

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 8, 2021

→ **5:00 p.m.** ←

The Nevada County Board of Education
will hold the regular board meeting via teleconference.
The public portion will begin virtually at 5:00 p.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENT No. 2: The public will have access to the Nevada County Board of Education meeting through Zoom Teleconferencing. Public comments are taken on action, discussion and information items only; or during the Open Public Forum for items not on the agenda. For those individuals who wish to make a public comment, please do so by using the Zoom raise your hand feature. A moderator will call on you at the appropriate time.

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 Clarabut, the Nevada County Board of Education adopted the September 8, 2021 Agenda; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

5. Opened public forum – Members of the public who wish to make a comment –

Tracy Huston, a YRC grandparent that has guardianship of her grandchild, requests the YRC COVID school safety plan be reviewed as she noted a discrepancy when comparing the plan to CDPH guidance; and requests the CDPH guidelines be adopted in its entirety. Huston also requested COVID data to be placed on the school or county website.

6. Closed public forum

7. Public Hearing

- A. Opened public hearing to review FY2021-22 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials, grades 7- 12 (EC §60119) (*page 1*)
No comments made.
- B. Closed public hearing.

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 trustee 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 August 25, 2021 (*page 2*)

On a motion by Clarabut and seconded by May, the consent agenda was approved as presented; motion passed unanimously.

9. Superintendent's Report

Supt. Lay reported schools being fully in session; in-person learning is taking place; there are new elective options; extracurricular activities and school sports are happening.

On a challenging note, there is a lack of rapid testing kits that would allow students and staff the ability to remain at school in modified or shortened quarantines. The State has promised to increase production of rapid test kits. Schools are also facing a shortage of substitute teachers and contact tracers; there just isn't enough staff with the labor shortage throughout the state. NCSOS is actively recruiting new substitute teachers; and schools are finding creative and collaborative partnerships to meet contact tracing needs.

10. Staff Reports

- A. Alternative Education, *Lisa Sanford*
Sanford reported 5 students enrolled.
- B. Educational Services, *Teena Corker*
Corker reported on academic tournaments: Geography will be held in digital format; Writing and STEM Expo will be held virtually.
Professional Development is being held in smaller groups.
ESSER III expenditure plan is being completed.
- C. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle*
Waddle is working on reports currently due.
- D. SELPA/Special Education, *Eli Gallup*
Gallup is helping families and schools navigate through quarantines.
Three to five NCSOS Special Ed classrooms have been forced to shut down weekly due to quarantines.

11. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve Resolution 21-04, Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for grades 7-12 for Nevada County Alternative Educational Programs FY2021-22?
(ROLL CALL VOTE) (*page 3*)

On a motion by Johnson and seconded by Baker the Nevada County Board of Education approved Resolution 21-04, Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for

grades 7-12 for Nevada County Alternative Educational Programs FY2021-22; by roll call vote; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

12. Information/Discussion Items – None.

13. Board Reports

A. Legislative, *Julie Baker*

Legislative session will be done for the year soon; bills will go to the Governor's desk and the Governor has 30 days to sign. We'll see in October/November what gets signed.

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

No report at this time.

C. Individual Board Reports

Johnson reported on an EdSource survey, offered by The Inverness Institute, wherein 136 leading California teachers of all grades were surveyed about their experiences during the pandemic. Key findings were heartbreaking; many reported not being able to continue; there's a concern over disengagement and inequalities; also a concern that students are feeling out of touch. This data brings to light what many of our teachers are feeling.

Baker expressed concern over teacher shortages in the future. Supt. Lay confirmed the entire state is experiencing teacher shortages.

14. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: Wed., October 13, 2021 at 3:00 PM

Heino Nicolai, President
Nevada County Board of Education

October 13, 2021

Date