

MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Members present

Remote Attendance: Janna Waldinger, Gerald Parrott, Jean Donaldson, Sindy Biederman, Jennifer Kresge

Absent: Mrs. Cash, Mr. Huffman

1. ORGANIZATION

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Sindy Biederman called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

B. FLAG SALUTE

The salute to the Flag was led by Jean Donaldson.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Vice President Biederman read the instructions for public participation via teleconference.

D. WELCOME TO VISITORS

Visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Agenda was amended to remove *Item 7.D. Preliminary Budget Report* from the Agenda. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge. *Noes* – None.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes from the March 1 and March 15, 2022 meetings were approved on a motion by Mr. Donaldson and a second by Mr. Parrott. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge. *Noes* – None.

G. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

Public comment was given.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Asha McDowell Expanded Learning Manager Elementary, for Phillips, Shearer, and Snow schools presented a short video on the Jr. Classroom Leader program and its incorporation of youth voice. Betty Vargas, Assistant Site Supervisor at Shearer Elementary, presented on overseeing the Jr. classroom leaders at sites by providing curriculum, professional development, and public speaking opportunities.

Casey Wedding, Expanded Learning Program Manager Middle School, presented a short video from students on the Student Leadership Program at our ACE middle school sites. The ACE program works with middle schools in the county: Calistoga, Harvest, Redwood, Silverado, and River. Alana Collins, President of Harvest Middle School Leadership, is in 7th grade and she discussed why she joined leadership and why she likes it. Students in ACE leadership choose a social justice, prevention, equity, or diversity topic each month and work towards a presentation or campaign directed towards their peers to raise awareness about the topic.

3. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

- Dr. Nemko reported she is currently attending the ASU+GSV Summit and feels privileged to have received a scholarship to attend the conference. ASU+GSV is a collaboration between Arizona State University (ASU) and Global Silicon Valley (GSV) with educators and business leaders coming together around learning and work.
- Dr. Nemko reported that last week she did two virtual presentations for the California Association of Bilingual Education, one live-presentation at CAAASA, and a live-presentation at National School Board Association.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she received a thank you note and orchid from one of the nurses at NVUSD regarding a request from the nurses at five different elementary schools for ice machines. The nurses previously had to walk across campus to get ice when a student was injured. Ellen Sitter read the thank you note from nurse Sara Morris.
- Janna Waldinger announced that the *If Given a Chance High School Senior Awards Ceremony* is May 16 at the Napa Valley College. The invitation and how to register can be found at www.ifgivenachance.org.
- Dr. Nemko reminded the Board on the *Pictures of Hope* event at COPIA tomorrow with photographer, Linda Solomon. Fourteen students from our After School program will be at Copia at 2:00pm to meet with Ms. Solomon and talk about their aspirations and dreams for the future. Ms. Solomon will teach them how to use real digital cameras and will give each of them a digital camera. The students will then walk around the downtown area, with a representative from NCOE, and take pictures of images and things they want to have in their life. The students will keep their cameras and one of each students' photos will be selected and shown at an exhibition in May. The photos will be put together into boxes or made into cards that people can purchase. The money will go back to our After School program. Jill Techel, former Mayor of Napa, Steve Potter, City Manager, and Board Trustee Janna Waldinger will be there too.

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). A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge. *Noes* – None.

B. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved Board Member Compensation (Ann Cash, Don Huffman). A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge. *Noes* – None.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board adopted Resolution 2022-12 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, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None.

B. The Board approved the recommendation for a 5 percent allowable increase for Board compensation under Education Code 1090. On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved the allowable 5 percent increase with an effective date of April 1, 2022. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge. *Noes* – None.

C. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved the Atlas Peak Construction Notice of Completion. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge. *Noes* – None.

D. On a motion by Mr. Parrott and a second by Mr. Donaldson, the Board approved the California Basic Education Skills Test (CBEST) Waiver Blanket Statement indicating that the county intends to employ substitute teachers on CBEST waivers during the school year. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge. *Noes* – None.

E. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board adopted Resolution 2022-13 (Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators). A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge. *Noes* – None.

F. On a motion by Mr. Parrott and a second by Mr. Donaldson, the Board adopted Resolution 2022-14 for Bridge Financing for State Building Fund Application. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge. *Noes* – None.

G. On a motion by Mr. Parrott and a second by Mr. Donaldson, the Board approved the Silver Creek Industries Notice of completion. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* –

Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge. *Noes* – None.

H. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved the A-G Completion Improvement Grant Program Plan. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge. *Noes* – None.

I. On a motion by Mr. Donaldson and second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board approved the Ratification of Written Findings Regarding Denial of Petition to Form the Mayacamas Charter Middle School. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – Mrs. Kresge.

J. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved the Napa County Sheriff's Office Access to Camille Creek Camera System Under Emergency Circumstances. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge. *Noes* – None.

6. SCHEDULED MATTER

Mrs. Kresge reminded the Board that CSBA's *School News* is a helpful publication and encouraged the Board to read it. CSBA's new President, Susan Heredia, wrote an excellent article in *School News* on the benefits of LCFF (Local Control Funding Formula) and the perils of over-relying on categorical funding.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

B. Mr. Schultz reported no complaints under the Williams Uniform Complaints Procedures quarterly Report.

Mr. Schultz noted that the NCOE had a Uniform Complaint harassment claim investigated by our attorneys, and it was determined that nothing arose to the level of harassment.

C. Mr. Schultz provided a brief update on the fiscal health of the districts.

D. The Preliminary Budget Report item has been removed from the Agenda.

E. Ms. McClure reported that CSBA which manages our Board policies is moving their old system to a new platform. In the process, CSBA is making sure our Board policies are in alignment with CSBA's policy numbers and titles. Some of our policies, as listed on the coversheet in the Board packet, needed slight name and number changes so they match up with other county offices in the State. The list in the Board packet shows where we made those changes. This item will be brought back to the Board for a second reading and approval at the May meeting.

Mr. Schultz noted that CSBA has a new CSBA policy on security, and our attorney recommended that we adopt this policy. We will have this item on the May agenda for the Board's review.

F. Ms. McClure provided a slide show and update on the NCOE COVID program with regard to mask requirements and statistics showing that COVID cases have declined for our staff and students.

G. Dr. Nemko updated the Board on the proposed take-back of the preschool special education program.

H. The Board agreed to postpone the traditional Staff Appreciation luncheon to September because of COVID concerns.

Mr. Parrott suggested Board members create a 15-second video appreciation message for staff.

I. The Board agreed in light of new COVID variants that the Board will wait until September to have their first offsite meeting at Camille Creek.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: 1) North Bay Schools Insurance Authority (NBSIA) travel reimbursement requirements for liability insurance coverage for NCOE through NBSIA; and, 2) Proposed Budget.

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, May 3, 2022.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Nemko, Secretary
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Approved _____ Date