

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 2020
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

Wendy Baker	present
Ashley Neumann	present
Heino Nicolai	present
Katharine Wanamaker	present
Susan Clarabut	present – left after Agenda Item 10.A.

3. Salute to the flag

4. Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Clarabut, the Nevada County Board of Education adopted the March 11, 2020 Agenda; moving Agenda Item 10.C. to before 10.A.; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

5. Opened public forum

Recognition of members of the audience wishing to address the Board – comments will be made during agenda items.

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 February 12, 2020 (*page 1*)

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

8. Staff Reports

A. Alternative Education, *Amy Brooks*

Brooks reported Sugarloaf attendance at 98% and enrollment at 15 students. EJ attendance reported at 78% and enrollment at 11 students. Job Core is providing further education and career options visiting both EJ and Sugarloaf.

B. Educational Services, *Teena Corker*

1. LCAP Review – Busy meeting with site councils, reviewing goals and action plans, moving forward to filling out new template.
2. STEAM Expo 2020 – Postponed to 2021. Decision based on several factors including a reduction in the number of student submissions; exhibitors pulling out from participating; and the potential impact that COVID-19 may have on the community. Students who have submitted will

be judged to allow them inclusion into the State Science Fair.

3. The Bridgeport Restoration project drew over 340 entries and 8 video entries. After judging, a press release will go out announcing the winners. Each entry will receive a souvenir medallion commemorating the event.
4. TechTest Jr. Math competition took place previously; winners will be identified and announced soon.
5. Young at Art Exhibition of Nevada County student artwork will be available for viewing now through May 22. Kim Ewing, Arts Coordinator, did a great job getting the word out.

C. SELPA/Special Education, *Eli Gallup*

Gallup continues to be the neutral party in helping parents and schools come up with a common agreement in the best way to support students with disabilities in Special Education.

A policy to share with emergency first responders for non-verbal special education students is being created.

Gallup and Waddle are creating a financial hardship policy to support districts with unusual, extraordinary special education costs.

D. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle* – The business office is winding down the current year.

9. Superintendent's Report

Supt. Lay advised the Young at Art grand opening was a great event. Board member Nicolai also attended.

COVID-19 impact on the county is great. Supt. Lay met with the Governor and 52 county Superintendents. There is much coordination between the State and Federal agencies and all understand the gravity of the situation. Supt. Lay then held a meeting with District Superintendents, Charter Directors and Private School Administrators. Schools are deep cleaning facilities; reducing gatherings; NJUHSD has canceled field trips. At this point, schools do not need to close, however we are in communication with Public Health daily as the situation is rapidly escalating.

10. Action Items

(At the adoption of the Agenda, Agenda Item 10.C. was moved to before 10.A.)

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve Positive Prevention Plus (PP+) Health Curriculum for Earle Jamieson Educational Options and Sugarloaf Mountain Juvenile Hall Program? (page 194)

Board discussion followed. Baker noted an error in the 2nd paragraph of the last sentence; it should read: *the current curriculum was compliant with the new law.*

Neumann expressed her concerns over the PP+ curriculum. Neumann's concerns include the curriculum being adopted quickly; risky sexual behavior and low risk sexual behavior have been lumped together; STD's need to be more of a concern to prevent; and condom usage isn't taught. The kids need to understand the science, because of the ideology and the curriculum doesn't bring a real life story.

Neumann requested if NCSOS could get something in writing to make sure EJ and Sugarloaf students get a full panel of testing for STD's. Supt. Lay offered to discuss with Principal Brooks and Chief of Probation. However, it was noted that the majority of students in Sugarloaf Mtn. Juvenile Hall are out of county students; that only 3-4 are Nevada County students.

Brooks summarized that there was more than a 30-day review period at the school. School Site Council, including parents and community members, reviewed the PP+ curriculum and offered no opposition.

Public comment was opened.

Members of the public expressed concerns over adopting PP+ and requested the Board delay approval to consider other options. No other specific options were suggested or presented.

Dan Prout expressed significant concerns. Prout feels PP+ goes beyond what the law requires and teaches oral and anal sex to avoid pregnancy. Prout does not want this type of teachings for boys and girls and questioned why this type of curriculum would be considered. Young women will feel pressured to engage in this behavior and there are better curriculum options available to adopt. Prout would like to delay approval for the Board to consider other options.

