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ANNOUNCEMENT No. 3: Should this Board meeting encounter any security breech or inappropriate issues, the meeting will be ended immediately.

M I N U T E S

1. Meeting called to order by Board President Baker.

2. Established quorum

   Wendy Baker           present via zoom
   Ashley Neumann       present via zoom
   Heino Nicolai        present via zoom
   Louise Johnson       present via zoom
   Susan Clarabut       not present

3. Adoption of the Agenda

   On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Neumann, the Nevada County Board of Education adopted the July 13, 2020 Agenda; all in favor; motion passed (4-Yay: Baker, Neumann, Nicolai and Johnson; 1-absent: Clarabut).

4. Salute to the flag

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

   Kari S. of Nevada City spoke to the possible NCBOE statement to be made regarding history curriculum and assured the Board that teachers will supplement curriculum appropriately with achievements, challenges and contributions of historical figures of particular topics that need more discussion in the classroom. There is a concern that the specific items proposed to
add, by Neumann, serve more of an agenda that is not in keeping with the idea of expanding knowledge of the lack of indigenous and people of color. There is a whole host of information needed. Kari asked the Board to put faith in what is in place and that a good teacher will supplement curriculum where needed.

Jill Sonnenberg reminded the board that public comment is available after every curriculum adoption and requested that NJUHSD be consulted prior to the NCBOE making a statement as there are policies and procedures to follow.

Board President reminded all that the current agenda is specifically for Sugarloaf Mtn. Juvenile Hall Program.

6. Closed public forum

7. Action/Discussion

A. Potential Closure of Sugarloaf Mtn. Juvenile Hall Program

Mike Ertola, Chief Probation Officer, summarized the letter included in the board packet noting the average local population for the last 12 months was 2.9; and they maintain 27 county staff. To help reduce costs, juvenile hall beds were leased to other counties. However, El Dorado County will open a new detention facility the fall of 2021 and these contracts from other counties will be lost.

Ertola explained that the Probation Department would begin the process of securing contracts with Placer and El Dorado County for placement of Nevada County youth following the closure of the Youth Center and described how that process would look like for a youth being placed out of county. Students would receive similar treatment to what is being received currently. Every youth’s situation would be individually evaluated.

Supt. Lay advised there would be some budget losses; that discussion will take place; and they don’t anticipate any changes in the 2020-21 school year.

The Board acknowledged what a great program Nevada County will lose; that Probation staff is deeply appreciated; and how difficult closure will be, however the County’s position is understandable.

Board President Baker noted no further Board action needed.

8. Correspondence

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9. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting Date: August 12, 2020, 3:00 PM

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Wendy Baker, Board President                Date
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