

**MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Tuesday, October 5, 2021**

**Members present**

Janna Waldinger, Gerald Parrott, Jean Donaldson, Don Huffman, Sindy Biederman  
Remote attendance: Jennifer Kresge  
Absent: Ann Cash

**1. ORGANIZATION**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Vice President Don Huffman called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**B. FLAG SALUTE**

The salute to the Flag was led by Julie McClure.

**C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Board Vice President Huffman read the instructions for public participation via teleconference.

**D. WELCOME VISITORS**

Visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

**E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Agenda was amended to add Information Item 7.I. *AB 361 Update* and to change Information Item 7.F. *from Lucy Edwards to Josh Schultz, Deputy Superintendent*. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Huffman, the Board approved the amended agenda. *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None. *Abstained* – Mrs. Kresge.

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes were approved on a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman. *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None. *Abstained* – Mrs. Kresge.

**G. Oath of Office**

Jean Donaldson, Board Trustee Area 6, was sworn in by Barbara Nemko.

**H. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC**

Public comment was given.

**2. PRESENTATIONS and PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. Julie McClure, Associate Superintendent and Caroline Wilson Director, Juvenile Court and Community Schools provided an overview with slides on the LCSSP (Learning Communities for School Success Program) three-year grant which is coming to an end, and the new larger CSSPP (California Community School Partnership Program) two-year grant. The focus for both grants is health and

wellness for our Camille Creek students and families. The new CSSPP grant has also a focus on home visits.

- B. A Public Hearing was opened at 4:00 p.m. on the ESSER III Expenditure Plan. Mr. Schultz reported that the public hearing is held to allow for public input on the draft ESSER III Expenditure Plan. The Board will consider taking action to approve the plan on Item 5.A. The public hearing elicited no comments from the public and was closed at 4:04 p.m.

### **3. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS**

- Dr. Nemko reported that she has been visiting new Principals in Napa and has enjoyed meeting all of them and is very impressed with the classrooms she visited.
- Dr Nemko reported that we are relaunching the FOCUS Group we implemented prior to COVID. As you may recall, *FOCUS on Children* is a communication system designed to notify schools when a student is exposed to a traumatic incident. We are going to go into the agencies and schools to train personnel who will be instrumental in the success of this program.
- Dr Nemko updated the Board on our upcoming event with astronaut Kate Rubins. We are hoping that Ms. Rubins will be here in February to talk about the Artemis project and her experience in space.
- Dr. Nemko introduced the Napa County Reads book called *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang. The author is coming in February for our annual Napa County Reads event and will visit a couple of schools while here.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we will be watching the film *Butter's Final Meal* on October 21. The event is open to the public. We are searching for a venue and have invited the director, lead actor, and local mental health authorities for a Q&A session after the film.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she attended remotely as co-chair the first CDE Early Literary Taskforce committee meeting recently and will keep the Board apprised of future meetings.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she provided the Board with a report from the Hunt Institute on *Early Childhood Development and Its Supporting State Systems: An Introduction for Policymakers* on the science of learning and how the state system can support it. Dr. Nemko noted that with all the lobbying the Board does on behalf of education, this article and its research will be helpful.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Bob Wise, former Governor of West Virginia, who is very involved in education, is the person who connected us with the Chartwell Schools and with UCSF which helped us get the grant on dyslexia. He has now also connected us with a COVID consortium educational agency that has money available for mental health support issues surrounding COVID.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Gordon Heuther is not able to help us with the sculpture and design project we spoke to him about previously. The good news is our welding instructor is also a sculptor and will design something for the students to fabricate for the railing and art.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we have a sketch of a pastoral scene from Nimbus Arts for the Calistoga preschool mural. The teachers hope to use it as a

teaching tool. The Camille Creek students will paint it under the direction of the Nimbus Arts team.

- Dr. Nemko reported that we are reviewing the process for vaccine mandates for our staff.

