

**Nevada County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, January 11, 2023  
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: 650 E Tahquitz Way, Palm Springs, California. Julie Baker, 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)

**MINUTES**

**1. Meeting called to order** by Board Vice President Clarabut.

**2. Established quorum**

Heino Nicolai	absent – Jury Duty
Louise Johnson	present
Susan Clarabut	present
Timothy May	present
Julie Baker	present by teleconference

**3. Salute to the flag**

**4. Adoption of the Agenda**

**On a motion by Johnson and seconded by May, the Nevada County Board of Education adopted the January 11, 2023 Agenda as presented; all in favor; motion passed (Ayes – Baker, Johnson, May, Clarabut; Absent – Nicolai).**

**5. Opened public forum**

Recognition of members of the audience wishing to address the Board –

Judy Wood introduced herself, representing a group – *Protecting American Ideals*, and spoke out against Critical Race Theory.

**6. Closed public forum**

**7. Presentation**

A. California School Dashboard, Andrea Marks

Marks walked the Board through a powerpoint presentation giving an overview of the California School Dashboard; and provided a 2022 Dashboard Summary handout. The Dashboard will be relied on heavily to help school districts improve student outcomes. It was noted that only the current year is displayed on the Dashboard due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Areas of indicators reported on include Chronic Absenteeism, Suspension Rate, English Language Arts/Mathematics, Graduation, College/Career, and Local Indicators.

Marks also provided a handout on the 2022-23 Qualifying Criteria for Differentiated Assistance (DA). Some districts are returning to DA; while others are new this year.

Chronic absenteeism, a concern which is noted across the board; and Students with Disabilities is also an area of concern.

NCSOS Ed Services team has created a great System of Support at our local level that will provide comprehensive, and collaborative supports to schools.

## 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 December 14, 2022  
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- B. During the fourth quarter of 2022 October-December, there were no complaints filed to be reported, pursuant to Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures (E.C. 1240(H); Board Policy 1010 – Uniform Complaint Procedures  
(page 5)

Clarabut requested the minutes of December 14, 2022 be pulled for separate action.

**On a motion by Johnson and seconded by May, the Nevada County Board of Education pulled the minutes of December 14, 2022 for separate action; and approved the Consent Agenda as amended; all in favor; motion passed (Ayes – Baker, Johnson, May, Clarabut; Absent – Nicolai).**

Corrections to the December 14, 2022, minutes were discussed.

**On a motion by Johnson and seconded by May, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the December 14, 2022, minutes with the following amendments: Agenda Item 13.A add to the motion “*all in favor, motion passed unanimously*”; Agenda Item 15.A. delete “*and the Assembly has a new Speaker – Assemblymember Robert Rivas*”; Agenda Item 15.B. should read Johnson “*and May*” visited NCSA; all in favor; motion passed (Ayes – Baker, Johnson, May, Clarabut; Absent – Nicolai).**

## 9. Superintendent’s Report

Supt. Lay reported only two school districts closing due to the current storm. There have been no reports of storm damage by districts, charters or private schools. A watchful eye is being kept on the floodgates as dams are at capacity.

The Countywide Writing Tournament was held today and Supt. Lay presented awards to students.

Supt. Lay visited Ready Springs School’s skateboarding elective afternoon class taught by teacher Cameron Cox. Students were fully engaged, and you could see barriers being broken down as students were helping other students. Cox has done a fantastic job creating a connection between school and skateboarding.

Special thanks was expressed by Supt. Lay for Admin and Staff holding down the office while he enjoyed one of the best moments of his life as he walked his daughter down the aisle in Hawaii.

## 10. Staff Reports

- A. Alternative Education, *Amy Brooks*  
Brooks reported enrollment at 10 students, which included a 6<sup>th</sup> grader. Referrals are growing and EJ is looking to hire a 2<sup>nd</sup> teacher for the remainder of the year.
- B. Educational Services, *Teena Corker*  
The Countywide Writing Tournament took place today. Forty-one 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students participated. Press release will go out soon. Corker is gearing up for LCAP season. Trainings are being pushed out. STEAM Expo meetings continue, and the Economic

Resource Council (ERC) is a great partner. State of the Schools publication is being updated. The NCSOS Summer Arts Institute for Nevada County Classroom Teachers will be held at Nevada City School of the Arts in June. The event inspires and empowers teachers to integrate arts into their core curriculum.

C. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle*

Waddle reported the Governor's proposal is well funded through different mechanisms and as we go into 2023-24 as well. Highlights include an 8.13% COLA; initiatives are funded. There was a reduction in the arts block grant, however Prop 28 being passed offsets this cut.

**11. Action Items**

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education accept the FY21-22 Audit Report?  
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**On a motion by Johnson and seconded by May, the Nevada County Board of Education accepted the FY21-22 Audit Report; all in favor; motion passed (Ayes – Baker, Johnson, May, Clarabut; Absent – Nicolai).**

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the NCSoS Arts, Music and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant Plan?  
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Waddle explained that this is the County Office allocation, that school districts receive their own allocation, and funding is based on enrollment.

**On a motion by May and seconded by Baker, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the NCSoS Arts, Music and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant Plan; all in favor; motion passed (Ayes – Baker, Johnson, May, Clarabut; Absent – Nicolai).**

**12. Discussion/Information Items**

- A. Nevada County Board of Education Meeting Calendar for 2023  
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- B. Ms. Margaret Clarke Donation to Family Resource Center's Nurturing Parent Program  
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**13. Board Member Reports**

- A. Legislative, *Julie Baker*

Baker noted the Governor's budget came out yesterday. State Senator Josh Newman has been named Chair of the Senate's Committee on Education.

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

Johnson noted that NCSA will take the stage at Nevada Theatre for a student version of *Into the Woods*.

- C. Individual Board member reports

Johnson appreciated all Board Members receiving the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) 2022 Trustee Handbook. While Johnson advised she did not help write the handbook, she is happy to now be a part of the committee that did and plans to report out monthly.

**14. Adjournment**

Next Meeting Date: February 8, 2023, at 3:00 PM

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Susan Clarabut, Board Vice-President  
Nevada County Board of Education

February 8, 2023  
Date

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