

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 8, 2020
3:00 p.m.

The Nevada County Board of Education
will hold the regular board meeting via teleconference.
The public portion will begin virtually at 3:00 p.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENT No. 1: This meeting is being held pursuant to the procedures established in Executive Order N-29-20 issued by the Governor on March 17, 2020. All board members may attend the meeting by teleconference. The public may observe and address the meeting via Zoom.

ANNOUNCEMENT No. 2: The public will have access to the Nevada County Board of Education meeting through Zoom Teleconferencing. For those individuals who wish to make a public comment, please do so by using the Zoom raise your hand feature. A moderator will call on you at the appropriate time. Please note public comments are taken on action, discussion and information items only.

ANNOUNCEMENT No. 3: Should this Board meeting encounter any security breach 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	present via zoom

3. Salute to the flag

4. Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion by Baker and seconded by Neumann, the Nevada County Board of Education switched Agenda Items 8 and 9; and adopted the July 8, 2020 Agenda as amended; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

5. Opened public forum – Members of the public who wish to address the board –

Members of the audience expressed concerns regarding the reopening of schools; wanting to keep students and staff safe. Suggestions were made to follow the sciences and best practices to mitigate the spread. Many members of the audience agree with Nevada County Public Health guidance and messages have been clear to stay home; that there is a need to wear masks along with hand washing and social distancing.

Other members of the audience expressed opposition in a mask wearing requirement and distance learning plan, noting the following concerns: potential health risks; questioning where liability lies; mental health; social and emotional skills learned at school; more counseling would be needed; no sports or sport scholarships; and mask requirements/distance learning for students with disabilities. Data is needed to make informed science based decisions.

Michael Sekerak, NUHS 2013 Graduate, spoke to concerns addressing diversity and cultural acceptance in the education system. Sekerak published a petition in *The Union* urging community support to bring changes and to elevate those marginalized in our community.

Jill Sonnenberg, NUHS Teacher/Librarian, spoke to Sekerak's concerns reassuring all that educators are aware that textbook publishers omit important pieces of history and misrepresent others; further stating that textbooks are not a standalone resource; that supplemental materials are used. Sonnenberg cautioned the NCBOE in engaging in instructional materials decisions, that the process of selecting primary and supplementary materials is highly codified with CA education code, board policies at the district, county and state level and agrees with NCBOE member, Dr. Johnson in that decisions should be largely left to credentialed professionals also noting that public input is part of the adoption process.

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 June 24, 2020 (*page 1*)
- B. During the third quarter of 2020 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 7*)

On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Neumann, the consent agenda was approved correcting the minutes of June 24, 2020 - Agenda Item 7.B. Petty to read Peggy; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

8. Superintendent's Report (*Moved at adoption of agenda.*)

Supt. Lay reminded all that opening the schools isn't up to the County Office of Education, nor the County Superintendent; only recommendations may be made. The goal is to open the schools using CDPH and NCPH guidelines. District Superintendents and Charter Directors meet weekly. Plans are being made and parents will be notified. Currently, the plan is to try as best as possible to get to a 5-day school week, however, it must be safe for students, staff and the community at large. Most likely there will not be an answer until August 1st.

Each charter school and district are looking at bias and inequities, working with the Supt. of Public Instruction Roadmap for local decisions. Teachers and educators know there are missing pieces; and items are brought in to supplement. NCSOS will assist charters and districts as needed.

A recommendation came from Chief of Probation to change direction and close Nevada County's Juvenile Hall. The Board of Supervisors will be discussing and possibly taking action at their July 14th Board meeting. Unfortunately, the decision to close juvenile hall came too quickly to place on this agenda, so discussion may not take place. Supt. Lay recommended the Board call a Special Meeting to discuss. The Board agreed to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 8 AM; however, Clarabut will not be able to attend.

9. Staff Reports *(Moved at adoption of agenda.)*

A. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle*

Waddle reported with the passing of SB 98, there is no COLA; and no cuts. Most districts and charters will need to borrow money due to cash deferrals. The CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act) provides one-time funding with the goal to mitigate loss. Retirement contribution rates decreased.

B. Alternative Education, *Amy Brooks*

Brooks reported EJ is out for the summer. Sugarloaf Mtn. Juvenile Hall currently has 6 students.

Neumann requested the number of out of county students served this past year. Brooks will get numbers and bring to the next meeting.

C. Ed Services, *Teena Corker*

Corker is currently working on the Learning Continuity Plan which will provide COVID-19 related impact on students. The learning gap, mental and social health; how students are being reached will all be areas addressed. There will be no Dashboard for 2020.

D. SELPA / Special Education, *Eli Gallup*

Weekly conversations are taking place on how to open as fully as possible. Currently working with parents and smaller districts in hiring personnel. Wrapped up distance learning; families that participated got a lot out of it.

10. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Annual review of Board Policy 2710, Conflict of Interest? *(page 8)*

On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Johnson 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 the AMENDED Resolution 20-02, Notice of Election and Specifications of the Election Order for election to be held on November 3, 2020? (Roll Call Vote) *(page 11)*

On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Clarabut the Nevada County Board of Education approved the AMENDED Resolution 20-02, Notice of Election and Specifications of the Election Order for election to be held on November 3, 2020; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

- C. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the AMENDED Notice of Board Member Election to be held on November 3, 2020? *(page 12)*

On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Neumann the Nevada County Board of Education approved the AMENDED Notice of Board Member Election to be held on November 3, 2020, changing a number error in the first paragraph from (3)elective offices to read (4)elective offices; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

11. Information/Discussion Items

A. Earle Jamieson / Sugarloaf Mtn. Juvenile Hall History Books

Supt. Lay advised that schools are closed for summer; districts need time to review and research with the right people. NCSOS will offer assistance. The State Supt. of Public Instruction has just started a review process also.

Neumann would like the NCBOE to issue a statement recognizing specific glaring omissions in the history textbooks. NJUHSD curriculum was adopted one year ago and they can't afford new books.

Clarabut pointed out this is another districts adopted curriculum and there's a need for research prior to suggesting to another district that there are omissions.

Supt. Lay stated the NJUHSD Curriculum Committee is aware of omissions, not just the omissions Neumann has mentioned, and will go through a review process.

Board President Baker noted a broad statement could be drafted in hopes the textbook committee could choose the correct omissions. Johnson reminded all that the CDE website includes curriculum adoption maps; that this is the job of a *certificated* teacher in the particular area whom is required to align the textbook with the standards.

The board agreed to place an action item on next month's agenda regarding a general statement of omissions noting there is a history curriculum committee in place.

12. Board Reports

A. SARB, *Heino Nicolai* – Summer - no report.

B. Legislative, *Ashley Neumann*

Neumann reported on AB77 and SB98, charter funding tapped out retroactively. If a child leaves a public school, will the school lose the funding? Example – Gilmore student leaves for NCSA, does the funding go with the child? Supt. Lay responded there's no clarity and there's confusion; looks to be unintended consequences.

Neumann noted AB131 – COVID funding doesn't want the schools that have relaxed restrictions to be penalized financially.

C. Charter Liaison, *Heino Nicolai* – no report.

D. Individual Board Reports

Nicolai congratulated Deer Creek Elementary as they were featured in a recent ACSA newsletter for recognizing promoted students.

Nicolai wanted to acknowledge the great job Faith Yamamoto and Shelley Romriell did in the recent updating of the NCSOS website.

13. Correspondence

14. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: August 12, 2020

Wendy Baker, Board President
Nevada County Board of Education

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