

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 10, 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.

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order by Board Vice-President Clarabut.

2. Established quorum

Heino Nicolai	absent
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 Johnson and seconded by May, the Nevada County Board of Education switched Agenda Items 8 and 9; and adopted the February 10, 2021 Agenda as amended; all in favor; motion passed (4 Ayes – Johnson, Clarabut, May, Baker; 1 Absent – Nicolai).

5. Opened public forum – Recognition of members of the audience wishing to address the Board -RJ Guess addressed the Board and announced his appointment as Co-CEO to John Muir Charter School effective February 10, 2021. Guess will share the position with Wegner over the next two months and effective May 1st will be the CEO.

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 January 13, 2021 (*page 1*)

B. School Accountability Report Card for 2019-20

1. Earle Jamieson Educational Options (*page 5*)
2. Sugarloaf Mtn. Juvenile Hall Program (*page 30*)

On a motion by Johnson and seconded by Baker, the consent agenda was approved as presented; all in favor; motion passed (4 Ayes – Johnson, Clarabut, May, Baker; 1 Absent – Nicolai).

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

Supt. Lay welcomed RJ Guess back to JMCS.

The vaccination clinic went well thanks to the collaboration of all agencies. Over 1000 educators received the vaccine. Round two will take place February 17-19 in a similar fashion.

Discussions over how next year will look are taking place among Superintendents and Charter Directors. It's likely not to look "normal", however the goal remains the same, to have as much in-person learning for students as safely possible.

The Governor's proposal to reopen schools continues to be discussed with announcements expected to come out from the Governor's office this Friday.

Nevada County schools' enrollment is down 447 from last year. Private schools' enrollment is down also. Districts are researching as a decline in enrollment may affect staffing in 2021-22.

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

A. Alternative Education, *Amy Brooks*

Brooks noted school is going okay, busy with day to day tasks. Board member Johnson came in and previewed the math and history-social science curriculum.

Johnson asked how staff was affected due to the closure of juvenile hall. Brooks reported that Dennis Desmond is now at EJ; Sherry Fortner is now working at TKM with Special Ed; and the shared counselor is now fulltime at EJ. All are doing well.

C. Ed Services, *Teena Corker*

Professional Development, for districts and charters continue, and includes LCAP; attendance training; Social Emotional Learning; and Differentiated Assistance (DA).

Our COE has developed a small System of Support team consisting of staff in Special Ed, Foster Youth, Homeless, SARB, Safety and School Climate, Curriculum and Instruction and the DA team. Purpose is to discuss mitigating learning loss and how to support districts/charters.

Universal Design for Learning (UDL) program is growing.

Writing Tournament is in the judging phase. Options are still being looked at to hold the Speech Tournament. TechTest Jr will be pushed out direct to the school sites to facilitate.

Local ACSA Chapter recognized three great administrators via zoom which included Melissa Conley, Principal, Williams Ranch, PVUESD; Cathy Peterson, Principal, Bear River HS, NJUHSD; and Brynn Bourke, Special Ed., NCSD.

Three grant opportunities are being pursued which include a CCSESA Arts funding opportunity to support the Strategic Arts Plan; Homeless Services to support a case manager; and a Health and Safety grant through TUPE Prop 64 for a peer based restorative justice program, an alternative to suspension.

Baker asked how student engagement is being utilized for the arts. Corker responded that Kim Ewing, NCSOS Arts Coordinator, is reaching out to districts for training in integration of arts into curriculum, which includes both distance learning and in-person lessons. Also, over 200 teachers have licenses in the Goldbook Program which offers lessons in art that support math skills.

D. SELPA/Special Education, *Eli Gallup*

Gallup continues to work with families facilitating IEP's during hybrid learning.

Next week Gallup will be meeting with a local physicians group discussing how educators can effectively collaborate with physicians and the legalities with regards to IEP's and prescriptions.

Gallup is also working on MediCal billing; this is a chance to earn funding back from the state to support students with disabilities.

Special Ed program in middle school has grown from 8 to 16 students. Adding a second teacher is being looked at. An increase in Special Ed services for OT and Speech has been noticed.

E. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle*

In addition to business as usual, Waddle is working with Corker on the grants. Districts financials were reviewed and all are in good standing.

10. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Comprehensive Safety Plan for Earle Jamieson Educational Options; Sierra College Child Development Center; and TKM Family Resource Center, which are operated under the Nevada County Office of Education? (*page 56*)

Supt. Lay explained this is a state mandated boiler plate plan updated annually. Key components for the COE plan include wildfires, PSPS, lockdown, shelter-in-place, active shooter and COVID-19. Other areas may not be addressed as they are not required to be in this plan.

May expressed a concern over HVAC systems; filters and CO2 monitors with regards to airborne COVID-19 in the classrooms. May also mentioned an assembly bill for funding in upgrading HVAC systems; which was passed over to the State Energy Dept. and noted no applications have been received from schools. Supt. Lay responded that all filtration systems have been checked and filters replaced at program sites. Discussions continue as to what works for COVID-19 vs wildfires. Waddle added that we do have an energy efficient consultant that she and district CBO's have been working with recently. It was determined that AB841 funding focuses on schools with low income population and most of our districts won't qualify. However, Cares Act dollars or new federal stimulus funding coming out may help as they have been told there are new filtration systems that may filter out both smoke and COVID. Research and discussion continue on this topic.

On a motion by Baker and seconded by May, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Comprehensive Safety Plan for Earle Jamieson Educational Options; Sierra College Child Development Center; and TKM Family Resource Center, which are operated under the Nevada County Office of Education; all in favor; motion passed (4 Ayes – Johnson, Clarabut, May, Baker; 1 Absent – Nicolai).

11. Discussion/Information Items

- A. Consolidated Application Part II: Winter Release for the 2020-21 school year (*page 127*)

Waddle reported this is the fiscal portion of the Con-App.

Johnson noticed there is no appropriation for Title I for NCSOS Charter's. Waddle advised that currently the charter's choose not to participate due to stringent rules and guidelines.

- B. Nevada County Board of Education Bylaws update

Supt. Lay noted that the NCBOE bylaws date back to 2003. Nicolai and Johnson noticed updating is needed. In the near future updated bylaws will come to the Board for review and approval.

12. Board Reports

A. SARB, *Heino Nicolai* – Supt. Lay reported no change in SARB. Conversations continue to take place among districts and charters to determine what is best for students.

B. Legislative, *Julie Baker*

Baker is tracking several bills noting most are amendments to existing bills:

- i. AB104 Pupil instruction: learning recovery opportunities which addresses learning loss during COVID-19.
- ii. AB58 Pupil health: suicide prevention policies – addresses the mental health crisis.
- iii. AB101 Pupil instruction: high school graduation requirements: ethnic studies. Previously vetoed by the Governor; modifications have been made; looking at 2025 as a high school requirement
- iv. SB1265 and SB1394 Comprehensive Sex Health Ed / HIV Prevention Education. Amendments include requiring districts to increase transparency and accessibility of the curriculum; and to allow opt-in vs opt-out for elementary-age instruction.
- v. SB291 Advisory Commission on Special Education: pupil advisory council. The bill adds a student voice to the commission.

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

Johnson reported initial email contact with charters; virtual meetings are being scheduled; and links to parent information nights have been requested. Parent info nights are a great way to get to know the school.

D. Individual Board Member Reports

Johnson reported on Nevada County Reads; this year's book is *Round House*, by Louise Erdrich. A very compelling story told from the point of view of our indigenous brothers and sisters. There are a lot of activities that go with the book. Johnson recommends picking up a copy. Corker advised that NCSOS has copies which may be borrowed and returned when done.

Johnson also reported on the review of EJ's history social science textbooks and complimented the teacher's edition. There are more primary sources included than she has seen before and there's integration of literature. Math - grades 7 and 8, include rich resources for RTI. The high school books have good mix of algorithms and real world applications. These are the same texts in use at the high school district which has a rigorous text book development and adoption process as noted in their policies.

13. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: March 10, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

Susan Clarabut, Vice-President
Nevada County Board of Education

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