

# Nevada City School District Board of Trustees



Report from the Board Meeting  
October 30, 2012

## **Governing Board Interviews**

The board interviewed three candidates to replace Amy Wisner who moved out of the district in September. After discussion, the board appointed John Pallett who was immediately sworn in as a trustee.

## **Consent Agenda**

The board approved the consent agenda as posted.

## **Reports**

### **Superintendent:**

- Enrollment: We are down five students since September.
- The board received a School Quality Snapshot, a new report created by the California Department of Education from existing data for our three schools. The reports cover a five year period and are available on the CDE website. The board will receive and discuss this and additional student achievement data at a later meeting.
- Kindergarten students will transition from half day to extended day November 5. Ninety eight percent of the parents surveyed were in favor of this change.
- The Falling Leaves Fun Run, sponsored by the Nevada City Foundation, was held Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup> with 156 participants.

### **Principal Report**

**Seven Hills Principal Sharon Drumm** reviewed bench mark tests in the area of English language arts and math using data generated by LinkIt. This format is still in the formative stage and LinkIt is working with our technology experts to create access to information that will be useful to teachers, administrators and the board. Staff is receiving training in how to use and access this data.

## **First Interim Report Planning**

- The board would like to have the additional teacher reductions already included in the 2013/14 projected budget reported more clearly in the first interim report. The multiyear projection for 2013/14 in the 12/13 adopted budget included a reduction of one teacher for declining enrollment and a reduction of two to three teachers to balance that year's budget. If this budget reduction is still necessary to balance the 13/14 budget, the board would like this explained in the narrative.
- A percent of Title I funds will need to be put in a reserve due to our program improvement status which will require alternative use of those resources.
- A potential decrease in federal revenue will need to be included in the first interim.
- The board budgeted cuts in the 12/13 and 13/14 budgets anticipating the failure of Proposition 30. If Proposition 30 passes, this cut can be rescinded in the first interim.
- The current projection for 13/14 keeps transportation expenses level and eliminates transportation revenue.
- The board would like more information to be provided in the narrative in order to make our status and budget decisions crystal clear to the community, staff and the board.

## **2011-2012 Title 1, Part A Carryover**

The district can only carry over 15% of Title I funds without a waiver. The Board approved a waiver request as we are over the 15% limit due to use of ARRA funds.

## **Policy Updates**

Discussion was held regarding the update of AR 4217.3 Layoff/Rehire. Changes were made in the new policy to make it compliant with current law and our negotiated agreement. This is a first reading and will be brought back for a second reading on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **New Legislation**

Among the many laws passed in 2011/12, six new laws which may affect our district are summarized in the board packet. These laws take effect January 1, 2013.

This informal report is intended to quickly inform our school community about school board discussions and actions and does not replace formal board minutes. The full board agrees to a first version of this report at the board meeting, the report is edited by the president the next morning, reviewed by the superintendent and staff, then distributed to the district and posted on the website.