

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 17, 2022
3:00 p.m.

Nevada County Superintendent of Schools
Boardroom and Teleconference
380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley, CA 95945

This meeting is being conducted by teleconference at the following location: 25382 Pappas Rd., Ramona California.
Louise Johnson, Board Member, will be participating from the teleconference location. The teleconference location is open to the public and any member of the public has an opportunity to address the Board from the teleconference location in the same manner as if that person attended the regular meeting location.

Government Code § 54953(b)(1)

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 via teleconference
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 August 17, 2022 Agenda as presented; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

5. Opened public forum – Members of the public who wish to address the Board – no comments.

6. Closed public forum

7. Presentation

A. School Safety – Chris Espedal, NCSOS Director of School Safety

Espedal reported that Nevada County School Districts and NCSOS Charter Schools are updating their School Safety Plans. The NCSOS website has updated protocols for parents and schools on a variety of safety topics. NCSOS received and distributed 62,000 COVID-19 test kits for Nevada County schools.

Espedal provided NCOES Ready-Set-Go pamphlets; Evacuation Tags and announced two School Safety Forums taking place. One on September 12th at BRHS and the second on September 13th at NUHS.

CAUSSSS (Community Agencies United for Safe Schools and Safe Streets) committee meetings continues to bring school administrators, law enforcement, and supporting agencies together to discuss concerns and the climate of the county.

Safety is the number one priority as our schools continue to work diligently to implement best practices in safety awareness and training on our school sites for staff and students.

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 July 13, 2022 (*page 1*)
- B. Annual Report of School Visitations by County Superintendent of Schools Pursuant to Education Code 1240 and the Williams Settlement (*page 3*)

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

9. Superintendent's Report

A Back-to-School Safety letter was sent out to schools, staff, community, and media from all the school districts and NCSOS charters expressing a commitment to safety. We're fortunate to have NC Sheriff's Office, GVPD, NCPD, CHP and multiple local and state fire agencies be unified and on the same frequency. All these agencies respond when needed.

School started smoothly with one exception, BRHS's computers crashed the first day of school, however they worked out a plan for students. Several districts had higher enrollment than expected.

NCSOS programs are almost fully staffed. NCSOS held the All Staff Back-to-School meeting this past Friday at Twin Cities Church. It was great to be together again and connect. Twin Cities Church is a great community partner and generously opened their facilities to accommodate us.

Sharyn Turner, Health Services Coordinator for NCSOS, is retiring after 20+ years of service. Replacing Turner will be difficult as she had a skillset like no other. We wish her well; she was a tremendous asset to the community.

10. Staff Reports

- A. SELPA/Special Education, *Eli Gallup*

BCBA's (Board Certified Behavior Analyst) will be presenting to the Board in the near future, reporting on how they provide supports and services in the schools. Johnson commended Gallup for having BCBA's and RBT's (Registered Behavior Technician) as resources for the schools.

Gallup is working with Special Ed Directors as some districts have lawsuits due to distance learning. It was difficult to offer Occupational Therapy via zoom.

Special Ed has extra supports with two TOSA's (Teachers on Special Assignment). There is an upcoming job fair for paraeducators, and HR has created a robust onboarding program offering great trainings, supports and resources.

- B. Alternative Education, *Amy Brooks*

Current enrollment is 6 students. Professional Development Day was held last week. Staff training included fire safety.

- C. Ed Services, *Teena Corker*

NCSOS's LCAP was approved by the CDE. District LCAP reviews continue.

Ed Services staff are back; attending trainings; working collaboratively and communicating and working on developing a system of support.

Nancy Jackson, the new CIIS of ELA and Arts is reaching out to schools. Baker shared that the Arts Council has a monthly meet up that Jackson may be interested in attending and will send the info to Corker to share with her.

The San Juan Ridge FRC is planning a 16th birthday celebration on Saturday, September 24th from 1-4 PM. The center will be open to share resources with activities, food, and crafts.

A Latino Family Festival is in the planning for September 15 from 5-8 pm at Condon Park in Grass Valley. The community event is to learn about resources and services available to children and families in Western Nevada County.

D. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle*

The annual revenue detail report grew from 2 full pages to 4 full pages. There's a lot of one-time funding with some ongoing funding. As more grant money and funding is received, additional work is growing resulting in the business office growing. A new staff member starts September 1st. There are also unique staffing shortages in the districts without a lot of resources, so NCSOS staff are assisting.

11. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Biennial review of Board Policy 2710, Conflict of Interest? (*page 6*)

On a motion by Baker and seconded by Johnson, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Biennial review of Board Policy 2710, Conflict of Interest; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

12. Information/Discussion Items

- A. Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for 2022-23? (*page 9*)
- B. Treasury report from Nevada County Treasurer and Tax Collector detailing the Portfolio of investments for NCSOS as of June 30, 2022 (*page 14*)

13. Board Reports

- A. Legislative, *Julie Baker*

A great ballot measure is Prop 28 that requires funding be used for arts education programs and goes to local control.

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

Meetings are planned to be scheduled in September and October.

- C. Individual Board Reports

Johnson reported that this is her final year on the ACSA Board of Region 2 Retired Leaders and Managers.

Nicolai reported receiving the Grand Jury report; provided copies to the Board; and noted the 90-day response requirement. Nicolai will draft an answer; however, it appears many of the recommendations are not under the purview of the Board of Education.

14. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: September 14, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Heino Nicolai, Board President
Nevada County Board of Education

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