

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

**Members present**

Jean Donaldson, Don Huffman, Sindy Biederman, Ann Cash, Janna Waldinger,  
Gerry Parrott

Absent: Jennifer Kresge

**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 Josh Schultz.

**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 was approved on a motion by Ms. Waldinger, and a second by Mr. Parrott.  
Ayes – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr.  
Huffman. Noes – None.

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Donaldson, the Minutes of October  
4, 2022 were approved. Ayes – Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs.  
Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.

**G.** Public Comment was given.

**2. PRESENTATION**

A. Coleen Petersen, Program Manager, College and Career Readiness, presented the  
*8 Pathways* brochures that were developed for the Napa Valley Adult Education  
Consortium. Each brochure features employers, education, and job titles with salary  
ranges. The *8 Pathways* are: business, construction, education, healthcare,  
hospitality, manufacturing, technology, and small scale farming. The brochures are  
used for career exploration and planning.

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

- Dr. Nemko reported on the recent Administrators' Breakfast held at the NCOE for our local education partners to learn more about local youth mental health resources and supports. Dr. Nemko noted that we were pleased to have as

our guests, First Partner, Jennifer Siebel Newsom, Dr. Diana Ramos, California Surgeon General, Michael Lombardo with Placer County Office of Education, and Jill Barnes, NCOE Senior Program Manager for Mental Health.

- Dr. Nemko reminded the Board that the film screening for *Hiding in Plain Site* will be held at the Napa Valley College on November 7 followed by a panel of experts facilitated by Jeni Olsen, Prevention Director, Mentis. The panel will include Shari Staglin, Director, *One Mind*; Toby Ewing, Executive Director California Mental Health Services; a student; and Chelsea Stoner, Napa County Health and Human Services.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she met Jared Joiner with the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative at a recent League of Innovative Schools conference. Mr. Joiner shared an educational tool the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative created called "reflection cards" which teachers can use as writing prompts or conversation starters with students. Dr. Nemko noted that the cards are a way to get teachers to relate to students.
- Dr. Nemko thanked Sindy Biederman for introducing us to Spirit Horse Ranch. Mrs. Biederman and Dr. Nemko visited the ranch where formerly abused horses are taken care of and brought back to health. The thought is for the Camille Creek students to visit regularly, help take care of the horses, and hopefully spark a new interest for students.
- Dr. Nemko asked Community Projects to support Napa County Reads to purchase books for the upcoming Napa County Reads event. Dr. Nemko reported that Community Projects donated \$7,350.00 to support Napa County Reads. The funds are used for the author's travel expenses and the balance of funds is for books.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Josh Schultz, on behalf of the NCOE, received a very nice letter from the California Department of Education thanking him for the timely submittal of the 2021-2022 Standardized Account Code Structure and/or Charter Schools Alternative form Unaudited Actual Financial Report.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we received a letter from Redwood Empire Food Bank letting us know that they distributed over 59 million dollars worth of food and that our CalServes program played a vital role in this effort.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we are hosting a Footsteps2Brilliance workshop for our Digital Early Literacy program at the NCOE tomorrow. We will have more than 40 people from around the state to share strategies on what makes the program work and others who are interested in the program. The Board is invited to stop by at any time.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we are looking at greater security measures than we currently have for our schools and staff. Tulare County has a web-based system called ActVNet that provides law enforcement access to school's buildings, cameras, and site plans. Dr. Nemko noted that another system being considered is a wireless system where students and staff wear a badge which allows the wearer to alert law enforcement by pressing the badge. Both of these systems will be presented for consideration at upcoming Superintendents' Council meetings.

#### **4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

A. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved Consent Agenda Item 4.A. (Temporary County Certificates). Ayes – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.

B. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved Board Compensation (Jennifer Kresge). Ayes – Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Huffman. Noes – Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Cash.

#### **5. ACTION ITEMS**

A. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board approved Board Policy 6158 Independent Study retroactive to the start of the school year. Ayes – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.

B. On a motion by Mrs. Biederman and a second by Mrs. Cash, the Board approved the appointment of an ad hoc committee for the charter school policy. The ad hoc committee appointees are Board members Jean Donaldson, Gerry Parrott, and Janna Waldinger. Ayes – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.

#### **6. SCHEDULED MATTER**

Scheduled Matter was tabled to the December meeting.

#### **7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

B. Dr. Nemko reviewed the Williams Annual Visitation Report and noted that a playground structure at McPherson Elementary was in need of a replacement part. The playground structure is blocked off pending the replacement part. There were no other findings.

C. Mr. Schultz provided an update on the Camille Creek project budget and expenditures.

D. Board members expressed interest for holding positions of President, Vice president, or Trustee Representative.

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** Board review Board Policy 9250 Remuneration, Reimbursement, and Other Benefits.

#### **9. NEXT MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The next regular meeting of the Napa County Board of Education will be Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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