

**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 9, 2019**  
**4:00 p.m.**

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

**MINUTES**

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

**2. Established quorum**

Paula Sarantopoulos	present (Left after agenda item 10.C.)
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 Wanamaker, the Nevada County Board of Education adopted the October 9, 2019 Agenda as presented; 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**

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 11, 2019 (*page 1*)

B. Annual Report of School Visitations by County Superintendent of Schools Pursuant to Education Code 1240 and the Williams Settlement (*page 4*)

C. During the third quarter of 2019 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 6*)

**On a motion by Sarantopoulos and seconded by Neumann, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the consent agenda; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.**

**8. Staff Reports**

A. Alternative Education, *Amy Brooks*

Brooks reported on attendance noting 8 students at EJ and 11 at Sugarloaf. Brooks noted that the majority of Sugarloaf students are from out of county. EJ's Saralyn Crossen has partnered with NC Behavior Health to address vaping. With Crossen's

help, students have become TUPE Peer Coordinators and are presenting and designing activities in anti-vaping to other students.

B. Educational Services, *Teena Corker*

Charter school oversight window has opened. Due to the recent power outages, some professional development trainings have been canceled. PD Day survey results were 100% favorable. Over 120 signed up for the Social Emotional Learning workshop. NCSOS staff is working with Sierra Streams in hiring a community and science liaison through a grant received. CAASPP results are out, data is being analyzed. LCAP training is coming up to show districts the new template and changes in the dashboard.

C. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle*

The business office recently completed a review of unaudited actuals for all 9 districts and 8 charters. CDE Waivers are being discussed as well as building additional emergency days into calendars. However, calendars are negotiated and could be difficult to change. These are uncharted waters in unprecedented times. NCSOS is waiting on guidance from the CDE.

D. SELPA/Special Education, *Eli Gallup*

Gallup noted that PD Day's Social Emotional Learning workshop was good to see; this is the best way to support students. Gallup continues to mentor special education directors.

## 9. Superintendent's Report

A. Letter of Concern or Face Revocation – SMA (*page 7*)

SMA's issues are moving very quickly. As of today, a closure date of October 31, 2019 was chosen by SMA. Jennifer Dearduff, new director, is working hard on a closure plan and communications to parents. Supt. Lay noted that schools do not close in October; and the CDE has little guidance.

NCSOS will be holding a "SMA Student School Fair" where many districts and charters will be available to help SMA students find a school of attendance.

With regards to the *Letter of Concern - Brown Act Violations* where the De Sena letter of resignation was not made public; and public comment was not allowed, NCSOS is seeking legal counsel.

Wanamaker questioned if De Sena's contract stipulated severance upon separation. Supt. Lay advised no; De Sena was an *at will* employee; that the SMA Board is De Sena's employer and noted the NCBOE has no authority. NCSOS will await legal counsel.

B. TRES D Superintendent Search Update

Supt. Lay reported that Melissa Madigan, previously in administration at Ghidotti and NJUHSD, was appointed Superintendent by the TRES D Board 10.8.19 and started officially today, 10.9.19.

C. Power Outages

Supt. Lay advised that 34 counties out of 58 are affected by the power outages. Schools are not in session in Nevada County.

## 10. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve Resolution 19-06, adoption of the Gann Appropriation Limit pursuant to Article XIII B of the California constitution for FY2018-19 and FY2019-20? **ROLL CALL VOTE (page 28)**

**On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Wanamaker, Nevada County Board of Education Approved Resolution 19-06, adoption of the Gann Appropriation**

**Limit pursuant to Article XIII B of the California constitution for FY2018-19 and FY2019-20; by roll call vote; all in favor; the motion passed unanimously.**

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Unaudited Actuals Financial report for FY2018-19? (*page 29*)

Questions of the Board were answered by Waddle.

**On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Neumann, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Unaudited Actuals Financial report for FY2018-19; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.**

- C. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve Resolution No. 19-05, Temporary Cash Transfer Agreement between Nevada City School of the Arts, the Nevada County Board of Education and the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools? **ROLL CALL VOTE** (*page 124*)

**On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Sarantopoulos, the Nevada County Board of Education approved Resolution No. 19-05, Temporary Cash Transfer Agreement between Nevada City School of the Arts, the Nevada County Board of Education and the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools; by roll call vote; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.**

Sarantopoulos excused herself from the remainder of the meeting.

- D. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the closure of Sierra Montessori Academy (CDS Code – 29 10298 0114975; Charter No. 0947) effective October 31, 2019? (*page 126*)

Board discussion was held as to how to avoid this in the future. Charter authorizer oversight is very specific and doesn't give the NCBOE authority to step in; authorizers may advise and recommend. In the future, budgets and documents submitted will be questioned in more detail; also, Letters of Concern and Notice of Revocation letters may be sent out sooner with tighter deadlines to respond.

**On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Wanamaker, the Nevada County Board of Education Approved the closure of Sierra Montessori Academy (CDS Code – 29 10298 0114975; Charter No. 0947) effective October 31, 2019; all in favor; motion passed 4-0-1 (Ayes – Nicolai, Wanamaker, Neumann, Baker; Absent – Sarantopoulos).**

## 11. Discussion / Information Items

- A. 2018-19 Education Protection Account (EPA) Report of Actual Expenditures (*page 127*)  
B. Report on California Dashboard Local Indicators for NCSOS programs (*page 128*)

## 12. Board Reports

- A. Board member reports

i. SARB, *Heino Nicolai*  
September's hearing was cancelled.

ii. Legislative, *Ashley Neumann*  
Neumann reported on several bills, including AB 1353: Classified employees: probationary period; and AB 48 – Education finance: school facilities: public preschool, K-12 and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020.

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

Baker and Wanamaker visited Forest Charter and were impressed with facility use. Enrichment day flow of students was incredible.

iv. Individual Board member reports

Neumann requested an action item be placed on November's agenda to keep the board meetings at 4 PM.

Baker reported the Teacher of the Year event was very nice.

Nicolai attended a job fair in Chico and helped staff the Workforce Alliance table, as they look to bring talent to Nevada County. The music internship is moving forward at Bitney Charter.

**13. Correspondence**

- A. NCSOS LCAP Approval Letter for 2019/20 (*page 137*)
- B. SMA Response to Uniform Complaint Procedure Requirements (*page 138*)  
Public comment – Dan Craven expressed his concern regarding SMA’s response to his UCP.
- C. Sierra Ministries International (*page 139*)

Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 4:00 p.m., 380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley.

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Wendy Baker, Board President  
Nevada County Board of Education

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Date