

**MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, March 1, 2022**

Members present

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

1. ORGANIZATION

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Don Huffman called the meeting to order at 3:30 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. WELCOME TO VISITORS

Visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes from the January 4 and January 18, 2022 meetings were approved on a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Parrott. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge. Noes – None.

G. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

Public comment was given.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Michael D. Ash, CPA, of Christy White Associates, presented NCOE's audit report for the period ending June 30, 2021. Mr. Ash announced the report has been given an unmodified opinion, and this is the highest rating possible.
- B. Approval of Annual Audit Report: on a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mrs. Waldinger, the Board approved the NCOE's audit report for the period ending June 30, 2021. Ayes – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge. Noes – None.

3. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

- Dr. Nemko reported that we received an award from the K12 Workforce Program through the community colleges for \$879,477. The grant is for staff positions that will allow us to give each high school in the county an aide to help students with their CTC classes or students in need of English Learner services, as well as one position in our office to help in College and Career Readiness.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we submitted a grant for 10 million dollars to the California Department of Education for reading that would be in addition to the grant that we currently have in reading. Our partners are Chartwell School in Monterey County that work with dyslexic students and UCSF that does work in the neurobiology of dyslexia.
- Dr. Nemko reported she has been working with Senator Becker's office on Senate Bill 867 funding to provide professional development for digital equity. This grant would provide funding to county offices of education to offer the kind of professional development that teachers need today in technology. Dr. Nemko further reported that she has been writing letters and soliciting letters to express approval. Dr. Nemko noted that she will send the Board a copy of the letters she has sent and invited the Board to call or write a letter to express their support.
- Dr. Nemko reported the NCOE has a meeting tomorrow with Napa Sanitation regarding ongoing discussion.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Seana Wagner and the Communications team won the California School Public Relations Association (CalSPRA) 2022 Excellence in Communications Award and largely for all the work she has done during the pandemic.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the NCOE is working with the Napa Valley Education Foundation to put on a series of wellness events for teachers who have had a difficult two years because of COVID.

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mrs. Cash, 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. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge. *Noes* – None.

B. There was no action taken on Board Compensation.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board adopted Resolution 2022-7 Authorizing Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None.

B. On a motion by Mrs. Biederman and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board adopted Resolution 2022-6 State Building Funds Application. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge. *Noes* – None.

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

D. On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved Holly and Associates Change Order 7. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge. *Noes* – None.

E. On a motion by Mr. Donaldson and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved Silver Creek Industries Change Orders 13 and 14. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge. *Noes* – None.

F. On a motion by Mrs. Biederman and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved the Comprehensive School Safety Plan. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge. *Noes* – None.

G. On a motion by Mrs. Biederman and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved Holly and Associates Notice of Completion. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge. *Noes* – None.

6. SCHEDULED MATTER

Mrs. Kresge reported that Legislative Action Week is March 15-17. Mrs. Kresge noted that the event is virtual and recommended searching the CSBA website (csba.org) to find out about their advocacy opportunities. Mrs. Kresge further suggested the Board review online the CSBA's 286 pages of legislative action and use some of the GAMUT meetings and policy protocol to assess for yourself.

Mr. Huffman reported that he spoke to Senator Bill Dodd on the inequities into the local tax, asked him to come by Camille Creek and take a look at the campus if he hadn't already done so, and also to review some additional correspondence that we've been getting from members of the community relative to our discussion points for the March 15 special meeting.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

B. Mr. Schultz provided a summary of the A-G Completion Improvement Grant Expenditure Plan and reported that the plan is a one-time funding source that is part of the current year state budget 2021-22. Mr. Schultz reported that the NCOE will expend the A-G Access Grant for activities that directly support pupil access to, and successful completion of, the A-G course requirements.

Mr. Huffman opened the topic up for Board questions and public comment. Public comment was not given.

C. Ms. McClure provided an update to the NCOE COVID-19 Prevention Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services. The update reflects our increased current testing practices, and updates to show the current guidance on quarantine and isolation with positive cases as well as the update to reflect physical distancing. The plan is located on the NCOE website with an email address for anyone to give comments on the plan.

D. Ms. McClure updated the Board on continued COVID-19 safe practices, including the Governor's recently released new guidance on removing masking mandates in schools and replacing the language noting masking is strongly recommended. After consultation with Napa County Public Health, the NCOE will follow these new guidelines.

E. Mr. Schultz reported on the Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining topic and provided the initial proposals from NCFT, SEIU, and NCOE showing articles of the existing contract they intend to bargain. Mr. Schultz called for public comment. Public comment was not given.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: 1) Review meeting format regarding meeting location; 2) Teacher/Staff Appreciation Recognition.

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, April 5, 2022.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Nemko, Secretary
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Approved _____ Date