

**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 14, 2021**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Nevada County Superintendent of Schools**

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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## **MINUTES**

**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 – Arrived at Agenda Item 9.A.

**3. Salute to the flag**

**4. Adoption of the Agenda**

**On a motion by May and seconded by Clarabut, the Nevada County Board of Education adopted the April 14, 2021 Agenda; all in favor; motion passed (Ayes – Clarabut, Johnson, May, Nicolai; Absent – Baker).**

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

**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 March 10, 2021 (*page 1*)

B. During the third quarter of 2021 January-March, there were no complaints filed to be reported, pursuant to Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures (*E.C. 1240(H): Board Policy 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures*) (*page 5*)

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

**8. Superintendent's Report**

Supt. Lay reported that five districts are holding in-person learning 5 days a week; two districts are on a pre-pandemic schedule; other districts, YRC and NCSA are holding in-person learning 4 days a week.

Nevada County schools are looking to have full schedules in the fall, following Public Health protocols.

A staffing position housed at NCSOS and funded by the Nevada County Health Department has been created. This person will work as a direct conduit for schools helping with outbreaks; presumptive cases; and contact tracing. The goal is to keep kids in class and staff in their positions safely.

Supt. Lay, Board Member Johnson and Eli Gallup attended Legislative Action Day. They met and had a very productive and open dialog with Senator Nielsen. Discussion included asking Sacramento to make timely decisions that affect schools; and that Distance Learning is still needed to accommodate the families nervous about coming back.

All the work being done by NCSOS staff is greatly appreciated and acknowledged.

## 9. Staff Reports

### A. Alternative Education, *Amy Brooks*

Brooks reported EJ is open 5 days a week, one hour shorter per day, and are looking to open fully in the fall. Students are currently testing. Brooks is working with Teena Corker on the LCAP report and surveys. Current enrollment is 6 with 3 on a wait list.

Board Member Baker joined the meeting.

### B. Educational Services, *Teena Corker*

District; Charter; and NCSOS LCAP's are being reviewed. Input is being received from FYP; ILP; and Homeless Student Services Coordinator for the annual update of the Learning Continuity Plan.

The second Community of Practice for Social Emotional Learning workshop was held. Feedback was tremendously positive. Huge thanks to the A-Team for working collaboratively in providing the workshops.

2021-22 Professional opportunities are being discussed.

Strategic Arts Plan Committee along with district and charter representatives will meet and review the 5-year plan; making sure districts are supported in integrating the arts in all subjects; and develop a needs assessment.

Welcome to Gailyn Miranda, County Office Librarian, who is working with district library clerks. Miranda noted how friendly and welcoming the Nevada County teachers and learners are.

Corker clarified the flexibility and waivers in State testing. Districts and charters are required to present a plan to parents; and may use local alternative local assessments.

### C. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle*

District and Charters 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim reviews are complete; all certified positive. Districts and charters are looking at creative ways to use funding to mitigate learning loss.

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

Gallup and Brunt are supporting families and districts that have program changes. Gallup is also helping smaller districts develop Special Ed positions based on needs.

Carrie Brunt, Special Education Principal was introduced. They are looking at how programs are navigating Federal requirements of full instructional pre-pandemic schedules with the California modified educational system; and are working closely with schools and families.

An increase in program development for Extended School Year is being looked at.

Gallup is the ACSA President and shared information regarding the *Teacher Who Makes a Difference* awards. With COVID, it was decided to award each district and charter school with a plaque to honor all the teachers.

## 10. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve amending the Superintendents contract days from 215 to reflect 220 days per year effective the 2020/21 school year? *(page 6)*

**On a motion by Clarabut and seconded by Johnson, the Nevada County Board of Education approved amending the Superintendents contract days from 215 to reflect 220 days per year effective the 2020/21 school year; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.**

## 11. Discussion/Information - None

## 12. Board Reports

- A. Legislative, *Julie Baker*

Baker reported the Education Committee met on April 7<sup>th</sup> and heard 17 pieces of legislation; Senate met today hearing 10 pieces of legislation.

Baker is happy to look deeper into particular bills of interest of the Board.

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

Johnson advised they have a meeting scheduled with Marshall Goldberg, Special Education Director for the charter schools authorized by Nevada County Board of Education.

- C. Individual Board Reports

Johnson reported effective July 1<sup>st</sup> 2021, she will be the President of the *Retired Leaders and Managers Charter* for Region 2. The group met via zoom on April 7<sup>th</sup>; the guest speakers were two Superintendents who lost everything in the fire; their districts are experiencing declining enrollment; and now enduring the pandemic. Resiliency stood out in the presentation as a photo was shared of the Superintendent and others in donated clothes.

May expressed his feelings that this is not a lost year; that districts, administrators, staff and teachers have been working so hard and students are showing so much resiliency.

Nicolai reported the ERC is reinventing itself and moving forward. Chico State career fairs will continue to work with local industry to help fill employment needs. Nicolai will be absent for the June 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and Clarabut will chair in his absence.

## 13. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: May 12, 2021: Board Budget Work Session 2:00 PM;  
Board of Education Meeting 3:00 PM,  
Via Zoom

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Heino Nicolai, President  
Nevada County Board of Education

May 12, 2021  
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Date