

**MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, December 7, 2021**

Members present

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

1. ORGANIZATION

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Ann Cash called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

B. FLAG SALUTE

The salute to the Flag was led by Gerald Parrott.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Board President Cash read the instructions for public participation via teleconference.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Instructions for Comments by the Public for Items not on the Agenda and Comments by the Public for items on the Agenda were read.

E. WELCOME TO VISITORS

Visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

F. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved on a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Huffman. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None.

G. APPROVAL OF AGENDA MINUTES

The Minutes were approved on a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Huffman. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None.

H. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

Public comment was given.

2. PRESENTATIONS and PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. *Connie Silva, Director, Research and Professional Development Center, updated the Board on the objective of the programs and contracts which exist to provide technical assistance to local educational agencies in California that are identified as significantly disproportionate. Ms. Silva noted that a lot of the work is centered around equity and helping districts identify their inequity. The programs include CALI Reads, Desired Results Access, SPPTAP (State Performance Plan Technical Assistance Project, and ADRCal.*

Patty Salcedo, Co-Director, Desired Results Access Project, reported that the Desired Results Access Project is the desired results developmental profile, which is a statewide assessment for all children in California Department of Education programs. Ms. Salcedo noted that the Desired Results Access Project is responsible for the development of that instrument and implementation for all children with disabilities. The NCOE is the California implementation site for this program and has nine sites for embedded instruction for early learning with two of those as new sites. The NCOE has been a site since the beginning, and it is considered a model site. Ms. Salcedo noted that she is happy and proud to report that the NCOE's results for the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) for federal reporting on child outcomes are above the state's set targets.

Vicki Griffo, Project Director, CALI Reads, reported that the CALI Reads program has developed resources and training modules through the project and all are free and accessible on the website. CALI Reads is a 10 million dollar grant from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) at the United States Department of Education, awarded to the CDE, and the grant is administered by the NCOE. The NCOE has administered this grant since 2007, and Dr. Griffo noted they are proud of this accomplishment, and they are the architects of that work too. Through this grant, training, coaching, and systems of support are provided to districts in need across the state, are focused on improving literacy. The work is done with districts and middle schools and the focus is on students with disabilities and at-risk students. Dr. Griffo encouraged the Board to spread the word about these resources.

- B. Sara Sitch, Director, Community Programs, and Vanessa Rubio, Program Coordinator presented an overview of the Mariposa program and walked the Board through the program structure and the opportunities available. Ms. Rubio reported that the Mariposa program has been included in this year's CanDo Give!Guide. Ms. Rubio noted that this is the Mariposa program's biggest campaign with a target goal of \$15,000 and encouraged the Board to consider donating to the Give!Guide to benefit Mariposa and to also consider dine and donate night, on December 17, at La Cheve Bakery and Brews.
- C. Leidy Tovar, representative of the foster youth and homeless team, reported on the coat drive for youth experiencing homelessness and the support the program is giving foster youth. Ms. Tovar noted that each year they receive coats from Operation Warm Coats. They received the first shipment and are expecting two more shipments in January and February. Ms. Tovar further reported that her role also includes supporting foster youth students to complete financial aid applications for college.
- D. Dr. Nemko presented a video of the Memorial Garden at the Veteran's Administration in Martinez, created to honor former Board member Steve Orndorf who, through Rotary, devoted many hours throughout the years to help veterans in crisis.

The Board took a short break at 5:00 p.m. The meeting resumed at 5:10 p.m.

3. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

- Mrs. Waldinger reported that as Student Services Manager of If Given a Chance, she is announcing that Peg Maddocks has been appointed Executive Director of If Given a Chance.
- Dr. Nemko provided a copy of the Pledge of Allegiance with the correct punctuation which shows how to recite the Pledge of Allegiance the way it was intended to be recited.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Congressman Mike Thompson wrote a letter, on behalf of the NCOE, to the United States Department of Education asking the department to grant the NCOE permission to carryover funds and reinstate the full grant award. The NCOE's CALI Reads program receives a 10 million dollar grant for a literacy program that benefits underperforming districts and middle schools throughout the state. The grant has been reduced by \$1,500,000, because CDE has not yet billed the federal government for the money that has been spent. Dr. Nemko noted that we greatly appreciate Congressman Thompson's help in supporting us with this matter.
- Dr. Nemko gave the Board a copy of a letter from Napa Sanitation regarding a disagreement the NCOE is having with Napa Sanitation over the sewer line for the new Camille Creek facility. Allen Rossi is talking with DSA next week, so we can more clearly explain to Napa Sanitation why we are taking the position we are taking. We will then set up a meeting with Napa Sanitation to include our Board President and their Board President for negotiation purposes.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we received \$5,000 from the Brogliatti fund to benefit the Camille Creek program. We are pleased to receive this donation every year.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Napa Register Reporter, Jennifer Huffman, recently toured the Camille Creek campus and talked with students to hear what they have to say about their new school.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we have invited those from the community who work directly with Camille Creek (law enforcement, probation department, etc.) to an official ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Camille Creek site on Tuesday, December 14 at 3:30. Dr. Nemko invited the Board to join us at the grand opening.
- Dr. Nemko reported that astronaut Kate Rubins will be here tentatively February 17. We will do a public announcement once NASA confirms the date. Congressman Mike Thompson will speak at the evening event. Ms. Rubins will visit Vintage High, and we are hoping she can visit Camille Creek as well.
- Dr. Nemko invited the Board to a Cabinet book club get-together at her house on Friday, December 17, to discuss the book *Education* by Tera Westover.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the *Butter* laptop competition was awarded to Giselle Torres, American Canyon High School, for the video she created to urge Butter to reconsider his desire to take his own life.
- Dr. Nemko congratulated the NCOE for winning the Golden Bell award for the NCOE Professional Learning Network Systems of Support, and noted that she and Mrs. Cash accepted the award at the CSBA conference.

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

B. No action was taken on Consent Agenda Item 4.B. (Board Member Compensation).

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board approved the Second Reading of Board Bylaw 9121 President and Other Officers. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None. *Abstained* – Mrs. Kresge.

B. On a motion by Mr. Huffman and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Expenditure Plan. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None.

C. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Huffman, the Board approved the First Interim Budget Report. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None.

D. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Donaldson, the Board approved and adopted Resolution 2021-25: Resolution in Support of Assembly Bill No. 75, Kindergarten-Community Colleges Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2022 if it includes a modification allowing COE's to receive facilities and funding for preschools. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None.

E. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved and adopted Resolution 2021-26: Temporary Borrowing of Funds by Fund 01 and Fund 12 from Fund 17. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None.

6. SCHEDULED MATTER

Mrs. Cash reported and read Assembly Bill 361 Brown Act Teleconferencing Requirements which included the rules around remote meetings.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

B. Mr. Schultz updated the Board on the NCOE's OPEB Funding Program for our employee retiree health care benefits that we provide. In the Board's packet is the latest report, as of September 30, 2021, from the trust that we contribute these funds to. We have been very successful funding this liability. We are significantly

overfunded because the investment earnings have done so well. Mr. Schultz summarized noting that the NCOE is fully funded, and we are keeping our costs down long term.

C. Ms. McClure provided slides for the Board on the COVID Program for NCOE with updated numbers for COVID testing, COVID cases, and vaccination status,

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Kresge requested that the NCOE provide a report for the Board on how the NCOE is doing in the mathematical domain.

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, January 4, 2022.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Nemko, Secretary
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Approved _____ Date _____