#### **4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

A. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved Consent Agenda Item 4.A. (Temporary County Certificates). *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None. *Abstained* – Mrs. Kresge.

B. No On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved Consent Agenda Item 4.B. (Board Member Compensation – Ann Cash). *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None. *Abstained* – Mrs. Kresge.

#### **5. ACTION ITEM**

A. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board approved the ESSER III Expenditure Plan. *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None. *Abstained* – Mrs. Kresge.

B. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Donaldson, the Board adopted Resolution 2021-22 (Gann Limit Calculations). *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None. *Abstained* – Mrs. Kresge.

C. On a motion by Mr. Parrott and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board adopted Resolution 2021-22: Transfer of Funds from Fund 01 to Fund 35. *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None. *Abstained* – Mrs. Kresge.

D. Board approval Holly and Associates Change Order 05 was tabled to the November meeting on a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Huffman. *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None. *Abstained* – Mrs. Kresge.

The Board took a short break at 4:50p.m. and resumed the meeting at 4:55.

#### **6. SCHEDULED MATTER**

Scheduled Matter was tabled to the November meeting.

#### **7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. The Board accepted the Personnel Activity Report as presented.

B. Mr. Schultz noted that the Camille Creek update was previously reported on Item 5.D., and there is nothing further to report.

C. Mr. Schultz reported that the Napa County Consolidated Redistricting Calendar 2021-22 has been included in the Board packet. There is an error on the calendar, and John Tuteur is aware of it and will be providing an updated calendar. Mr. Schultz reminded the Board that upcoming dates to note are a public input session on November 16, a first look at proposed maps for the Board on January 4 and, if ready, approval of the maps by the Napa County Board of Education on February 1. The last piece of the process is the Napa County Committee on School District Organization has to approve maps, not only for the Napa County Board of Education, but also approve maps for the Napa Valley Unified School District, and the Napa Valley College. The Napa County Committee on School District Organization must adopt by the end of March.

D. Mr. Schultz provided a report on the unaudited Actual Expenditures and Income for the 2020-2021. It was reported that the NCOE closed the year in a strong financial position with considerable surplus. Mr. Schultz will have a summary report for the Board's review at the November meeting.

E. Ms. Edwards reported on LCAP and the three-year plan that describes the goals, actions, services, and expenditures to support positive student outcomes that address state and local priorities. The Board adopted the 2021-2022 LCAP on June 8, 2021, and the CDE approved the NCOE's 2021-2022 LCAP on September 24, 2021.

F. Mr. Schultz reported that the Williams Uniform Complaints Procedures Quarterly Report received a complaint; a personnel matter for one of our employees in St. Helena.

G. Ms. McClure noted the Governor's decision on a COVID vaccine mandate and reported that the NCOE is considering a vaccine mandate. Ms. McClure reported that our testing program is going well. We continue to have surveillance testing for all our staff working with students. We received assistance for testing from the California Department of Public Health. Our unvaccinated staff are tested weekly. In terms of cases, we saw an uptick in September as students came back to school. We have dashboards on our website so the Board can keep track of our updates. We are ever vigilant and continue to be stringent in our approach to contact tracing, testing, quarantine, and classroom closures. If we get a case in a preschool classroom, we close the classroom.

H. Mr. Huffman reported that the ad hoc committee met and determined that our policies are in line, but the language at the opening paragraph on the agenda needs to be updated. The committee does not recommend a change to the policy, and the agenda opening paragraph has been updated.

I. Mr. Schultz reported that as of September 30, we are back to the old rules of the Brown Act. As of October 1, unless the Board takes action under AB 361, to put in place emergency provisions, teleconference and video are still allowed but every location where a board member is meeting must be listed on the agenda. If a Board member is attending remotely, we have to know ahead of time and the agenda must

be posted at the location where the meeting is occurring, and the address will be on the agenda. This topic will be an Information Item on the November agenda.

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**9. NEXT MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The next regular meeting of the Napa County Board of Education will be on Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Nemko, Secretary  
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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date