

**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 12, 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 Clarabut and seconded by Johnson, the Nevada County Board of Education adopted the August 12, 2020 Agenda; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.**

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

Eric Christian further addressed his correspondence included in the board packet.

RJ Guess, JMCS CEO, announced his resignation after 22 years. Guess will be leaving Nevada County to travel. Guess expressed his profound gratitude to the Board and NCSOS staff and introduced Michael Wegner, new JMCS Interim CEO.

The board thanked Guess for his many years of service and tremendous work done for students.

On behalf of the JMCS Board, Stan Miller thanked Guess for his leadership over the years.

## 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 July 8, 2020 (*page 1*)
- B. Approval of minutes of the Special meeting of July 13, 2020 (*page 5*)
- C. Annual Report of School Visitations by County Superintendent of Schools Pursuant to Education Code 1240 and the Williams Settlement (*page 7*)

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

## 8. Superintendent's Report

Supt. Lay reported that Jill Blake, Nevada County Public Health, and Karen Harris, NJUHSD's school nurse, have been amazing in guiding us through these turbulent times in getting protocols in place for reopening schools. In addition, Chris Espedal, NCSOS's Director of School Safety, is booked solid in training school staff on protocols.

Supt. Lay shared that 97% of California Students are returning to school in the fall to Distance Learning. Only 3% will be going back to a hybrid model or in very, very rural areas, in-person as a goal. 38 counties are on the watch list; Nevada County is not. Currently, NCSD, PRUSD, UHSD and CCSD are looking to open in a hybrid model. CPSD is opening with very small in person groups; other districts and charters are opening with Distance Learning and will reevaluate plans in September.

Sugarloaf Mtn. Juvenile Hall's program won't change; staff will follow COVID-19 safety protocols. Many EJ students are being raised by grandparents; at this point in time a distance learning model was preferred by most, however, some students will come in 2-3 days a week. Due to low enrollment, EJ staff is able to tailor education needs to students.

The Sierra College Child Development Center will open in a hybrid model on August 26. It was noted that the staffing pool is thin and there is confusion around funding.

Bussing continues to be a concern; don't want to mix cohorts; and need to stay within the NCPH and CDPH guidelines.

Supt. Lay thanked RJ Guess for the tremendous job done at JMCS. We welcome and look forward to working with Michael Wegner as Interim CEO.

## 9. Staff Reports

### A. SELPA/Special Education, *Eli Gallup*

#### a. Recognition of *Community Advisory Council (CAC)* Chair

Gallup thanked *Martha Payne* for her 19 years of service on the CAC. Martha thanked the multitude of staff who collaboratively made an impact in helping their son to be a successful young man. Gallup welcomed *Nathan McNamara* as the new CAC Chair through the PVUESD. McNamara's thankful for the opportunity to help build strong relationships to support kids and the education system while keeping the kids as the focus.

Sp Ed is starting off with a Distance Learning Model; while moving quickly into a hybrid model as they work with the Union and 4 districts that are on a hybrid model.

Gallup welcomed Carrie Brunt as the new Special Education Principal. Debbie Morris will be her mentor. Thanks also to Supt. Lay for working with Sacramento

COE (Morris's current employer) to allow Morris to continue the mentorship with Brunt.

B. Alternative Education

- a. Earle Jamieson's Education Model for Reopening (*page 10*)
- b. Sugarloaf Mountain's Education Model for Reopening (*page 11*)

C. Ed Services, *Teena Corker*

Corker reported a three day Ed Camp Google was held, led by three of the Instructional Coaches with over 200 in attendance at each session. Also held were three Gold Book Trainings which had over 200 teachers in attendance.

The Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCP) is being completed. This COVID-19 response plan is a snapshot in time allowing LEA's to document how they are communicating plans to support students. The NCSOS LCP will come to the Board next month for a public hearing. The draft plan will be shared with stakeholders in NCSOS programs to receive feedback.

D. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle*

The business office is busy closing the books; helping districts and charters close out their books and working on expenditure plans.

A budget revision will be coming to the board once a plan is made for the \$510K *Learning Loss Mitigation Fund and COVID-19 Related Loss Fund* the county office is receiving.

