

**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 12, 2023
3:00 p.m.**

**Nevada County Superintendent of Schools
Board Room
380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley, CA 95945**

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	absent

3. Salute to the flag

4. Adoption of the Agenda

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

5. Opened public forum – No comments.

6. Closed public forum

7. Public Hearing (Action) (page 1)

A. Opened public hearing regarding Material Revision on John Muir Charter School's admissions preferences, and to consider the level of support for the material revision to its charter petition by teachers, parents or guardians, and the school districts where JMCS has school facilities.

No comments made.

B. Closed public hearing

8. Presentation

A. Presentation by Meghan Salter, NCSOS Instructional Coach (*page 56*)

Teena Corker introduced Salter, who leads the Social Emotional Initiative; is a TOSA (Teacher on Special Assignment); and an Instructional Coach.

Salter walked the Board through a PPT explaining that NCSOS is partnering with great agencies including CalHOPE Student Support Program, DHCS, Sacramento COE, and Orange County COE. All these agencies support CASEL's Social Emotional Learning Practices (SEL) which is in its third year.

June's SEL professional development was attended by 63 educators from 17 schools and focused on *Building Community and Belonging*. The feedback received was overwhelmingly positive. Several other sessions were offered, well attended, well received, and included lessons such as learning to create brave spaces; engaging with an antibias mindset; how to have the hard conversations; action and expression with power and voice; and road mapping to ensure equity.

Salter noted that the community is supportive and that most difficulties are from miscommunication.

Nicolai stated that SEL skills are important to build on so that students can learn and go out into the world.

9. 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 8, 2023 (*page 76*)

B. During the third quarter of 2023 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 79*)

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

10. Superintendent's Report

Supt. Lay expressed his pride and appreciation of NCSOS Programs which are all making Nevada County a better place for students, families, and the community.

Supt. Lay met with Assemblywoman Megan Dahle on *AB 1722 Public Health: credentialed school nurses, RN's, and LVN's*, and expressed concerns over staffing shortages. Supt. Lay also spoke to electric school buses in rural counties, that the technology and infrastructure is not yet in place; reminding legislatures that what works for urban counties, doesn't necessarily work for rural counties.

The U.S. Army provided an opportunity for Supt. Lay and other educational leaders to visit Fort Huachuca in Arizona, promoting the opportunities for a segment of our student population and how they could benefit. It was a very eye opening and beneficial tour.

11. Staff Reports

A. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle*

The business office is gearing up for the potential property exchange; and bracing for the Governor's May revision.

B. Alternative Education, *Amy Brooks*

Brooks reported 14 students currently enrolled; two being upcoming graduating seniors who are working with the Department of Rehab. Special thanks to NCBH for their strong support with EJ students.

C. Educational Services, *Teena Corker*

Corker reported that LCAP reviews begin next week. Foster Youth surveys were released. We're waiting for the State to release an updated Williams list for schools and LEA's. We're currently providing PD for chronic absenteeism.

D. SELPA / Special Education, *Eli Gallup*

CAC attendance is increasing. The new principal for Special Ed started. The Extended School Year Program (ESY) is being developed to help students not lose progress made throughout the school year.

May asked how learning gaps are being addressed. Corker responded that teams work with districts to provide accelerated learning; determine what concept or skills need addressing; then meet and address needs from where students are academically.

Johnson offered an example of how learning loss is being addressed. For example, if a grade level standard is long division, and it was determined that the student didn't know their times tables, then intervention would take place to teach the times tables so they could be successful in long division.

Clarabut stated a lot is being done to bring students back up to the level prior to the pandemic. SEL plays an important role in getting students ready to learn.

12. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve Resolution No. 23-03 in Support of Funding for County Office of Education Operated Juvenile Court and Community Schools? *(page 80) ROLL CALL VOTE*

On a motion by Johnson and seconded by May, the Nevada County Board of Education approved Resolution No. 23-03 in Support of Funding for County Office of Education Operated Juvenile Court and Community Schools; by roll call vote; all in favor; motion passed (Ayes – Nicolai, Johnson, May, Clarabut; Absent – Baker).

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve Resolution No. 23-04 for the Nevada County Board of Education and the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools to Enter into the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCA)? *(page 82) ROLL CALL VOTE*

Waddle explained the CUPCCA provides alternative ways to solicit bids for projects. By passing this resolution NCSOS is allowed to participate in CUPCCA, and will be able to establish a CUPCCA approved contactor list.

On a motion by Clarabut and seconded by May, the Nevada County Board of Education Approved Resolution No. 23-04 for the Nevada County Board of Education and the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools to Enter into the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act; by roll call vote; all in favor; motion passed (Ayes – Nicolai, Johnson, May, Clarabut; Absent – Baker).

- C. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Material Revision on John Muir Charter School's admissions preferences beginning the 2023-2024 school year?

R.J. Guess, JMCS Director, advised this material revision would allow JMCS to serve grades 6, 7, and 8 and addresses a need discussed - the difficulties for counties to fund community day/court schools. This is a service JMCS could provide if allowed to serve grades 6, 7, and 8. JMCS's student population served includes dropouts and the EJ population. The past two years younger students aged 15-16 are being enrolled with zero credits. Before, it was primarily older students who dropped out at 16 and returned at 19. Enrollment process would be similar to EJ's current process, by referral.

On a motion by Johnson and seconded by Clarabut, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Material Revision on John Muir Charter School's admissions preferences beginning the 2023-2024 school year; all in favor; motion passed (Ayes – Nicolai, Johnson, May, Clarabut; Absent – Baker).

- D. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Property Exchange Agreement Between the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools and Nevada Joint Union High School District? *(page 83)*

Supt. Lay envisions this as an opportunity, with 10.9 acres available, this gives the ability to grow programs bigger and better for Nevada County students. Johnson is very happy to see this happen.

On a motion by Johnson and seconded by May the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Property Exchange Agreement Between the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools and Nevada Joint Union High School District all in favor; motion passed (Ayes – Nicolai, Johnson, May, Clarabut; Absent – Baker).

13. Discussion/Information

- A. TechTest Jr. 2023 Winners Announcement *(page 92)*
- B. STEAM Expo 2023 Winners Announcement *(page 94)*
- C. John Muir Charter School Dashboard Alternative School Status (DASS) certification *(page 97)*

14. Board Reports

- A. Charter Liaison, *Timothy May and Louise Johnson* – no report
- B. Individual Board Reports

Johnson was delighted to help with the Speech Contest; and participate in the science fair as a judge. The CCBE Committee appreciates Supt. Lay's support. Johnson will present at the CCBE Conference on Expulsion Appeals. With regards to ACSA, Johnson traveled to Chico for a guided tour at the Air Museum; and will be presenting at the ACSA North State Conference, "Attracting Leadership with a goal of helping young administrators take on a Superintendent role."

15. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: May 10, 2023: Board Budget Work Session 2:00 PM;
Board of Education Meeting 3:00 PM

Heino Nicolai, Board President
Nevada County Board of Education

May 10, 2023

Date