

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 22, 2022
3:00 p.m.
Nevada County Superintendent of Schools
Board Room
380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley, CA 95945

M I N U T E S

1. Meeting called to order by Board President Nicolai.

2. Established quorum

Heino Nicolai	present
Louise Johnson	absent
Susan Clarabut	present
Timothy May	present
Julie Baker	absent

3. Salute to the flag

4. Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion by Clarabut and seconded by May, the Nevada County Board of Education adopted the June 22, 2022, Agenda as presented; all in favor; motion passed (Aye – Nicolai, Clarabut, May; Absent – Johnson, Baker).

5. Opened public forum – Recognition of members of the audience wishing to address the Board – No comments 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 May 11, 2022 (*page 1*)

B. Approval of minutes of the Regular meeting of June 8, 2022 (*page 5*)

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

8. Superintendent's Report

Supt. Lay met the new Yuba River Charter Director, Denis Hill. Hill has Montessori, Traditional and Charter school experience. SAEL has a new Director, Richard Young.

9. Staff Reports

A. Educational Services, *Teena Corker*

Corker reported her team is wrapping up the year. Final Differentiated Assistance letters are going out. Professional Development calendar is getting full. Carol Viola, Rossnina Dort, and Morgan Best have been key in the writing of UPK Plans. Megan Salter will be busy with SEL and

Restorative Practices in the new school year. What's unique with SEL is that we are training trainers to train their staff...creating a cultural change. MOU's are completed with schools: Lyman Gilmore will focus on the RAISE Program; Magnolia is focusing on Restorative Practices with staff; and Union Hill's focus is on Continuing Culture of Student/Family Connections. UDL Trainings will continue. The Raise Program is continuing to expand; and a promotional documentary will be professionally created thanks to grant funding. Indian Ed's Academic Boot Camp is currently taking place. The FRC's are planning summer craft and sport camps.

- B. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle* – Waddle will speak to items at the time the item is heard.
- C. SELPA/Special Education, *Eli Gallup* – Gallup is unable to attend the board meeting as he is meeting with the Special Ed team.

10. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the 2022-23 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)? *(page 7)*

Teena Corker walked the Board through the LCAP. The Board complimented Corker on the ease of understanding; it's targeted and streamlined.

On a motion by Clarabut and seconded by May the Nevada County Board of Education approved the 2022-23 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP); all in favor; motion passed (Aye – Nicolai, Clarabut, May; Absent – Baker, Johnson).

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education adopt *Resolution 22-02*, Blanket Transfer Resolution to the FY2022-23 budget?
(page 78) ROLL CALL VOTE

On a motion by Clarabut and seconded by May, the Nevada County Board of Education adopted *Resolution 22-02*, Blanket Transfer Resolution to the FY2022-23 budget; all in favor; motion passed (Aye – Nicolai, Clarabut, May; Absent – Baker, Johnson).

- C. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Education Protection Account?
(page 79)

On a motion by May and seconded by Clarabut, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Education Protection Account; all in favor; motion passed (Aye – Nicolai, Clarabut, May; Absent – Baker, Johnson).

- D. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the 2022-23 Proposed Consolidated Budget of the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools, Nevada County Special Education Services, Nevada County SELPA, Special Education Pass Thru and Child Development? (EC 1620, 1622, 33129, 52066, 52067 and 52068)
(page 80)

Waddle walked the Board through the 2022-23 Budget pointing out assumptions utilized in the preparation of this report including the following: LCFF funding increase; additional funding for supporting districts, however it's unclear what strings would be attached; a decrease in Federal and State grant revenues due to one-time funding for COVID; other Federal, State, and Local Revenues are adjusted based on contracts for each program; and STRS/PERS contributions are adjusted to 19.10%.

The State is experiencing a decline in students leaving the state, and there's a decline in birthrate throughout the nation. Currently, the districts are in good shape with good reserves. It's recommended to keep those reserves as the worry comes in 2024-25 as the Rainy-Day Fund is protected until then.

Waddle noted future cost increases are anticipated as the results of the NCSOS Staff salary study are being finalized.

On a motion by Clarabut and seconded by May, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the 2022-23 Proposed Consolidated Budget of the Nevada County

Superintendent of Schools, Nevada County Special Education Services, Nevada County SELPA, Special Education Pass Thru and Child Development? (EC 1620, 1622, 33129, 52066, 52067 and 52068); all in favor; motion passed (Aye – Nicolai, Clarabut, May; Absent – Baker, Johnson).

- E. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Annual Workers' Compensation Certificate regarding self-insured workers' compensation claims for FY2022-23?
(page 162)

On a motion by May and seconded by Clarabut, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Annual Workers' Compensation Certificate regarding self-insured workers' compensation claims for FY2022-23; all in favor; motion passed (Aye – Nicolai, Clarabut, May; Absent – Baker, Johnson).

11. Information/Discussion Items

- A. NCSOS 2021-22 Local Indicators Report (page 163)

Teena Corker spoke to the Local Indicators Report, noting the curriculum piece is being addressed. History, Social Studies, and Math are all new and working well. ELA and Science are being reviewed.

Foster Youth is serving 200 students. Each school site has a liaison to identify Foster Youth to offer needed services. Transitional support is also offered for ages 18-26.

- B. 2022-23 COE Summary Support for School Districts (page 174)

- C. NCSOS Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Planning and Implementation Grant Program (page 183)

Teena Corker walked the Board through the UPK Plan. If a County Office of Ed operates a TK and a K program, it must develop a UPK Plan. This plan and the following agenda item are similar plans.

The Board noted the concerns listed on page 197 addressing program shortage. Morgan Best, Director of the Sierra College CDC, explained there are not enough slots for students. State funding comes with a lot of strings attached. Not many are inclined to run a PK program; and during COVID, many family childcares closed because if students didn't attend, the childcare was not funded.

Morgan Best noted, in addition, the Sierra College ECE Training Program is in decline; fewer people want to begin the local program as the Nevada County campus offers less in-person courses and on-line coursework is not efficacious. However, we understand it's difficult to offer a robust program of courses when students aren't enrolling. Also, with students not enrolling, staffing continues to be a challenge at the CDC. It's a vicious cycle. NCSOS is meeting with the Sierra College Dean of Early Childhood Department as we work through these new State mandates.

The CTC is developing coursework to obtain the credential for Early Childhood Education. NCSOS has an MOU with PCOE and are working on the credentialing process. Carol Viola and Rosnina Dort are providing different avenues for professional development which serves all Nevada County school districts and charters to help needs to be met.

Funds have been received to help with many needs and the NCSOS team will help provide support to LEA's.

- D. Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Planning and Implementation Grant Program – NCSOS Countywide Planning and Capacity (page 241)

12. Board Reports

- A. SARB, *Heino Nicolai* – SARB was cancelled last month.
B. Legislative, *Julie Baker* – no report.
C. Charter Liaison, *Timothy May and Louise Johnson*

May reported that Johnson had reached out to Twin Ridges Home Study and they attended their great end of the year school program.

D. Individual Board Reports

Clarabut reported attending Bitney Prep High School’s graduation at the Odd Fellows.

13. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: July 13, 2022

Heino Nicolai, Board President
Nevada County Board of Education

July 13, 2022

Date