

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 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.

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- Arrived at Agenda Item 5
Julie Baker	present

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 March 10, 2021 Agenda; all in favor; motion passed (Ayes – Clarabut, Johnson, Baker, Nicolai; Absent – May).

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

6. Closed public forum

7. Presentation

A. Addressing issues of race, unconscious bias, and equity in our high schools: Update from NJUHSD's Race and Unconscious Bias Task Force.

Presenters: Teresa Anderson, Nicole Scott and Brett McFadden

McFadden, Anderson and Scott walked the board through a PowerPoint presentation detailing the history, short term and long term goals of the Task Force. Examples of short term goals included website updating and the creation of affinity groups. Long term goals include a third-party review of the NJUHSD curriculum, admissions, and hiring process to search for areas of improvement in equity, inclusion, and diversity.

McFadden sees NJUHSD as a leader on this topic and established the Task Force in which membership includes students, parents and community leaders. NJUHSD is interested in partnering with NCSOS to offer countywide equity trainings for school board members and district/charter staff with a focus on making equity, unconscious bias, and anti-racism training and policymaking embedded into the culture of Nevada County public schools.

Jillian Downs, NUHS Visual Arts teacher, and NUHS Alumni, backs this initiative and supports the agenda of the Task Force.

The Board expressed their appreciation of the Task Force taking the initiative on this important issue.

8. 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 February 10, 2021 (*page 1*)

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

9. Superintendent's Report

Supt. Lay thanked NJUHSD for the presentation and noted that he attends the Countywide Equity & Inclusion Leadership Alliance meetings. Partners include law enforcement, healthcare and many Nevada county institutions. As the county comes out of COVID restrictions, NCSOS would like to work with NJUHSD and the elementary school districts and charter schools for trainings.

Great progress is being made as all Nevada County school districts will be offering in-person learning by April. Conversations continue regarding AB86 COVID-19 funding for school reopening.

The budget revision includes an IT Director. It's important for the COE to be a lead for the districts and charters in technology.

10. Staff Reports

A. Alternative Education, *Amy Brooks*

Brooks reported EJ's current focus is on testing; student chrome books are ready and teachers are trained. Brooks also noted she had the opportunity to attend the implicit bias training offered this past fall and it was fantastic.

B. Educational Services, *Teena Corker*

Districts and charters have been trained on the new LCAP template. We are in a new 3-year cycle. As districts/charters develop and build their LCAP, NCSOS will review and guide as needed. Districts/charters are encouraged to use local data for the LCAP; and collaborate with Special Ed teams on findings and goals.

NCSOS is looking into an opportunity offered through FEMA and UC Berkley (Greater Good Center). They are offering modules of social emotional curriculum.

An \$8,000 sub-grant was received to further implement the Arts Strategic Foundation which will be used to develop a committee of arts leads in each district and charter school.

C. SELPA / Special Ed, *Eli Gallup*

Gallup is involved in several trainings including LCAP; Social Emotional Learning (SEL); Improvement Science; and English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) training. Gallup is working with Melissa Balderston and the Non-Public Schools on student placement requirements. IEP meeting facilitation continues. The Community Advisory Committee will participate in Legislative Day, giving parents the ability to meet virtually with local legislators to share real world special education challenges and positive things we're doing in Nevada County.

NCSOS Special Ed is planning and preparing for next year's classrooms and locations. Extended School Year (ESY) Program is being reviewed.

D. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle*

Waddle reported the SELPA Funding Model has been changed again.

11. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the FY20-21 Budget Revision Number Three and Second Interim Report? (*page 5*)

Waddle walked the Board through the 2020-21 Second Interim Budget Report going over Federal, State and Local Revenues; classified salaries increased with the addition of the new IT Director position and Special Ed position adjustments; services/other operating costs increased due to student support programs being offered to districts and the FRC housing program; and the capital outlay costs decreased as the purchase of a backup generator is on hold until FY21/22.

On a motion by Clarabut and seconded by Johnson, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the FY20-21 Budget Revision Number Three and Second Interim Report; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve Resolution No. 21-01, excused absence for Board member Heino Nicolai (E.C. 1090) (ROLL CALL VOTE) (*page 84*)

On a motion by Johnson and seconded by Baker, the Nevada County Board of Education approved Resolution No. 21-01, excused absence for Board member Heino Nicolai; passed by roll call vote (4 ayes – Johnson, Clarabut, Baker and May; 1 abstention – Nicolai)

- C. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the Earle Jamieson Educational Options 2021-22 School Calendar? (*page 86*)

On a motion by Clarabut and seconded by Nicolai, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Earle Jamieson Educational Options 2021-22 School Calendar; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

- D. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve Earle Jamieson Educational Option's recommendation to adopt *Pearson's Envision Mathematics* and *McGraw-Hill's Impact History-Social Science* curriculum for middle school and high school? (*page 87*)

On a motion by Johnson and seconded by Nicolai, the Nevada County Board of Education approved Earle Jamieson Educational Option's recommendation to adopt *Pearson's Envision Mathematics* and *McGraw-Hill's Impact History-Social Science* curriculum for middle school and high school; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

- E. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education accept the FY2019-20 Auditors Report of Nevada County Superintendent of Schools? (*page 88*)

Waddle reported that all findings have been resolved. Michelle Hansen has completed NCSOS audits the last 6 years; due to auditing guidelines, NCSOS will be going through a different auditor for the next one to three years. Next year the audit will have a different look, as the charter schools authorized under the Nevada County Board of Education will be separate.

The Board expressed appreciation in Hansen's knowledge and professionalism throughout NCSOS audits.

On a motion by May and seconded by Clarabut, the Nevada County Board of Education accepted the FY2019-20 Auditors Report of Nevada County Superintendent of Schools; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion/Information Items

A. Press Release – 2020-21 Nevada County Schools Creative Writing Competition (*page 208*)

13. Board Reports

A. Legislative, *Julie Baker* – nothing new to report; budget items are being focused on at the moment; too early in legislative session.

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

Johnson reported that they have met with all 5 directors. May was pleased to learn that the charter schools have distinct missions, including home schooling, internships and the arts. May noted Bitney’s ventilation in the facility is a concern. Waddle offered to make sure that Bitney’s Director, Jon Molnar, is connected with the consultant. Bitney rents the facility, that could be a challenge.

C. Individual Board Member Reports

Johnson had the opportunity to visit the new farm inherited by NJUHSD. A visioning meeting was held; the potential of this resource is great for students of all grades.

14. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting Date: April 14, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

Heino Nicolai, President
Nevada County Board of Education

April 14, 2021

Date