

**MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, January 10, 2023**

Members present

Jean Donaldson, Don Huffman, Ann Cash, Janna Waldinger, Gerry Parrott, Jennifer Kresge

Remote Attendance: Sindy Biederman

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 Jennifer Kresge.

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 Mrs. Kresge, and a second by Mrs. Waldinger. A roll call votes was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Minutes of December 13, 2022 were approved. A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Kresge, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None.

G. Public Comment was given.

2. PRESENTATION

A. Recognition – Dr. Nemko introduced the Community Projects Board Members and thanked them for their support over the years for the Napa County Reads program.

After a brief reception to honor the Community Projects Board, the meeting resumed at 4:00 p.m.

3. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

- Dr. Nemko showed pictures of State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond's swearing-in in Sacramento last week. Dr. Nemko was asked

to say a few words, and a discussion ensued with Superintendent Thurmond about a countywide initiative called *Literacy for All*.

- Dr. Nemko reported that she visited the Napa Valley College Child Development Center last week to see the new playground equipment and the infant and toddler rooms. Dr. Nemko asked the teachers if they need anything for the children, and they asked for outdoor climbing equipment and little couches. These items are being considered with money donated by the Brogliatti Fund to the Superintendent's Fund.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we received an increase in the State Preschool Program budget from \$3,445,000. to \$4,707,000.
- Dr. Nemko reported we were notified that we received two additional mental health grants totaling \$200,000.
- Dr Nemko reported that we launched the Footsteps2Brilliance Winter Reading Challenge over the winter break for our NCOE PreK students as well as the TK-3rd grade Cool School students. Approximately 120 students participated and those from each grade level who read the most words received a backpack with books, art and school supplies. In addition, students who completed all of the activities on their gameboard received a Reading Champion certificate.
- Dr. Nemko reminded the Board of upcoming events in March:
Napa County Reads, March 9, in Calistoga. The author's visit will be streamed as he talks to students and an evening community event will follow.
- Eighth Grade Career Day, March 23 sponsored by the College and Career Readiness program. Every 8th grade student in the county will be bussed to the Expo and all the businesses that will be there will have an activity for the students.
- Astronaut Kate Rubins visit, March 28, Napa Valley College to discuss the Artemis Project.
- Dr. Nemko reported on the possibility of doing a countywide literacy initiative based on the science of reading, not only phonics but heavily phonics dependent. We have a reading grant that Lucy Edwards and her team run, and they have developed a plan for how we could deploy this endeavor. We will bring Chartwell and UCSF back, and someone from every school and all administrators will be trained.

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman, 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. (Board Member Compensation).

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Cash, the Board approved the School Accountability Reports Cards (SARC). A roll call vote was taken: *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None.

6. SCHEDULED MATTER

Mrs. Kresge encouraged the Board to attend the CSBA governance meeting in March.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

B. Mr. Schultz clarified a few items on the annual Budget Calendar which has been put together to show the budget development process. The calendar also shows the two meetings in June to present the budget during a public hearing and the second meeting to adopt the budget. The calendar also has the May meeting showing the proposed budget, but we prefer to call it the preliminary budget to show the Board how the budget is moving forward.

C. Mr. Schultz reported no complaints under the Williams Uniform Complaints Procedures Quarterly Report.

D. This topic was tabled to the **February** meeting. Mr. Schultz will provide information to the Board on the updated Brown Act virtual meeting requirements. ***The Minutes of January 10, 2023 were corrected at the February 7, 2023 meeting to reflect this item tabled to the February meeting and not the March meeting.***

Public Comment was given.

E. The Board requested that Board Bylaw 9250 Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits; and, Notification Procedure When Absent from a Scheduled Board Meeting be on the February agenda as a Second Reading and Board approval. The Board noted that it is the intention for Board members to attend every meeting in-person. When in-person attendance is not possible, the proposed procedure is for the Board member to notify the Sr. Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, via email 72 hours prior to the meeting, with the reason for missing the meeting and to indicate the service they plan to take on in place of the Board meeting. The Board member will then report back to the Board on the service they assumed at the next Board meeting during Correspondence, Communications, and Reports.

Public Comment was given.

F. Mr. Schultz reported on the Governor's Budget release for the next few years and noted that the budget looks good for core programs in education in terms of the Governor's proposal.

G. Mr. Schultz provided an overview of the Napa County School Districts First Interim and noted that all the districts received a positive certification.

H. Review CCBE Trustee Handbook tabled to the March agenda.

I. Mrs. Waldinger reported that the Ad Hoc committee on the Mayacamas Charter School is waiting to hear on the decision by the state regarding the legal action taken against the state.

8. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (5:40 p.m.)

The Board adjourned to closed session with respect to: Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Pending Litigation: *Napa Valley Unified School District vs. California State Board of Education.*

9. OPEN SESSION (6:00 p.m.)

10. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION (6:00 p.m.)

The Board reported no action taken.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1) Second Reading Board Policy 9250 Remuneration, Reimbursement, and Other Benefits; and, (2) Student Trustee Board Bylaw 9150.

12. NEXT MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next regular meeting of the Napa County Board of Education will be Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Nemko, Secretary
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Approved _____ Date _____