## 10. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the 2020-21 Consolidated Application Report, Part I (*page 12*)

**On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Neumann, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the 2020-21 Consolidated Application Report, Part I; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.**

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education appoint a Board Member to the open Trustee Rep position?

**On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Baker, the Nevada County Board of Education appointed Susan Clarabut to the open Trustee Rep position; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.**

- C. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve adding a Special Meeting in September for the purpose of adopting the NCSoS Learning Continuity & Attendance Plan?

**On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Neumann, the Nevada County Board of Education approved adding a Special Meeting on September 23, 2020 at 3:00 PM for the purpose of adopting the NCSoS Learning Continuity & Attendance Plan; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.**

- D. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education issue a general statement of omissions to the NJUHSD Curriculum Committee?

Board President Baker stated it is not in the jurisdiction of the NCBOE to issue a statement to the NJUHSD Curriculum Committee and requested a motion and a second prior to discussion.

Neumann responded referring to EJ and Sugarloaf history books being updated; that it would be nice if the NCBOE noticed something omitted, to issue a statement.

**Neumann made a motion for the Nevada County Board of Education to issue a general statement of omissions to the NJUHSD Curriculum Committee; the motion failed for lack of a second.**

Public comment was made by Jill Sonnenberg. Sonnenberg realizes her comment is late, however she had a minor amendment to the minutes of July 8<sup>th</sup> - she was addressing Neumann's concerns, not Sekerak's concerns. Sonnenberg further stated NJUHSD is working with the Nevada County Public Library in rolling out their databases which includes

more anti-racist education, which may also be used for the K-8 grades; they're incredible supplementary materials. NJUHSD is also working on incredible, innovative and engaging lessons. NJUHSD Supt. McFadden and Asst. Supt. Frisella as well as others in the district have their attention on this critical issue.

Neumann asked when teachers pick curriculum, is there something that can be done to make sure this doesn't happen again? However, Neumann, understands it's a problem at the state level and hopefully Mr. Thurman will address the concerns.

Sonnenberg responded that the issue is at the state level; compared textbook publishing corporations to a moving train that is difficult to stop; and acknowledges there are hundreds and thousands of omissions; which is why it's important to have credentialed teachers discussing it.

Board President Baker also mentioned the CDE Ethnic Studies Curriculum is currently available for public comment via the CDE website. Neumann may logon and comment.

## 11. Information/Discussion Items

### A. EPIC de Cesar Chavez Charter High School: New Start Date *(page 35)*

Supt. Lay spoke to the memo from EPIC. EPIC is a statewide charter, most of their campuses are on the state monitoring list. Delaying their start date gives them time to move forward with all the new rules and regulations in place. They meet all Ed Code for instructional days and minutes.

## 12. Board Reports

### A. SARB, *Heino Nicolai* – No SARB

### B. Legislative, *Ashley Neumann*

Neumann briefly reported on AB77 and SB98 Education finance bills. Supt. Lay is following also, waiting for cleanup language as it lacks strong guidelines to follow.

Neumann also reported on AB2218 Transgender Wellness and Equity Fund. There are parent concerns regarding paying transition drugs for young people.

### C. Charter Liaison, *Heino Nicolai*

Nicolai asked for guidance in contacting Charter Directors to set up zoom meetings. Supt. Lay suggested coordinating meetings after school starts.

### D. Individual Board Reports

Johnson attended the Sugarloaf Mtn. Juvenile Hall Zoom graduation and expressed heartfelt appreciation to staff for hosting the event. Thanks and goodbyes to RJ Guess and Martha Payne were conveyed.

## 13. Correspondence

### A. 2020-21 Nevada County Academic Tournament Schedule *(page 36)*

### B. Treasury report from Nevada County Treasurer and Tax Collector detailing the Portfolio of investments for NCSOS as of June 30, 2020 *(page 37)*

### C. E-mail, Eric Christen *(page 69)*

Clarabut, previously an English teacher, noted for the record that much of this letter was plagiarized.

## 14. Adjournment

**Next Meeting Date: September 9, 2020 at 5:00 PM**

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Wendy Baker, Board President  
Nevada County Board of Education

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September 16, 2020  
Date