

**Nevada County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 13, 2021
3:00 p.m.**

The Nevada County Board of Education will hold the regular board meeting via teleconference. The public portion will begin virtually no earlier than 3:00 p.m.

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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 Nicolai.

2. Established quorum

Heino Nicolai	present
Louise Johnson	present
Susan Clarabut	present
Timothy May	present
Julie Baker	present

3. Salute to the flag

4. Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion by Baker and seconded by Johnson, the Nevada County Board of Education adopted the January 13, 2021 Agenda; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

5. Opened public forum – Recognition of members of the audience wishing to address the Board – No comments were made.

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 14, 2020 (*page 1*)

- B. During the fourth quarter of 2020 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 Clarabut and seconded by Baker, the consent agenda was approved as presented; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

8. Superintendent's Report

As discussed previously the Crown Point Circle office was going to be a testing facility for symptomatic school employees in Nevada County. However, Community Partner Western Sierra Medical Clinic has stepped in to take over the testing. Testing will begin Tues., January 19 at their facility on Old Tunnel Road in Grass Valley; five days a week; by appointment via online registration. Additional details will be sent out soon.

NCPH is working hard in getting the vaccine out. Individuals are being vaccinated in phases and by tier groups. Phase 1B, Tier 1B are for educators. Sharyn Turner, NCSOS's Health Coordinator, is working with NCPH in the training of school district nurses who will be vaccinated and trained on giving the vaccine. Supt. Lay's recommendation will be to have the County Special Ed staff vaccinated first as they serve students who may be unable to wear a mask and/or are unable to social distance due to their disability; then schools open in the hybrid model; next schools who have a plan to open in a hybrid model; lastly schools that will open in the future. We stand ready to do what is needed to get staff and students back into school safely.

The Governor proposed a *CA Safe Schools for All Plan* which is tied to a \$450 per student incentive to reopen schools. There are several concerns in the proposed plan including testing requirements for staff and students; would schools that are currently open and don't apply for the additional funding be required to move to distance learning? County Superintendents are meeting with the Governor and voicing the concerns.

9. Staff Reports

A. Alternative Education, *Amy Brooks*

Sugarloaf Mtn. Juvenile Hall has officially closed and staff have been reassigned. EJ currently has 6 students with a 7th starting 1.14.21. Students are on rotating schedules for in-person and virtual learning.

Special thanks to Carrie Ferrero, Instructional Coach, in additional training on the Zoom Cart features to limit cyber-attacks.

B. Educational Services, *Teena Corker*

Corker was unable to attend today's board meeting as she is meeting and reconnecting with districts and charters on Differentiated Assistance.

C. SELPA/Special Education, *Eli Gallup*

Gallup is working with SELPA and the CDE in annual Special Education audits.

The Special Ed County program is in hybrid learning and moving into in-person small group learning next week.

Gallup continues to work with families and districts in supporting students, noting that it's difficult to follow the letter of the law, however we can follow the spirit of the law encouraging Special Education educators to be creative and supportive of families who are in need of help during this time.

D. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle*

The Governor has proposed the 2021-22 School Year Budget; the CA economy is strong; COLA increase will be received; and additional COVID relief money will be coming, noting this is all government funding. We continue to be cautious and brace for an uncertain future

as businesses are still closed; people are still unemployed; California is still in crisis and we may see a downturn in 2022-23.

10. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools Combined Alternative Educational Programs? (*page 7*)

Johnson complimented Brooks on her attention to local measures; learning assessments; ongoing assessments; and the credits per day expectation as it shows great innovative thinking. Brooks created a formula for credit recovery that serves all EJ students.

Brooks has opened up a Tier 3 COVID Relief Program to schools so they can send students to EJ who need the most help.

On a motion by Johnson and seconded by Clarabut, the Nevada County Board of Education Approved the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools Combined Alternative Educational Programs; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion/Information Items

- A. Math and History-Social Science Curriculum 30 Day Open Review for Earle Jamieson Educational Options (*page 100*)

Brooks has a new review start date of January 25, 2021 at EJ; and noted the curriculum is what NJUHSD is using. Curriculum is not available for online review.

Clarabut noted this is a great opportunity for the Board to review EJ proposed curriculum.

Johnson advised that she has reviewed summaries of what was available on the publisher's websites; and has reviewed the State Board Adopted list as well as the textbooks on the State Adopted list.

Brooks will update the flyer and it will be forwarded to the Board.

- B. Nevada County Board of Education Retreat

Supt. Lay spoke to the opportunity for the Board to meet to discuss the role of a county board. The agenda would be customized to cover items such as social media; engaging the public; setting priorities, etc. The retreat would be offered via zoom for up to 2 hours.

The board expressed interest. Supt. Lay will reach out to Eric Stevens, of Girard, Edwards, Stevens & Tucker, Attorneys at Law. Stevens held a board member position for Rocklin USD and would be able to present.

Board members can email Nicolai agenda items and questions; possible dates will be sent out; and Stevens will be contacted.

- C. Nevada County Board of Education Meeting Calendar for ~~2020~~ 2021 (*page 102*)
D. NCSOS Quarterly Investment Report as of December 31, 2020 (*page 103*)

12. Board Member Reports

- A. SARB, *Heino Nicolai*

Nicolai noted the courthouse is still closed. Supt. Lay reported that Brooks is looking at ways to get around barriers to be able to send students to EJ. Conversations are taking place with districts and charters to determine what students would benefit with EJ's program.

B. Legislative, *Julie Baker*

Baker reported that the Legislature is on a 2-year cycle which started in December. Two interesting bills to track are AB104 which aims to close students' COVID-19 learning gaps; and AB58 – suicide prevention policies.

C. Charter Liaison, *Louise Johnson and Timothy May*

Johnson and May met with Supt. Lay to review the list of NCSOS charter schools and discuss the expectations and roll of the *Charter Liaison*. Supt. Lay communicated with the Charter Directors introducing Johnson and May. Johnson followed up by sending an email to Directors inviting them to include Johnson and May to any Parent Information Nights or any special event they'd like to highlight. A schedule is being created to meet with the Charter Directors.

May is thankful for teaming up with Johnson whose knowledge and guidance in charter schools is appreciated.

D. Individual Board member reports

Baker and Clarabut are attending Nevada County Community Leadership Institute (NCCLI).

Johnson attended an ACSA webinar discussing the Governor's reopening of school's proposal. It appears that funding has strings attached with more questions than answers. ACSA Legislative Advocates are looking into what the rules of the proposal.

May will be judging the 7th/8th Grade Creative Writing contest.

13. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: February 10, 2021 at 3:00 PM

Heino Nicolai, Board President
Nevada County Board of Education

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Date