

**MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, May 2, 2023**

Members present

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

Absent: Janna Waldinger

1. ORGANIZATION

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Huffman called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

B. FLAG SALUTE

The salute to the Flag was led by Ann Cash.

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

At the request of Mrs. Biederman and a second by Mr. Donaldson, Item 2.G. Dedication of the Board room to former Napa County Superintendent of Schools, Ed Henderson, was moved to precede Item 2.A. Presentation of the Annual Audit Report by Christy White and Associates. Ayes – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Kresge. Noes – None.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mrs. Biederman and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Minutes of April 4, 2023 were approved. Ayes – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.

G. There were no comments from the public.

2. PRESENTATIONS

A. Michael D. Ash, CPA, Christy White and Associates, presented the NCOE's Annual Audit Report for the period ending June 20, 2022. Mr. Ash announced the report has been given an unmodified opinion, and this is the highest rating possible.

B. Board Approval of the Annual Audit Report: On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mrs. Cash, the Board approved the Annual Audit Report for the period ending June 30, 2022. Ayes – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.

- C. Nancy Dempsey, Director of Juvenile Court and Community Schools introduced and congratulated Camille Creek Students of the Month: Gabriel Rivera and Ocgavian Orion. Chef Michael Mocling summarized his experience working with Ocgavian Orion, and Sean King, Camille Creek teacher, summarized his experience working with Gabriel Rivera.

Anne Vallerga, Camille Creek Assistant Principal, introduced two students, Edriana Stephens and Sebastian Tomas, who are interested in the Student Board member position. Ms. Vallerga noted that a third student who is interested was unable to be here today.

- D. Dr. Nemko introduced and congratulated the Napa County Office of Education Teacher of the Year, Jeff Scott. Richard Cole, Napa County Classified School Employee of the Year in Custodial and Maintenance Services, also being honored was unable to attend.

The Board took a short break to celebrate Jeff Scott and Richard Cole in absentia.

- E. Mrs. Biederman introduced Kent Boltz, Napa County Juvenile Hall Superintendent, who presented two videos highlighting the program and shared his experience with the *No Place for Hate Program*.
- F. Mrs. Biederman introduced Josie Mueller and her mother who shared their story on their involvement with the *Wigs for Kids* program that provides wigs to children who have lost their hair for various reasons.
- G. Dedication of the board room to former Napa County Superintendent of Schools, Ed Henderson. Dr. Nemko introduced Mrs. Ed Henderson and her family prior to the unveiling of the Ed Henderson board room plaque. Photos were taken to commemorate the celebration.

3. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

- Mrs. Biederman reported that she toured American Canyon High School construction, culinary, and business classes with Napa Valley Unified School District Board Trustee Lisa Chu.
- Mrs. Biederman reported that she attended a play at American Canyon High School with Napa Valley Unified School District Board Trustees Cindy Watter and Lisa Chu.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Congressman Mike Thompson presented a framed Congressional Resolution to Teacher of the Year, Caitlan Nesbitt. Napa County Board of Supervisors Belia Ramos was also in attendance. A celebration with cake followed the ceremony.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the NCOE has a new paging system for emergencies that was installed on the NCOE property campus-wide including the NCOE administration building.

