

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 21, 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	present

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 agenda as presented; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

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 10, 2023 (*page 1*)

B. Approval of minutes of the Regular meeting of June 7, 2023 (*page 5*)

On a motion by Clarabut and seconded by Baker, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda as presented; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

8. Superintendent's Report

Supt. Lay reported on the transfer of Earle Jamieson to John Muir Charter School. All is going well with EJ's move to the McCourtney site. Waddle is working with contractors for the interior and landscaping.

The potential move of the Grass Valley FRC to the Salvation Army did not work out. Staff from the GV FRC will be working at the Penn Valley FRC and Connecting Point.

Eric Nielsen has submitted his retirement letter after 23 years of service. Brenda Herrill is also retiring after 34 years of service. As announced previously, Teena Corker is retiring. Christine McCormick will be Teena Corker's successor. McCormick comes to NCSOS with a wealth of

experience. Interviews are taking place for Herrill's position and substitutes are being looked into for Nielsen's position for the time being.

The Grand Jury Report was released regarding a citizen complaint of Trustees political campaigning during a NJUHSD Board meeting. NCSOS will respond; and the NCBOE will respond. Supt. Lay noted that political campaigning during a board meeting has never happened in Nevada County and that the trustees who were campaigning are no longer on the NJUHSD Board.

Supt. Lay and Corker attended charter school graduations. All Nevada County schools are closed for the summer now. Supt. Lay will be out of the country for 12 days, visiting family in England.

9. Staff Reports

A. Educational Services, *Teena Corker*

Corker is busy with a multitude of projects, meeting with department heads, finishing up final projects, and looking into next year's plans.

Several new hires will be starting including a Health Education Coordinator; a UPK Continuous Improvement Specialist; a Community Schools Coordinator that will oversee the FRC's; a counselor for the Raise Program; a Social Emotional Learning (SEL) / Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) Trainer; and a Data Analyst for FYS.

Corker along with several Ed Services staff attended the Community Schools Summit.

The Raise Them Up FYS fair was a successful event at Twin Cities Church. And the NCSOS Summer Arts Institute for Nevada County Classroom Teachers was fabulous, with over 50 educators in attendance and 12 presenters.

B. Business Services, *Darlene Waddle*

Waddle is wrapping up the year and is busy with maintenance and facilities projects.

The Board would like to schedule a visit to the McCourtney site once the facility and staff are ready. The item will be placed on a future agenda.

C. SELPA/Special Education, *Eli Gallup*

Gallup reported lots of moving of classrooms. Currently Sp Ed is working with NCSD to lease their old district office.

ESY is in its 2nd week. Years past ESY was held at Scotts Flat; now they are at Inn Town Campground in Nevada City, a safer location.

Gallup and Waddle are working with the coordinator on the expanded learning opportunities grant. Some activities include cooking and engaging with reptiles.

SELPA Local Plan was submitted, the funding model discussion continues. General Education population has shrunk, while Special Education population has grown.

10. Action Items

- A. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the 2022-23 Consolidated Application, Part Two Report? ~~(page 6)~~

On a motion by Johnson and seconded by Baker, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the 2022-23 Consolidated Application, Part Two Report; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

- B. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the 2023-24 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)? *(page 26)*

Corker presented the NCSOS 2023-24 LCAP. Waddle addressed budget questions of the Board. The Board expressed appreciation over the details reported in this living document.

On a motion by May and seconded by Clarabut, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the 2023-24 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP); all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

- C. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the NCSOS Special Day Class Additional Technical Support and Improvement (ATSI) Plan? *(page 92)*

On a motion by Johnson and seconded by Baker, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the NCSOS Special Day Class Additional Technical Support and Improvement (ATSI) Plan; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

- D. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education adopt *Resolution 23-05*, Blanket Transfer Resolution to the FY2022-23 budget? *(page 110)* **ROLL CALL VOTE**

On a motion by Clarabut and seconded by Johnson, the Nevada County Board of Education adopted *Resolution 23-05*, Blanket Transfer Resolution to the FY2022-23 budget; by roll call vote; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

- E. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the 2023-24 Proposed Consolidated Budget of the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools, Nevada County Special Education Services, Nevada County SELPA, and Child Development Budget (EC 1620, 1622, 33129, 52066, 52067 and 52068)? *(page 111)*

Waddle walked the Board through a PowerPoint going over the County Office Funds which include the General Fund; Special Education Fund; SELPA Administration Fund; SELPA Pass Through Fund; and the Child Development Fund.

Revenue highlights included Cost of Living increase to LCFF of 8.22%; County ADA decrease of \$21,304; decreased ADA Funding for EJ of \$108,043; continued additional LCFF Funding of \$175,000 per district; continued Federal funding for learning loss resulting from COVID; and continued Local Funding for BCBA and RBT positions.

Expenditure highlights included Cost of Living increase for NCSOS Staff of 5% (excluding Special Ed bargaining units); increase to health and wellness contribution; increase to PERS contributions; closure of EJ; continued Federal funding for learning loss resulting from COVID; continued employment and reimbursement of BCBA and RBT positions; capital improvements for McCourtney Road Site.

Waddle answered questions of the Board, noting NCSOS is very fiscally stable.

On a motion by Clarabut and seconded by May, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the 2023-24 Proposed Consolidated Budget of the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools, Nevada County Special Education Services, Nevada County SELPA, and Child Development Budget (EC 1620, 1622, 33129, 52066, 52067 and 52068); all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

- F. Shall the Nevada County Board of Education approve the Annual Workers' Compensation Certificate regarding self-insured workers' compensation claims for FY2023-24? *(page 190)*

On a motion by Clarabut and seconded by May, the Nevada County Board of Education approved the Annual Workers' Compensation Certificate regarding self-insured workers' compensation claims for FY2023-24; all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

11. Information/Discussion Items

A. NCSOS 2022-23 Local Indicators Report (*page 191*)

Corker presented the NCSOS 2022-23 Local Indicators Report and mentioned that the Countywide Plan for Expelled Youth will be revised in the near future as EJ transitions over to John Muir Charter School.

B. 2023-24 COE Summary Support for School Districts (*page 202*)

C. NCSOS Teacher of the Year – Scott Spackman, Special Ed Programs (*page 212*)

12. Board Reports

A. SARB, *Heino Nicolai*

Nicolai reported only one hearing was held this year. Two families attended and received needed services. Four families were no-shows. The DA and law enforcement are moving forward in taking a proactive approach on offenders to hold parents accountable.

B. Legislative, *Julie Baker*

Baker reported waiting on the Governor's Budget; he has 12 days to sign, approve without signing, or veto a bill; negotiations are taking place; amendments may be made; may table some items; should hear something soon.

C. Charter Liaison, *Timothy May and Louise Johnson* – no report.

D. Individual Board Reports – no reports

13. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: July 12, 2023



Susan Clarabut, Board Vice President
Nevada County Board of Education

July 12, 2023

Date