

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 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. 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 Heino and seconded by Neumann, the Nevada County Board of Education adopted the November 18, 2020 Agenda as amended, replacing *Baker's* name with *Nicolai* in item 12.C; and replacing *Wednesday* with *Monday* in item 14; 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 October 14, 2020 (*page 1*)
- B. Approval of School Attendance Review Board Slate (SARB) (*page 5*)

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

8. Superintendent's Report

Supt. Lay explained the effects of the Governor's announcement of Nevada County moving into the purple tier: Schools are not required to close, however, schools may not open if they weren't already open. Currently, all Nevada County school districts are open in a hybrid model, however, increasing in-person instruction is paused and going to full distance learning model may occur in the future for two main reasons: lack of substitute teachers (For example, NJUHSD needed 17 subs today.); and lack of rapid testing results. Supt. Lay continues to work with NCPH on solutions and is looking at securing testing sites in surrounding counties as well.

NC Sp Ed Services and district nurses have done an amazing job in the ability to serve students safely in all 9 districts during COVID-19.

Supt. Lay reported that Capital Advisors Group issued a bulletin announcing the education budget is improving; that existing deferrals may be reversed; and potential additional one-time funding; that Prop 98 is at \$13.1 billion dollars higher than projected.

9. Staff Reports

A. Alternative Education, *Amy Brooks*

Brooks reported that EJ and SL are both going strong; and students are back to 5 days a week in-person instruction. There are 5 students at EJ and 3 at SL.

Brooks noted that family and student needs are increasing; staff connects the families/students with various agencies.

B. Educational Services, *Teena Corker*

Corker is gearing up for several mandated updates due to come out including the LCAP and the LCP. This year, the Countywide Plan for Expelled Students will be updated. Corker updated the Board on tournaments; and advised that the 2021 STEAM Expo was officially cancelled. Tech Test Jr. may be held virtually. Social Emotional workshops are now complete and were very well received.

C. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle – no report given.*

D. SELPA/Special Education, *Eli Gallup*

Gallup continues to work with districts on audits which are due to the CDE November 30th. Waddle and Gallup are working with the new Medi-Cal Biller.

There's an uptick in Doctors writing prescriptions for IEP's. Gallup is working with our physiologists and counselors in helping Doctors better understand the IEP process and collaborate with the schools rather than issuing directives.

Many parents have concerns and frustrations on how their student with special needs are receiving an education during this pandemic. They are getting creative in solutions since the Federal Government hasn't relaxed regulations and laws regarding special education.

The NCSOS Special Ed program staff feel safe and comfortable in providing instruction during this time. Teachers are happy and content and moving forward. All students in the county program have an opportunity for in-person services.

10. Discussion / Information Items

- A. Nevada City School of the Arts Request to Extend Loan Repayment (*page 6*)

Holly Pettit, NCSA Director, apologized for the oversight in not submitting this request and answered questions of the Board.

11. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education set the Annual Organizational Meeting for December 14, 2020 at 3:00 PM as required by Ed Code 35143?

On a motion by Nicolai and seconded by Johnson the Nevada County Board of Education set the Annual Organizational Meeting for December 14, 2020 at 3:00 PM as required by Ed Code 35143; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

- B. Superintendent Salary: Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the same 2% increase to the salary of the County Superintendent that was approved for NCSOS Staff in June?

Regina Reno, HR Director, spoke to the item noting that the Board approved a budget allowance for COLA increase to staff salaries this past year. Following this action, Reno encouraged Supt. Lay to seek approval for a similar COLA increase which avoids salary compression amongst the ranks.

Neumann noted that Supt. Lay deserves the same salary increase, however, during the lockdown when families are struggling and livelihoods are being lost, suggested it would be more fair to move the item out a couple of months when things are hopefully better.

Reno noted this is a COLA increase only.

The Board thanked Supt. Lay for the additional time and days worked during the pandemic.

On a motion by Clarabut and seconded by Neumann the Nevada County Board of Education Approved the same 2% increase to the salary of the County Superintendent that was approved for NCSOS Staff; motion passed (4-0-1) (Aye – Clarabut, Baker, Johnson, Nicolai; Abstain – Neumann).

- C. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve Resolution No. 20-06, Temporary Cash Transfer Agreement between Nevada City School of the Arts, the Nevada County Board of Education and the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools? **ROLL CALL VOTE (page 7)**

Baker suggested amending the resolution as follows:

1. Page 1, last sentence: ~~shall issue has issued~~
2. Page 2, second sentence: ~~June 30 August 31~~

On a motion by Clarabut and seconded by Neumann, by roll call vote, the Nevada County Board of Education approved Resolution No. 20-06, Temporary Cash Transfer Agreement between Nevada City School of the Arts, the Nevada County Board of Education and the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools amending page 1, last sentence: ~~shall issue has issued~~; and page 2, second sentence: ~~June 30 August 31~~; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

12. Board Reports

- A. SARB, *Heino Nicolai* – SARB is not meeting as the Courthouse is closed. Supt. Lay reported that SARB is not meeting as the Courthouse is closed. They are however trying to put students into EJ and are working on a process.

B. Legislative, *Ashley Neumann* – nothing new to report.

C. Charter Liaison, ~~Wendy Baker~~ *Heino Nicolai*

Nicolai had an opportunity to meet with Jonathan Molnar, Director of Bitney Prep HS; and sat in on their Board meeting as well. Listened as they discussed attendance challenges; spoke to teachers; and reported that Bitney is attending the Talent Development Committee meetings to keep Bitney involved. Bitney is also preparing for their upcoming WASC Accreditation review.

Nicolai noted how difficult it is to watch students on headsets to learn.

D. Individual Board member reports

Neumann is concerned with the mental health of students citing a recent suicide; difficult for kids to not have regularity in school.

Johnson attended the Nevada County COVID Community Update Webinar yesterday with incredible leaders of our community including Supt. Lay. Johnson also expressed her appreciation to Baker and Neumann for their service on the Board.

Clarabut mirrored Johnsons report on the Community Update and also thanked Baker and Neumann for their time on the Board.

13. Correspondence

A. Treasury report from Nevada County Treasurer and Tax Collector detailing the portfolio of investments for NCSOS as of September 30, 2020 (*page 9*)

14. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date:

~~Wednesday~~, MONDAY, December 14, 2020

Heino Nicolai, Board President
Nevada County Board of Education

December 14, 2020
Date