- Dr. Nemko reported there will be a celebration at NapaRio on Thursday, May 4 at 5:30 p.m. to celebrate the College and Career Readiness CTE students and the CTE program.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Rotary is holding a barbecue fundraiser on June 17, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., at the SpiritHorse Ranch in American Canyon. Proceeds will go to SpiritHorse Ranch to upgrade facilities and to continue the work with Camille Creek students. Children from the Lighthouse for the Blind will also be invited to partake in activities at SpiritHorse Ranch.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she met with Pacific Union College regarding their week-long residential summer programs PacificQuest and PacificQuest Rise. The programs are designed for top students in math and science, and students must be recommended and meet certain criteria. The flier went out to all the middle schools and high schools.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Rebecka Anderson will hold a professional development on ChatGPT for NCOE on May 23.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she is with a group that meets once a month to talk about AI. They're doing a webinar on May 10 and AI Day is on May 18. They will send to the schools curriculum by grade level if teachers want to participate.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she was at the North Coast Conference over the weekend, and that she presented on two topics: AI and Social and Emotional Learning. For the Social and Emotional Learning presentation, Dr. Nemko provided attendees with a set of cards developed by the Chan Zuckerberg Foundation. The cards include different starter topics that can be used for conversations between students and teachers and can also be used as writing prompts. Dr. Nemko noted that it's a way for teachers to get to know their students in a more personalized way.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the NCOE is hosting CAAASA on May 23 for their meeting, and the purpose of the meeting is to talk about what we can do to improve the achievement of Black students. Dr. Nemko noted that Josh Schultz and Connie Silva are part of that committee.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we are working on getting robotics in our after school and summer school programs. However, the training being offered to prepare people to teach it is happening during summer school, so it will take place in the fall when we will bring it to those programs.
- Dr. Nemko reported that several NCOE staff have been doing volunteer work on behalf of the AmeriCorps VIP program. Dr. Nemko noted that Julie McClure is a big part of this program and invited Ms. McClure to speak on the topic.
- Ms. McClure reported that the volunteer effort is a part of the AmeriCorps VIP programs that work with schools and nonprofit organizations to build volunteer programs within schools and nonprofits. Ms. McClure noted that the AmeriCorps VIP members have been working on building that program here and encourage staff to go out and work with the

community. There were several opportunities to volunteer, and this particular opportunity was at Enchanted Hills.

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). *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None.

B. On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mrs. Cash, the Board approved Consent Agenda Item 4.B. (Board Compensation – Ms. Waldinger). *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. On a motion by Mrs. Biederman and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved the recommendation and appointment of the Personnel Standing Committee to include Jean Donaldson, Janna Waldinger, and Jennifer Kresge, Board Policy 2121 – Salary of the Napa County Superintendent of Schools. *Ayes* - Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None.

6. SCHEDULED MATTER

Mrs. Kresge reported that she recently participated in CSBA's recent webinar on the basics of trauma-informed education and suggested the Board may be able to view the information on CSBA's website. Mrs. Kresge further noted that exploration is being done to create cybersecurity recommendations for schools.

Mrs. Kresge handed out her summary of an article from *California Schools News* on current law around parental rights.

Mrs. Kresge reported on Assembly Bill 938, recently introduced, regarding boosting teacher salaries. If the bill passes it would increase teachers salaries by 50 percent by 2030.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

B. A First Reading of County Board Policy 0420.41 Oversight of County Charter Schools was introduced by Mr. Schultz who noted that this item will be brought back to the next meeting and will include Exhibit 0420.41-E(1) Oversight of County Charter Schools.

C. Mr. Schultz reminded the Board that the Preliminary Budget is a first look at how our budget development process is shaping up. Information is being gathered from departments and goes through several cycles back and forth with departments. Mr. Schultz provided a snapshot of where it is in this system at this moment for the General Fund. Mr. Schultz reported no particular changes.

D. A First Reading of the revision to Board Bylaw 9250 Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other benefits was presented by Ms. McClure. Ms. McClure referenced samples from CSBA and other county offices where the dollar amount is not in the bylaw, so the bylaw doesn't need to be adjusted every year. Ms. McClure is proposing taking the dollar amount out of the bylaw and having the procedure referenced rather than adjusting the stipend amount every year. This item will be brought to the Board for action at the next meeting.

E. Mr. Parrott provided an update summary on the Mayacamas Charter Middle School's endeavors to date. MCMS continues to recruit students, held another student session, new hires will be introduced soon, marketing efforts continue with radio ad and interviews on the Vine and more coming. Mr. Parrott further noted that MCMS has met with environmental management coordinator from Napa County and engaged with school food and wellness group to assist them.

F. CCBE Call for Officer Nominations was tabled to the June meeting.

G. Ms. McClure asked to have the application process open a little longer to prepare for the interviews. We currently have three candidates from Camille Creek. Ms. McClure thanked Mr. Parrott and Ms. Waldinger for meeting with the students and giving them the opportunity to hear about the position and ask questions. Ms. McClure further noted if anyone wants to work on interview questions and a training with her on updating the Board on the Student Board Member, we will come back with a revised timeline.

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, June 6, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Nemko, Secretary
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Approved _____ Date _____