MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, January 18, 2022

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

1. ORGANIZATION

A. CALL TO ORDER
Board President Don Huffman called the Special Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

B. FLAG SALUTE
The salute to the Flag was led by Sindy Biederman.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Board President Huffman 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 Mr. Donaldson and a second by Mrs. Waldinger. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman. Noes – None.

G. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC
Public comment was given.

2. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (5:30 p.m.)

The Board will hold a closed session with Legal Counsel regarding Significant Exposure to Litigation: multiple threats of litigation resulting from Mayacamas Charter School’s appeal of Napa Valley Unified School District’s denial of their petition for establishment of a charter school per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2); two potential lawsuits.

3. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION (6:10 p.m.)
4. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Huffman reported there was no action taken during closed session and nothing to report.

5. PRESENTATION

Jennifer Nix, Senior Associate General Counsel, School and College Legal Services of California, provided an overview on the charter school appeals process.

Mr. Huffman invited the Public to Comment. No public comment was given.

6. CONSIDER VIRTUAL BOARD MEETINGS

Mr. Schultz reported that the Board meetings have been operating under the current Brown Act rules, but given the situation with the new variant Omicron and the possibility that large numbers of the public want to participate in our meetings, we felt it was important for the Board to consider granting those flexibilities to allow for continued virtual meetings until that requirement is no longer necessary. The Board will need to make the same finding at least every 30 days.

On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board approved the process to institute the reorganization of the virtual meetings. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman. Noes – None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Nemko, Secretary

Approved_______________________    Date  _________________________