

Nevada City School District Board of Trustees



Report from the Board Meeting

February 26, 2013

The Board approved the consent agenda.

Reports

Jim Lowe / CSEA #390 - Jim asked for improvement in communications with classified staff when improvements are being made to the facilities (e.g. carpeting, play structures), because they have insights into the operations that other staff do not have.

Joe Limov/ Deer Creek - Casino Night was very successful and fun. The profit is estimated to be \$7,000. PTC at Deer Creek has a carryover of funds of approximately \$20,000. A proposal has been put forward to support supplies for teachers, the Farm to School Program, building cubbies for the rest of the classrooms, some form of technology and the character education program. The Site Council has put together a survey which will be sent out on Survey Monkey at the beginning of April. Marcia Darden has been nominated by Principal Limov for the Teacher Who Makes a Difference.

Sharon Drumm/Seven Hills - Sharon reported on activities at 7 Hills. Topics covered included Safety, Staff Development, CCCSS Workshop, Benchmarks, Boys Council and Girls Circle, Intervention, Band Trip to San Francisco and Talent Show. Rachael Smith has been nominated by Principal Drumm for the Teacher Who Makes a Difference.

Joy Haggart /NCF A President - The faculty association members are brain storming how to get information to the community about the great things we do in our district. An article was submitted to the Union about Headlands and Brain Busters. A request was made to the board to reduce class sizes next year. Technology is also a concern including training in using it in the classrooms.

Discussion/Action

The board approved the Initial Contract proposal for the 2012 2013 school year between NCF A and Nevada City School District to Sunshine before the end of the fiscal year. Teacher conference days were discussed with the faculty asking for additional minimum days for conferences.

Budget Discussion:

1st Interim budget letter dated February 5, 2013 from the County Superintendent of Schools. Our reserve levels are right about where they are suggested we be. The Board has been advised by School Services that a higher reserve is needed (approximately 30%).

Budget Priorities: The board discussed the following budget priorities:

- Class Size reduction – John requested that staff prepare a plan to reach 22 or lower students per class room.
- Technology Infrastructure
- Technology Equipment and professional development for said equipment
- Increasing the reserve to 30% (as recommended by School Services) - Members requested that staff prepare a plan to reach this over a designated period of time.
- Increasing non student contact time for teachers to collaborate, train and engage in Professional Learning Communities with no reduction in student classroom time. Teachers would focus on Common Core, Smarter Balance, and parent teacher conferences.
- Restoring and expanding arts opportunities for students including but not limited to music, visual arts and dance.
- Facility maintenance and repairs including the roof project at 7 Hills
- Student Support especially in math and English
- Beginning to set aside funds for future adoptions and training (e.g. math)
- Field Trips – Members requested that staff prepare a report on the cost of major field trips (e.g. Headlands, Petaluma, Age of Sail) and how they are funded (% paid by parent donations, PTS, etc.)
- Bike Shop Program
- Set aside of district of choice funds for potential special ed needs. Members requested a report on whether enough funds have been received to meet the potential needs.

Resolution 1213-19A Reduction of Intention to Dismiss Certificated Employees for Particular Kinds of Service and Daily Attendance. The Board approved this resolution. This is due to the exhaustion of Title 1 carryover funds.

The updated Single Plan for Student Achievement of 7 Hills was presented to the board and approved.

Goal 4 and Goal 5 for the Strategic Plan for the NCSD District were presented for discussion. The board approved the revised goals and objectives for the strategic plan.

The Grass Valley School district has made the decision to discontinue meetings with NCSD with regards to consolidation. The GV School District would like to wait until they receive more information with regards to the new funding model and how it will affect their district and consolidation.

The Board has scheduled a special meeting for March 15 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss negotiations with bargaining units.