

**MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, March 7, 2023**

Members present

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

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 Barbara Nemko.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President Huffman reviewed 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 Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Agenda was amended and approved to move Item 2.B. Camille Creek Students of the Month before Item 2.B. Desire Results Access presentation. 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 February 7, 2023 were approved. Ayes – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Kresge, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.

G. Public Comment was given.

2. PRESENTATIONS

A. Nancy Dempsey, Director of Juvenile Court and Community Schools introduced and congratulated Camille Creek Students of the Month: Hunter Hall and Daniel Rivera.

B. The Desired Results Access Project shared their new interactive tool that links the DRDP assessment to the California Early Learning Foundations. It is available from their project website at draccess.org/foundations. The DRDP measures a child's progress towards the California Early Learning Foundations, California's description of what all children birth to five years of age should know and be able

to do. This tool shows the full range of development, and allows the teacher to limit the printable page view to just the areas they would like to view. Additionally, there are page numbers with the links to the PDFs of the California Early Learning Foundations and a version available in Spanish.

3. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

- Mrs. Biederman reported that she and several Board Trustees from NVUSD participated in a tour of Camille Creek on February 22.
- Mrs. Cash suggested that those going to the CCBE County Board Governance workshop this week report back on what they learned.
- Dr. Nemko thanked Mrs. Biederman for arranging program visits with our Board members and NVUSD Board Trustees. Dr. Nemko suggested our preschool should be the next visit for board members.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she was copied on a letter from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing with regard to a NVUSD teacher from American Canyon High School who was charged with the a mandatory leave of absence offense as defined in EC Section 44940.
- Dr. Nemko reported on the new AI (artificial intelligence) language processing tool called ChatGPT. Dr. Nemko has asked our Director of TTSS, Rebecka Anderson, if she will train our staff on how to make our work more efficient, and then Ms. Anderson will do a virtual workshop for the general public.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she attended a meeting in Hollister this morning regarding what we are doing in our Literacy for All initiative that we plan to launch late spring or next fall with all the districts in the county. We have been asked to pilot this program.
- Dr. Nemko reported on the letter she sent to Silicon Valley on super courses. We have not heard back as yet. Dr. Nemko further noted that an article in the paper listed 50 of the largest foundations. We identified 11 foundations that either give to education or might give to education, and we have sent letters to the 11 foundations.
- Dr. Nemko reported there is an AI for California Committee (AI4CA) that meets on monthly basis. They will do a state webinar on AI, and they have invited Dr. Nemko to be part of the program.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she will be moderating a keynote speech at the University of Redlands on C-STEM.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we made a lot of progress on the potential for the Preschool Technical Assistance Center.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Rotary has adopted SpiritHorse as a beneficiary for their fundraiser and now may have a three part series on the news talking about SpiritHorse.

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board approved Consent Agenda Item 4.A. (Temporary County Certificates). 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 Compensation).

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. On a motion by Ms. Kresge and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board approved and adopted Resolution 2023-04: Supporting Safe Gun Storage. Ayes - Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. Noes - None.

Public Comment was given.

Written Public Comment was received and read by the Board.

B. On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board approved CSBA Delegate Assembly of the County Board Representative from Region 3 - Peggy Cohen-Thompson (Solano COE). Ayes - Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. Noes - None.

C. On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Ms. Waldinger, the Board approved Board Bylaw 9150 Student Board Members. Ayes - Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. Noes - None.

Public Comment was given.

D. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved the Second Interim Budget Report. Ayes - Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. Noes - None.

Public Comment was given.

E. On a motion by Mrs. Biederman and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved Resolution 2023-05: Seeking sustainable Funding for County Office-Operated Juvenile Court and Community Schools. Ayes - Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. Noes - None.

6. SCHEDULED MATTER

Mrs. Kresge reported, for information purposes, on the People Over Pentagon Act which is a bill for us all to consider to reduce the Pentagon's amount of expenditure on weapons and affiliation and all that involves, so they can spend more money on education, climate change, and health care.

Further, Mrs. Kresge referred the Board to the *CSBA Daily News Roundup*, March 7, 2023, for an update on the following issues: COVID-19, Student Behavior, Online Safety, and the Fentanyl Crisis.

Mrs. Kresge also recommended the Board read articles in *California School News* March 1, 2023: Additional Budget Advocacy, New Title IX guidance to support equal opportunity in athletics, CSBA webinar on trauma-informed education, schools' efforts to support African American students, and safe air in the classrooms with R-Zero disinfection.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

B. Ms. McClure provided the recent update on current guidelines to the COVID-19 Prevention Plan.

C. Dr. Nemko reported that Beverly Girard has agreed to do the training for the Board on the CCBE Trustee Handbook at the May meeting. Dr. Nemko suggested that we plan to start the workshop at 11:30 which will include lunch, and we will finish in time before the 3:30 meeting.

Ms. Waldinger noted that she will attend the workshop remotely.

Mr. Huffman asked Ellen Sitter to send a calendar invite to the Board for the training and lunch.

D. The Board reviewed and made suggestions to update the 2023 Legislative Agenda. The agenda will be updated to include the following language: "continue to seek solutions to maintain funding in the face of declining enrollment".

Public Comment was given.

E. Ms. Waldinger reported that the Mayacamas Charter Middle School has near full enrollment for the 2nd and 6th grade. Ms. Waldinger further reported there are 120 students currently enrolled overall. There is a student event on March 24. They have sent out 1,000 card to parents (in Spanish and English) to let them know they can sign up to enroll their child. The school signed a lease with their landlord. The Sonoma County Charter SELPA will be handling special education needs. The school has contracted with Aldea for mental health services. They are moving ahead with the assumption that they will open in the fall.

Public Comment was given.

F. Mr. Huffman asked Ellen Sitter to send a calendar invite to the Board for the Staff Appreciation luncheon on May 8 and a list of food items the Board members agreed to bring.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. NEXT MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next regular meeting of the Napa County Board of Education will be Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Nemko, Secretary
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Approved _____ Date _____

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