October 9	4:00 PM	***
November 13	4:00 PM	***
December 18	3:00 PM	*

**** July: Meeting rescheduled from 7/10/19 to 7/24/19; approved during the 4/10/19 NCBOE meeting.

***August/October/November: Meeting start time changed from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM; approved during the 7/24/19 NCBOE meeting.

** September: The regularly scheduled meeting for the month of September meets the requirement of public review of availability of State instructional materials.

* December: AB 2449 shifts the window of the annual organizational meeting. The 15-day window for 2019 is Friday, December 13 to Saturday, December 22, 2019. The December meeting must take place within the prescribed window for the annual organizational meeting.

NCBOE 2019 Meeting Calendar
Amended 7/24/19; Amended 4/10/19
Approved 12/12/18



SCOTT W. LAY, SUPERINTENDENT

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Grass Valley, CA 95945
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July 19, 2019

Pauline Takhar, Director
Vanessa Kulgoski, Board Chair
Twin Ridges Home Study Charter
111 New Mohawk Road
Nevada City, CA 95959

Dear Pauline and Vanessa,

I am becoming increasingly alarmed at the inability of Twin Ridges Home Study to follow the Brown Act for their Board of Directors meetings. My office staff have been in contact with you regarding the mistakes and the answers, or lack of answers, is concerning and showing a lack of understanding of meeting structure.

The most alarming disregard to the Brown Act are the two meetings on June 27th, 2019. The first meeting, a "Special Meeting", had the director's salary schedule with a \$1000 stipend increase agendized. As you should know, this is not allowable under the definition of the Brown Act and is therefore, null and void.

The following meeting on the same date was titled an "Emergency Meeting" without any definable emergency per Brown Act stated. Therefore, any action taken at that meeting is also null and void.

We then received a signed contract for Pauline that states the TRHS board approved it on June 27th. There is no mention of this in either agenda for June 27, 2019 so therefore it is also null and void.

Because of the above Brown Act violations Pauline has no legal contract with TRHS and we cannot process her payroll. The above items will need to be done properly and legally to remedy this situation at the next regular board meeting.

Although we have sent numerous emails pointing out these issues we have received little to nothing that shows an understanding of the gravity of this situation. Simply put, this is what gives charter schools a bad name and can start the process of revocation of the charter by the county board.

One other item that is concerning is how you plan to implement your lunch program for the 2019/2020 school year. This is a tremendously complicated and potentially very costly for a school to run. Although you have had over a year to plan and set something up we are not aware of your plans and need to know how you plan to meet this new law on the first day of school.

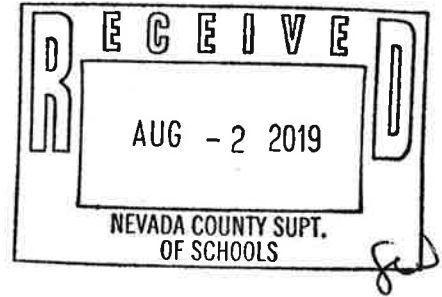
I am requesting the process on how you plan to remedy the above situations and your plan to adhere to the Brown Act in the future by July 26th.

Sincerely,

Scott W. Lay
Nevada County Superintendent of Schools

July 30, 2019

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



To: Scott Lay, Superintendent
Trustees Ashley Neumann, Kate Wanamaker, Paula Sarantopoulos, Heino Nicolai, Wendy Baker

Dear Nevada County School Board Trustees and Superintendent,

It has come to our attention that a letter was received from the Nevada County Democratic Central Committee referencing the April 17, 2019 Resolution presented to you by the membership of Nevada County Republican Women Federated in response to portions of the California Healthy Youth Act.

We believe that two organizations were seriously mischaracterized in that letter, and would like to clear up any misperceptions created by the correspondence from the Democratic Central Committee. Brad Dacus is the President of the Pacific Justice Institute. For 20 years this organization has defended our citizens' first amendment rights to freedom of speech and religion. They have handled cases representing individual rights, with no regard to the race, gender, or religious affiliation of their clients. All legal representation is provided at no charge to their clients.

The Southern Poverty Law Center was referenced as classifying the Pacific Justice Institute as a "hate group". Morris Dees, the founder of SPLC in 1971, was recently forced out of the organization. At the time, the LA Times reported "A letter signed by about two dozen employees . . . said that they were concerned that internal allegations of mistreatment, sexual harassment, gender discrimination, and racism threaten the moral authority of this organization".

Morris Dees has been the face of the SPLC as it transitioned from investigating genuine hate groups to casting a wide net that includes groups such as the Family Research Council, a social conservative organization, right along with the Ku Klux Klan. At one time SPLC included HUD Secretary Ben Carson under their hate group category, claiming he was a White Nationalist, and were later forced to remove him and apologize. SPLC recently settled a law suit with Maajid Nawaz, an anti-Islamist activist whom they maligned as an anti-Muslim extremist. Nawaz was not an extremist, but a Muslim who turned away from the radical Islamist views of his youth and now fights extremism. Many continue to cite SPLC as an authoritative source on hate, but its conflation of extremist groups with mainstream ones has been well-documented. Confirmation of this can be easily found by googling any of the following: New York Times 3/14/19 Morris Dees; The Atlantic 6/18/18 Maajid Nawaz; or Politico 6/28/17 Morris Dees.

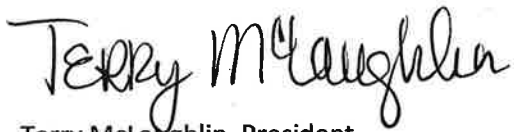
The Resolution presented to you by Nevada County Republican Women Federated was drafted and prepared for a vote prior to any presentation from Brad Dacus, based upon research and information gleaned independently by our own concerned members, who are not on a "crusade" against LGBTQ+ children and their families. We are uniformly in support of guiding our youth to healthier lifestyles, creating a safe and inclusive school environment for all students, and protecting them from bullying and

harassment. What we do object to are the explicit, graphic materials that we feel are inappropriate for young children and pre-adolescents, and the loss of parental rights regarding certain aspects of the curriculum. Our hope is that Trustees and decision-makers will give these materials a second look and use all possible lawful discretion in the formulation of curriculum for Nevada County schools.

We recognize that our opinions and observations may differ from those of the Nevada County Democratic Central Committee, but wanted to clarify the misinformation submitted to you regarding both the Pacific Justice Institute and the Southern Poverty Law Center, and the misrepresentation of the origin of the well-researched position of NCRWF.

Thank you for taking the time to review our comments, and for adding this letter to the public record.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry McLaughlin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "T" and "M".

Terry McLaughlin, President
Nevada County Republican Women Federated

