

**MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, August 1, 2023**

Members present

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

Absent: Ann Cash

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 Jennifer Kresge.

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, 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 Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Kresge. *Ayes* - Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* - None.

G. Public Comment was given.

2. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Nemko introduced Sara Sitch, Director, Community Programs, who presented a video on the After School Summer Camp at Shearer Elementary School through partnership with YCP (Youth Cinema Project).

3. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

- Mrs. Kresge reported that she attended a St. Helena Library sponsored disaster preparedness event and suggested the Board may want to consider inviting Napa Valley Community Organizations (COAD) to present on natural disasters in our area.

- Ms. Waldinger reported that she participated in the Literacy for All workshop at Camille Creek.
- Dr. Nemko reported that all five districts were represented at the Literacy for All workshop.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she recently attended a professional development session, at the PAC-6 conference, on what happened to a county office of education in a cybersecurity attack and lessons learned about how to prevent one and steps to take if one occurs.
- Dr. Nemko reported that another part of the PAC-6 conference included a session on the new law for gun security and storage and how important it is to send this information to parents and families.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we are planning an All-County Board meeting with three presenters to talk about property taxes and how money is distributed to schools.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she and some senior staff at NCOE have finished reading and scoring Golden Bell applications and are pleased to have found a program that we may be able to replicate. The program is called Super Tutor where some of older students are hired and trained to tutor younger students. The NCOE is looking at how we might make this happen at Camille Creek.

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

B. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved to withhold compensation for Board Member Ann Cash for the meeting of August 1. Mrs. Cash requested not to be compensated for the August 1 meeting, because her absence was for personal reasons. *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge. *Noes* – None.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved County Office Regulation 5113: Absences and Excuses. *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger. *Noes* – None.

B. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Donaldson, the Board approved County Office Board Policy 6173: Education for Homeless Children. *Ayes* - Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger. *Noes* – None.

C. Mr. Donaldson reported that the Personnel Standing Committee recommends a 3.5 percent salary increase for County Superintendent Barbara Nemko, retroactive to January 1, 2023. On a motion by Mr. Donaldson and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the

Board approved the Personnel Standing Committee's recommendations. *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger. *Noes* – None.

D. On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved Resolution 2023-14: Exemption to the Separation from Service Requirement exempting retiree Virginia Maiwald from the 180-waiting period for the appointment as a retired annuitant employee. *Ayes* – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger. *Noes* – None.

6. SCHEDULED MATTER

Mrs. Kresge reported on an Act to amend a section of the Education Code that relates to sexual health education including HIV prevention, and school climate and safety.

Mrs. Kresge reported that the Career Technical Education programs are looking to expand CTE programs to middle school and elementary schools. This will enable early learners to explore career options. Consideration is made as many young students are involved in social media and are engaging in other avenues of learning. The program sponsors want to look at this with the intent to prevent schools from cyberattacks and data theft. Additionally, it is the hope with career technical education, students will be better prepared for an evolving workforce and societal changes.

Mrs. Kresge reported on new funding for juvenile court and community schools.

Mrs. Kresge encouraged the Board to read an article in the July 23 California Schools News, in the governance corner, on the board's ongoing role in the LCAP.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. The Personal Activity Report was presented.

B. Ms. McClure reviewed Board Policy 3555: Nutrition Program Compliance and recommended the policy be presented to the Board for a second reading and approval at the September 5, 2023.

C. Mr. Parrott read an email update from Mayacamas Charter Middle School representatives on the current status of the charter school.

8. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (4:15 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

10. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION (5:19 p.m.)

The Board reported no action taken.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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, September 5, 2023.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Nemko, Secretary
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Approved _____ Date _____