Several other members of the public expressed similar concerns over adopting PP+ and requested the Board not to approve. Additional concerns included the illustrations being too graphic; that children shouldn't be exposed to this; that oral sex can cause diseases and teaching this with no guidelines can be dangerous. The curriculum has more morality than science and morality should be taught at home. There is a concern of the websites listed as resources: some are good, some not so good; how can the slides be edited; and the curriculum could emotionally damage the children.

Supt. Lay reminded all that this curriculum is for Earle Jamieson and Sugarloaf Mtn. Juvenile Hall students in grades 7-12; and has been taught for years, this is the same curriculum and parental opt-out is available. The curriculum has gone through nationwide and statewide review and is compliant with current laws. Nevada County school districts currently use this curriculum. EJ and Sugarloaf curriculum should align with districts to enable a smooth transition when students go back to their districts.

Sharyn Turner, NCSOS Health Coordinator, clarified that the curriculum was reviewed in September 2019 and is medically accurate.

Brooks noted that there is a slide that can be edited to add *Living Well* as a resource.

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Nicolai for the Nevada County Board of Education to table the adoption of Positive Prevention Plus (PP+) Health Curriculum for Earle Jamieson Educational Options and Sugarloaf Mountain Juvenile Hall Program; 2-ayes (Neumann, Nicolai); 3 nays (Wanamaker; Clarabut; Baker); motion failed 2-3.

Neumann motioned to suspend; motion died for lack of a second.

On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Wanamaker, the Nevada County Board of Education approved Positive Prevention Plus (PP+) Health Curriculum for Earle Jamieson Educational Options and Sugarloaf Mountain Juvenile Hall Program; 3-ayes (Baker; Wanamaker; Clarabut) 2-nays (Neumann, Nicolai); motion passed.

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the FY19-20 Budget Revision Number Two and Second Period Interim Report? (*page 4*)

On a motion by Wanamaker and seconded by Nicolai, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the FY19-20 Budget Revision Number Two and Second Period Interim Report; all in favor; 4-ayes (Wanamaker, Nicolai, Baker and Neumann; 1-absent Clarabut); motion passed.

- C. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Comprehensive Safety Plan for Earle Jamieson Educational Options; Sugarloaf Mtn. Juvenile Hall; Sierra College Child Development Center; and TKM Family Resource Center, which are operated under the Nevada County Office of Education? *(page 125)*

A motion was made by Nicolai and seconded by Wanamaker to approve the Comprehensive Safety Plan for Earle Jamieson Educational Options; Sugarloaf Mtn. Juvenile Hall; Sierra College Child Development Center; and TKM Family Resource Center, which are operated under the Nevada County Office of Education; the motion died for lack of a vote.

Discussion followed. Wanamaker questioned bullet 2 on page 6 and recommended removing same.

On a motion by Wanamaker and seconded by Nicolai, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Comprehensive Safety Plan for Earle Jamieson Educational Options; Sugarloaf Mtn. Juvenile Hall; Sierra College Child Development Center; and TKM Family Resource Center, which are operated under the Nevada County Office of Education, as amended, removing the 2nd bullet on page 6 which states “Multiple hazards from the previous plan were dropped, due to their lack of planning significance in the County. This includes human health hazard, pandemic flu, and airborne hazards.” All in favor; 4-ayes (Wanamaker, Nicolai, Baker and Neumann); 1-absent (Clarabut); motion passed.

11. Discussion/Information Items

- A. Consolidated Application – Winter Release for the 2019-20 school year *(page 196)*

12. Board Reports

- A. SARB, *Heino Nicolai*

Nicolai was disappointed in the turnout; many not in attendance. Agencies are there to help with great services and resources to offer.

- B. Legislative, *Ashley Neumann* – no report

- C. Charter Liaison, *Heino Nicolai and Kate Wanamaker*

Nicolai and Wanamaker visited Bitney Charter. They were very impressed with Director Jonathan Molnar, he has a great connection with the students, all were engaged in learning; and it’s apparent that the teachers love their jobs.

- D. Individual Board Member Reports – none

13. Correspondence

- A. NCSOS Audit Services 2019-20, Michelle M. Hanson, CPA *(page 207)*

- B. Division of the State Architect – Construction of Yuba River Charter *(page 215)*

14. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting Date: April 8, 2020, 3:00 p.m., 380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley

Wendy Baker, Board President
Nevada County Board of Education

April 8, 2020
Date