

**MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Tuesday, July 11, 2023**

**Members present**

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

**Student Board Members present:** Edriana Stephens, Sebastian Tomas

**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 Julie McClure.

**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**

The Agenda was approved on a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Kresge. Ayes - Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. Noes - None.

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes from the June 13, 2023 meeting were approved on a motion by Mrs. Biederman and a second by Ms. Waldinger. Ayes - Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Cash, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. Noes - None.

**G.** Public Comment was given.

**2. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (3:45 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.

**3. OPEN SESSION**

**4. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION (5:00 p.m.)**

The Board reported no action taken.

Ms. Waldinger presented Student Board member, Sebastian Tomas, with his portrait.

## **5. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Mayacamas Charter Middle School oversight consultant, Lynne Vaughan, presented via remote attendance. Dr. Vaughan provided a brief summary of her background and experience running charter schools including the oversight of charter schools.

Dr. Vaughan provided an overview of the data she will examine and the practices she will monitor with regard to the charter school operations.

- B. Angela Higdon, *Program Manager, Work-Based Learning, College and Career Readiness*, provided highlights of work-based learning activities with CTE pathways. Ms. Higdon provided an overview of a partnership with Napa Valley Education Foundation which allowed students from the culinary pathways to be mentored by and work alongside Michelin Star Chef, Robert Curry from Auberge Du Soleil. Mario Piombo and Jennifer Stewart, Napa Valley Education Foundation, provided a summary of the NVEF's *Taste for Knowledge Gala* and the Foundation's involvement with the work-based learning opportunity.

Ms. Higdon also reported on a teacher externship with Aperture Media where Multimedia instructor, JP Castillo and his student, Sofia Oliveira, Vintage High student, served on the company's team at BottleRock. Ms. Oliveira presented a video and photographs she helped make with Aperture Media at BottleRock. Ms. Oliveira provided a detailed report of her work on this project.

Public Comment was given.

- C. Sara Sitch, Director of Community Programs and Barbara Thorsen, Assistant Director of Community Programs, presented on the Expanded Learning Summer Programs in Napa, Calistoga, and Santa Rosa.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS**

- Mr. Donaldson reported that, along with Janna Waldinger and Ann Cash, he attended the Camille Creek graduation on June 14.
- Mr. Donaldson reported that the Rotary Club fundraiser on June 17 at SpiritHorse Ranch in American Canyon raised over \$50,000 to benefit the ranch with funding needed to operate the ranch and for students to be able to partake in equestrian activities. The desserts auctioned at the event were made by Camille Creek students.

## **7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mrs. Cash, the Board approved Consent Agenda Item 7.A. (Temporary County Certificates). Ayes – Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Tomas. Noes – None.

B. There was no action taken on Board Compensation.

### **8. ACTION ITEMS**

A. On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Ms. Waldinger, the Board approved Resolution 2023-11: AmeriCorps VIP 2023-2024 "AmeriCorps Volunteer Infrastructure Program (VIP) AmeriCorps Program Contract in the amount of \$1,822,800. Ayes – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Tomas. Noes – None.

B. On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Ms. Waldinger, the Board approved Resolution 2023-12: CalSERVES 2023-2024 "CalSERVES AmeriCorps Expanded Learning" AmeriCorps Program Contract in the amount of \$713,000. Ayes - Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Tomas. Noes – None.

C. On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Ms. Waldinger, the Board approved, with a correction to the sequence of numbers assigned to the pages, a Memorandum of Understanding between NCOE and Mayacamas Charter Middle School (MCMS) regarding oversight and operations of MCMS. Ayes – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Tomas. Noes – None.

Public Comment was given.

D. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board approved Resolution 2023-13 exempting retiree Rena Bruner from the 180-waiting period for the appointment as a retired annuitant employee. Ayes – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Tomas. Noes – None.

### **9. SCHEDULED MATTER**

Mrs. Kresge recommended the Board review the current article in the CSBA News Journal on teacher credentialing noting the significant decrease in the issuance of credentials. There is nothing further to report at this time.

### **10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. The Board accepted the Personal Activity Report as reported.

B. Ms. McClure reviewed the proposed County Office Regulation 5113: Absences and Excuses and recommended the regulation be presented to the Board for a second reading and approval at the August 1, 2023.

C. Ms. McClure reviewed the proposed County Office Board Policy, Regulation, and Exhibit 6173: Education for Homeless Children and recommended the policy and regulation be presented to the Board for a second reading and approval at the August 1, 2023 meeting.

D. Mr. Schultz reported there were no complaints under the Williams Uniform Complaints Procedures Quarterly Report.

E. Mr. Donaldson noted that the Board approved the MOU between Mayacamas Charter Middle School and the NCOE, and we are now waiting for litigation to be completed. The Ad Hoc Committee anticipates a report at the next meeting.

F. There was nothing to report on the CCBE Call for Officer Nominations.

**11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** Update from Ad Hoc Committee on Superintendent's salary.

**12. NEXT MEETINGS OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The next regular meeting of the Napa County Board of Education will be held Tuesday, August 1, 2023.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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