

**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 10, 2023  
2:00 p.m. Budget Workshop; 3:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting**

**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	present – arrived at 3:00 PM prior to adoption of the agenda

**3. Budget Workshop**

Waddle walked the Board through a power point presentation detailing the County Office Unrestricted Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Revenue; Unrestricted General Fund Income; Unrestricted Programs/Departments; and Contributions to Restricted Programs.

Unrestricted General Fund Expenditures were discussed, pointing out a one-time expenditure of facility maintenance/renovations for the McCourtney site which will house Earle Jamieson Educational Options, and potentially other programs in the future.

Waddle provided a handout - Revenue Summary (General Fund) for the 2023-24 Draft Adopted Budget as of May 10, 2023. The budget is in good shape, funding lots of great programs. School District Special Education costs continue to rise as more students are being identified for Special Education Services, including behavioral health.

Questions of the Board were answered by Waddle.

**4. Salute to the flag**

**5. Adoption of the Agenda**

**On a motion by Johnson and seconded by Baker, the Nevada County Board of Education adopted the agenda as presented; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.**

**6. Opened public forum** – no comments made.

**7. Closed public forum**

**8. Public Hearing – Nevada County Special Educators Group (NCSEG)**

- A. Opened public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment and input regarding the initial proposal to the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools from the Nevada County Special Educators Group (NCSEG), and the response from the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools. *(page 1)*

- i. Initial Proposal to the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools from NCSEG for 2023-24 (*page 2*)
- ii. Response to the Initial Proposal from NCSEG from the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools for 2023-24 (*page 3*)

No comments made.

## 9. Closed public hearing

## 10. 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 April 12, 2023 (*page 4*)

**On a motion by Clarabut and seconded by May, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda as presented; motion passed (Yay - Clarabut, Johnson, May and Nicolai; Abstain – Baker).**

## 11. Superintendent's Report

Supt. Lay expressed appreciation for all NCSOS departments and how hard the staff is working.

The McCourtney/Nevada City Hwy. property swap will be going to the NJUHSD board tonight. NCSOS IT, Special Ed, and Maintenance teams have toured the McCourtney site and are ready for the move. We are working with RJ Guess, JMCS CEO, to transfer and have a clean handoff of Earle Jamieson as we support RJ and the districts in this endeavor. We look forward to new pathways for students and the new partnership with JMCS.

Scott Spackman, NCSOS Special Ed Teacher, is the *2023 Teacher Who Makes a Difference* for Nevada County Chapter of ACSA; and *2024 Teacher of the Year* for NCSOS. Blair Baldwin, NCSOS Board Certified Behavioral Analyst, is the *Classified School Employee of the Year* for NCSOS. Both are outstanding educators.

Unfortunately, the Grass Valley Family Resource Center will be closing. GVSD advised \$20,000 rent would be charged for the facility. Plans are being made to take the services offered at the FRC and place them at other sites.

NCSOS's Crown Point parking lot has a sink hole. Hanson Brothers and the Bureau of Mines determined it was a mine shaft vent. Work is being done to fill the hole.

## 12. Staff Reports

- A. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle*

Waddle continues to work on the Special Education Funding Model; helping to support districts; and closing out the yearend books.

- B. Alternative Education, *Amy Brooks* – Brooks was unable to attend today's meeting, Corker reported that Brooks is working hard to help two students graduate.

- C. Educational Services, *Teena Corker*

Corker reported that district LCAP's have been reviewed and returned to the districts. The Art Institute will take place June 13<sup>th</sup> with 50 attendees and has a waitlist. The Strategic Arts Plan is being reviewed; needs will be assessed. The Arts can influence students. We'll look into forming a committee to review indicators and chronic absenteeism rates to see how to improve.

Corker is working on the NCSOS Summary Report for School Districts which summarizes how NCSOS provides assistance.

The Expelled Youth Policy is being revised.

Corker reported that Chris Espedal, Director of School Safety, held an active assailant training for the main office staff. Espedal also holds trainings at districts; and attends the CAUSSSS meetings.

D. SELPA / Special Education, *Eli Gallup*

Gallup is working with Law Enforcement, Fire Personnel, and Chris Espedal, discussing how best to work with students with special needs who may not be able to follow directions in case of an emergency.

In SELPA, Gallup and Corker are working on an SST workgroup with site crews to have a consistent and solid process at sites and add their own pedagogies and interventions. They are also working on the System of Support together to increase communication and avoid duplication of efforts.

Legislation Day was last week, Gallup took a group of parents to meet legislatures to hear concerns.

Special Education school calendars are being aligned with district calendars, attempting to create one unified calendar which would increase professional development. A new Special Education Principal was hired, Kellie Judeen. She's a great fit and understands the Special Education world.

The Board acknowledged and thanked Gallup for all the great work he's doing for our students, families, and staff. May noted the increased costs in Special Education as more and more students are identified. Supt. Lay further explained why the SST Process is important as it can avoid overidentifying, and provides fidelity in the identifying process.

### 13. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Revision to BP 1312 - Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) Annual Notice? (*page 8*)

**On a motion by Clarabut and seconded by May, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Revision to BP 1312 - Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) Annual Notice amending page 2, replacing the Name with the Title, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.**

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education Approve the appointment of Stanton Miller to the John Muir Charter School Board of Trustees for the term 2023-2027?

RJ Guess, JMCS CEO, gave glowing praise of Stan Miller and noted how much his leadership and knowledge is appreciated.

**On a motion by Johnson and seconded by Baker, the Nevada County Board of Education Approved the appointment of Stanton Miller to the John Muir Charter School Board of Trustees for the term 2023-2027; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.**

### 14. Discussion/Information

- A. UPK Mixed Delivery Grant Plan (*page 12*)

Corker introduced Rosnina Dort, Early Education Services Director, who wrote this amazing grant. Dort thanked Corker expressing it was an honor to work with her on this roadmap plan.

B. Third Quarter Williams Review Report FY 2022-23 (*page 70*)

Corker noted that the CDE has not yet posted the new list for schools on the Williams Monitoring list.

C. Treasury Report from Nevada County Treasurer and Tax Collector detailing the portfolio of investments for NCSOS as of March 31, 2023 (*page 83*)

**15. Board Reports**

A. SARB, *Heino Nicolai*

Nicolai advised the first SARB Hearing for the year is scheduled for tomorrow, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

B. Legislative, *Julie Baker*

No report.

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

No report.

D. Individual Board Reports

Johnson attended the ACSA Teachers Who Make a Difference event and the NJUHSD Scholarship Night. The scholarship program flow was great, there was so much joy from the donors. Supt. Frisella gave a brief speech, each student was handed a folder and were then able to meet directly with the donors who were set up at tables.

**15. Adjournment**

Next Meeting Date: June 7, 2023

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Heino Nicolai, Board President  
Nevada County Board of Education

June 21, 2023  
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Date