

Amended Minutes to reflect corrected information to the following items:

12. *Report from Closed Session*

13. *Open Session*

MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Members present

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

Remote Attendance: 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 Janna Waldinger.

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 Mr. Parrott and a second by Ms. Waldinger. 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 Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Minutes of August 2, 2022 were approved. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None. *Abstained* – Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge.

G. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

Public comment was given.

2. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION 3:40 p.m.

The purpose of the closed session hearing with respect to: Review potential litigation.
Potential cases: 1

3. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

- A. The Board met in closed session to review potential litigation. No further action was taken.

4. OPEN SESSION (4:00 p.m.)

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. A Public Hearing was opened at 4:02 p.m. and was held on the matter of sufficiency and current content of textbooks and instructional materials as utilized in the 2022-2023 school year. Nancy Dempsey, Director of Juvenile Court and Community Schools, reported that all instructional materials are aligned with the common core standards. The public hearing which was held in compliance with Education Code Section 60119, to encourage participation by parents, teachers, members of the community and bargaining unit leaders on the issue of sufficiency and current content of textbooks and instructional materials as utilized in the 2022-2023 school year, elicited no comments from the public. The public hearing closed at 4:10 p.m.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

- Dr. Nemko reported that she and three Board members will be attending the CCBE conference in Monterey this week.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she has been visiting the elementary schools with new principals beginning with St. Helena Elementary, Bel Aire Elementary, Willow, and next week a visit to McPherson Elementary is planned. Dr. Nemko noted that everyone is off to a good start with an emphasis on social and emotional wellness. Dr. Nemko reported that the NCOE used to have a program for elementary schools called *I Read to the Principal*. The NCOE will continue to sponsor this program and will provide *I Read to the Principal* certificates, for the principal to sign, and pencils with the same logo for students.
- Dr. Nemko reported on State Superintendent Tony Thurmond's press conference last week on addressing literacy in the state. Superintendent Thurmond announced a partnership with Footsteps2Brilliance, an early literacy technology company that offers free English and Spanish online interactive books, games, and activities to all families and students in California. Dr. Nemko reported that we were the first LEA in California to partner with Footsteps2Brilliance in 2010.
- Dr. Nemko thanked Julie McClure who submitted the Early Education Teacher Development Grant that helps would-be teachers earn a teaching credential. We were awarded the grant that started July 31, 2022 and runs through June 30, 2025.
- Dr. Nemko reported that in an effort to help the district find more subs, the NCOE has created lawn signs advertising the need for substitute teachers and aides and encouraged the Board to pick up a sign after the meeting.

- Dr. Nemko reported that we have expanded the Induction Program so we can help administrators clear their credential. Dr. Nemko noted that we are currently operating a satellite program with Placer County and have applied to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for licensure to run our own program.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she is meeting with Troy Knox, Principal, McPherson Elementary next week to review lists of former students to see how they are doing in school with the hope of reducing the number of students who go on to struggle in school. Dr. Nemko referenced last year's Breaking Barriers meeting at Camille Creek which was the impetus for creating a "backwards map" to help schools such as McPherson, Phillips, Snow, and Shearer go back and review K-2 student records, and then analyze whether there could have been interventions that could prevent students from falling behind.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we recently discovered four boxes of books on art, design, travel, and architecture in the NCOE Room D that had been donated to Dr. Nemko. The books had originally been given to a friend of Margrit Mondavi 20 years ago, and the friend has since donated the books to Dr. Nemko. The books have been donated to the Camille Creek library.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Human Resources has moved into the former NapaLearns office space at the NCOE providing much needed space for testing and interview purposes.
- Dr. Nemko reported on the Liberated Ethnic Studies Curriculum program, which was recently rejected by the State Board of Education and Governor Newsom for being divisive and Anti-Semitic.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she will forward, to the Board, the Labor Day speech given by Bob Wise, former Governor of West Virginia, on COVID and the education system.
- Mrs. Cash reported that she attended a recent NVUSD board meeting.
- Mrs. Biederman reported that she attended *Back to School* at American Canyon Middle School last week.
- Mrs. Biederman reported that she will invite a representative from Team Hope to present at the October Board meeting.

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. On a motion by Ms. 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. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.

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

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board adopted Resolution 2022-31 certifying (per Agenda Item 5.A.) that the Napa County Office of Education has complied with the requirements of Education Code 60119 for the 2022-

2023 school year. 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. Biederman, the Board approved Board Bylaw 9323 Meeting Conduct, addition related to Board Public Comment. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.

Public Comment was given.

9. SCHEDULED MATTER

Mrs. Kresge reported that Governor Newsom allocated 128 billion dollars for TK-12 schools. Mrs. Kresge noted that Capitol Advisors will be presenting at the CCBE Conference and will most likely have updated information on how the funds will be used.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

B. Mr. Schultz reported that we received new unrestricted ongoing revenue from the State Budget which triggered a reopener to our negotiations with SEIU. The results are that we are extending to our NCFT unit and management staff an extra 0.75 percent on-schedule raise effective October 1. Mr. Schultz further reported that the legislative session wrapped up last week with the legislature passing a K-12 education budget clean-up bill, AB 185.

C. Mr. Parrott reviewed the election status roster with the Board.

Public comment was given.

11. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (5:00 p.m.)

The Board adjourned to closed session with respect to: Appeal of Denial of Interdistrict Attendance Agreement.

12. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION (if applicable) 6:28 p.m.

The Board met in closed session to deliberate the appeal. The Board will report any action taken in Open Session.

13. OPEN SESSION (7:10 p.m.)

The Board voted to grant the Interdistrict Transfer Appeal. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes – Mr. Huffman, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Kresge. Noes – Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman.

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS 1) Team Hope presentation, 2) CCBE Conference report, and 3) Camille Creek Construction update.

15. NEXT MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next regular meeting of the Napa County Board of Education will be Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Nemko, Secretary
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Approved _____ Date _____