

**MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Tuesday, October 4, 2022**

**Members present**

Jean Donaldson, Don Huffman, Sindy Biederman, Ann Cash

Remote Attendance: Jennifer Kresge, Gerry Parrott, Janna Waldinger

**1. ORGANIZATION**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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**

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, amended to include remote attendance by Mr. Parrot and a sequence change to the order of Item 2. Presentations, was approved on a motion by Mrs. Biederman and a second by Mr. Donaldson. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None.

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Mrs. Sindy Biederman and a second by Mrs. Cash, the Minutes of September 6 and September 27, 2022 were approved. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None.

**G.** Public Comment was given.

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

A. Kelsey Petithomme, Director, Early Childhood Services, presented the California State Preschool Program Self-Evaluation 2021-2022 and Goal Setting for 2022-2023.

B. Presentation non-profit charity.

C. Julie McClure, Associate Superintendent, and Seana Wagner, Director, Communications and Special Projects, provided an update on the Napa County Office of Education Strategic Plan.

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

- Dr. Nemko congratulated Seana Wagner, Director, Communications and Special Projects, on receiving the CAPIO award from the California Public Information Officers Association for the category Crisis Communications Response.
- Dr. Nemko read a thank you note from former Superintendent of Howell Mountain Elementary School District, Cheryl Lynn de Werff, who is a new substitute teacher for Camille Creek. Dr. de Werff thanked Sarah White, Credentials Analyst, for taking the time to walk her to Camille Creek and introduce her to staff.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we received a grant from the CDE for the Desired Results Access Project to provide services for 60 sites. We are reviewing the need for additional staff to do this work.
- Dr. Nemko reported that NCOE is being considered for the Technical Assistance Provider for Early Childhood Full Inclusion.
- Dr. Nemko reminded the Board of the Administrators' Breakfast, October 25, at the NCOE with special guest speaker, First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom on the topic of mental health.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the NCOE is fully staffed in our fiscal department, and we are also hiring more subs after all of our recruiting efforts.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she and Ellen Sitter are working on astronaut Kate Rubins visit to Napa in April. The event will be livestreamed at Vintage High School followed by a community event at a community venue.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we are planning a town hall event at the Napa Valley College to show Ken Burns film *Hiding in Plain Sight: Youth Mental Illness* with a panel of experts and a Q&A to follow. Date to be determined.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she recently attended the STEAM conference on math, technology, and the arts. The projects featured were designed to get students interested in science.

### **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. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None.

B. No action was taken on Consent Agenda Item 4.B.

### **5. ACTION ITEMS**

A. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved Resolution 2022-33, Stephanie Cavello Solberg; 2022-35, Pam Poole; and, 2022-36, Darlene Howell, to appoint retired annuitant employees within the 180 days of their retirement, to fill a critically needed role. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None.

B. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Cash, the Board adopted Resolution 2022-34 (GANN Limit Calculations) to approve calculations of local revenue in accordance with the Provision of Proposition 4 (1979). A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.

## **6. SCHEDULED MATTER**

Mrs. Kresge encouraged the Board to view Governor Newsom's website to view the bills the Governor most recently signed and those he vetoed, as some apply to education.

## **7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

B. Mr. Schultz reviewed the unaudited actuals and reported that we have closed the books on 2021-22 noting that the numbers represent our understanding on expenditures and revenues for this period, and these numbers will be double-checked by the auditors.

C. Mr. Schultz reported that we will receive new unrestricted money from the State, so we reopened the bargaining session and have approved a 0.75 percent increase for all staff. Mr. Schultz included the salary schedules that reflect the changes in compensation and noted the salary schedules are always on our website and always disclosed to the public.

D. Update Camille Creek Contracts was tabled to the November meeting.

E. Mr. Schultz reported there are no Williams Uniform Complaints to report.

F. Ms. McClure reviewed the changes to Board Policy 6158 Independent Study and noted that changes in the law required a revision for this year noting that we are now required to have master agreements signed before the start of Independent Study. This policy will be on the November agenda for a second reading and Board approval.

G. Mrs. Kresge provided highlights from the CCBE Conference.

President Huffman asked for public comment prior to adjourning to closed session. No public comment was given.

## **8. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (5:57 p.m.)**

The Board adjourned to closed session for discussion and possible action as follows:

- A. Conference with legal Counsel Regarding Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation resulting from State Board of Education grant of Mayacamas Charter School's appeal of Napa County Board of Education's denial of their petition for establishment of a charter school, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) – one potential lawsuit.

**9. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION (6:50 p.m.)**

The Board met in closed session to deliberate the appeal. President Huffman announced nothing to report from closed session.

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

The next regular meeting of the Napa County Board of Education will be Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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