

**Nevada County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, January 15, 2020  
3:00 p.m.  
Nevada County Superintendent of Schools  
Houser Room  
112 Nevada City Hwy., Nevada City, CA 95959**

**MINUTES**

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

**2. Established quorum**

Susan Clarabut	present
Wendy Baker	present
Ashley Neumann	absent
Heino Nicolai	present
Katharine Wanamaker	present

**3. Salute to the flag**

**4. Adoption of the Agenda**

**On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Wanamaker, the Nevada County Board of Education pulled Agenda Item 10.C. Adoption of EJ/Sugarloaf School Calendar; the January 15, 2020 Agenda was adopted as amended; all in favor; motion passed (4 Ayes – Baker, Nicolai, Wanamaker and Clarabut; 1 Absent – Neumann).**

**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 December 16, 2019 (*page 1*)
- B. During the fourth quarter of 2019 October-December, 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 6*)

**On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Clarabut, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the consent agenda; all in favor; motion passed; (4 Ayes – Baker, Wanamaker, Nicolai and Clarabut; 1 Absent – Neumann).**

**8. Staff Reports**

- A. Alternative Education, *Amy Brooks*  
Brooks provided a handout detailing the review process for Earle Jamieson and Sugarloaf Mtn. high school's curriculum for sexual health education, Positive Prevention Plus. The 30-day review period is from January 16 – February 19, 2020. The link to access the curriculum on-line will be verified and sent out. EJ and Sugarloaf 's attendance reported in at 10 each.
- B. Educational Services, *Teena Corker*

Supt. Lay reported for Corker as she is attending the Nevada County Arts Strategic Planning meeting. Corker is currently working on the Bridgeport Restoration Student Competition; Differentiated Assistance; and the new LCAP template.

C. SELPA/Special Education, *Eli Gallup*

Supt. Lay reported for Gallup as he is attending an ACSA Conference. Gallup is currently working on Billback Methodology; the Funding Model; and mentoring new Sp Ed Directors.

D. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle*

Waddle reported there were no surprises in the Governor's Budget. There are no major changes to LCFF. District budgets are being reviewed and all have a positive certification status.

### 9. Superintendent's Report

Supt. Lay is monitoring weather tomorrow along with Caltrans, Durham, CHP, etc., for a potential snow day. UHSD Supt. Dave Curry announced his retirement effective June 2020. NCSOS is working with Hospitality House and Friendship Club on a potential grant. All Nevada County school districts and NCSOS are working with Nevada County Behavioral Health on a grant aiming at additional services for middle schools.

### 10. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education accept the FY2018-19 Auditors Report of Nevada County Superintendent of Schools as presented at the regular Board meeting of January 15, 2020? (*page 7*)

Waddle advised that the auditor, Michelle Hanson, was unable to attend today's meeting. Waddle noted the audit report was Unmodified, which is the best rating available. There were no instances; and no misappropriations.

Financial Statements Internal controls identified significant deficiencies in two charter schools, Bitney and Twin Ridges Home Study Charter. Recommendations were accepted and implemented.

Jonathan Molnar, Bitney Charter Director; and Holly Arellano, Twin Ridges Home Study Business Official spoke to the audit findings; and answered questions of the Board.

Waddle noted that both schools had experienced personnel turnover in the last two years; and the current administration in place is doing well.

**On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Wanamaker, the Nevada County Board of Education accepted the FY2018-19 Auditors Report of Nevada County Superintendent of Schools as presented at the regular Board meeting of January 15, 2020; all in favor; motion passed; (4 Ayes – Baker, Wanamaker, Nicolai and Clarabut; 1 Absent – Neumann).**

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve Resolution Number 20-01, Early Childhood Education school closures in October 2019? *ROLL CALL VOTE (page 128)*

**On a motion by Wanamaker and seconded by Nicolai, the Nevada County Board of Education approved Resolution Number 20-01, Early Childhood Education school closures in October 2019; all in favor; motion passed; (4 Ayes – Baker, Wanamaker, Nicolai and Clarabut; 1 Absent – Neumann).**

- C. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the Earle Jamieson Educational Options and Sugarloaf Mtn. Juvenile Hall 2020-21 School Calendar? (*page 130*)

**Agenda item pulled at adoption of agenda.**

### 11. Discussion/Information Items - none

### 12. Board Member Reports

- A. SARB, *Heino Nicolai*

Nicolai reported the past meeting was great in that parents were referred to other agencies for help. Feedback received noted that over 60% of the cases showed attendance improved dramatically. SARB is working and making a positive impact. Reaching students in K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is proving to be better. The goal is improvement. Behavior is changing; improvement is seen as students are getting to school.

- B. Legislative, *Ashley Neumann*  
Bills to help increase education funding were reported on by Nicolai.
- C. Charter Liaison, *Heino Nicolai and Kate Wanamaker*  
Nicolai created a spreadsheet of all charter schools in Nevada County and will set up visitation schedule with Wanamaker.
- D. Individual Board member reports  
Baker reported on the Arts Committee. Compliments were given to the Youth Advisory Committee of the Career Pathway Partners program which is under the guidance of Christina Giffin. Giffin is doing great work and the recent Union's article evidenced that.

### 13. Correspondence

- A. Nevada County Board of Education Meeting Calendar for 2019 (*page 131*)
- B. NCSOS Quarterly Investment Report as of December 31, 2019 (*page 132*)
- C. Nevada County Spelling Tournament Press Release (*page 164*)

### 14. Closed Session

The Board will adjourn to a closed session regarding the following confidential matter:

- A. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (G.C. 54956.8): Scott W. Lay
- B. Property: 112 Nevada City Hwy., Nevada City, California

### 15. Open Session

- A. Report out from closed session  
The Board reconvened into Open Session. There was no action taken.

### 16. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: February 12, 2020, 3:00 p.m., 380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley, California

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Wendy Baker, Board President  
Nevada County Board of Education

February 12, 2020

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