

**MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, September 5, 2023**

Members present

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

Remote Attendance: Sindy Biederman

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. Roll call vote: *Ayes* - Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Cash. *Noes* - None.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes from the August 1, 2023 meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Donaldson. Roll call vote: *Ayes* - Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Cash. *Noes* - None.

G. Public Comment was given.

2. PRESENTATIONS

- A. A Public hearing was opened at 3:44 p.m. and was held on the matter of sufficiency and current content of textbooks and instructional materials as utilized in the 2023-2024 school year. Nancy Dempsey, Director, Juvenile Court and Community Schools, reported that all instructional materials are aligned with the common core standards. The public hearing which was held in compliance with Education Code Section 60119, to encourage participation by parents, teachers, members of the community and bargaining unit leaders on the issue of sufficiency and current content of textbooks and instructional materials as utilized in the 2023-2024 school year, elicited no comments from the public. The public hearing closed at 3:49 p.m.

- B. Angela Higdon, Senior Program Manager, and Alonso Medrano, Bilingual Interventions Coordinator, provided an overview of the Camille Creek Work Experience Program from the 2022-2023 school year in order to receive a 3-year approval of the program.

3. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

- Dr. Nemko introduced the Pacific Union College President, Dr. Ralph Trecartin and Chair of the Education Department, Dr. Jean Buller, who reported on PUC's association with Mayacamas Charter Middle School.
- Dr. Nemko presented a video from CAAASA, showing what they did when they visited the NCOE. The highlight for the group was lunch at Camille Creek prepared and served by students. The NCOE participates with CAAASA in a professional learning community trying to improve the academic success of African American students and all students. The NCOE has been in partnership with CAAASA since 2016.
- Dr. Nemko reported that San Diego County of Education appointed her to an advisory committee on Ethnic Studies.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the NCOE Back to School event, to be held on September 13, will have Ruby Finkelstein of the *Be Kind* buttons as our speaker. Ms. Finkelstein will talk about her journey and how she and her sister saw the *Be Kind* buttons in New York and decided to bring them to Napa. Dr. Nemko further noted that our After School program plans to have students work on posters and drawings on how we can be kind to each other.
- Dr. Nemko provided historical background for the CDE's partnership with Footsteps2Brilliance to provide free access to certain Footsteps2Brilliance books and games statewide. Dr. Nemko further noted that in 2010 we launched Digital Early Literacy (DEL) which provided the program to all Napa preschool families for free. Over the years, we have invited county superintendents to come to the NCOE to see the program, and it has since been adopted by 10 counties. It is also used in our After School program TK-3, for children who are behind, summer camps, and preschool as well as being available free to all Napa residents PreK-3rd grade.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she has been named a Lifetime Leader in Latino Education from Footsteps2Brilliance. Dr. Nemko noted that September is Hispanic Heritage Month where a number of California County Superintendents have been honored on social media as Lifetime Leaders in Latino Education.
- Mrs. Kresge reported that she will send Ellen Sitter a link to forward to the Board on upcoming webinars.

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). Roll call vote: Ayes – Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Cash, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge. Noes – None.

B. No action was taken on Consent Agenda Item 4.B. (Board Compensation).

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved Resolution 2023-16 and certified (per Agenda Item 2.A.) that the Napa County Office of Education has complied with the requirements of Education Code 60119 for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll call vote: Ayes – Mr. Parrott, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Cash, Ms. Waldinger. Noes – None.

B. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved County Board Policy and Exhibit 3555: Nutrition Program Compliance. Roll call vote: Ayes - Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Cash, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger. Noes – None.

C. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved the Career Technical Education Stakeholder Group. Roll call vote: Ayes – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger. Noes – None.

D. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Donaldson, the Board approved the Camille Creek Work Experience Program from 2022-2023 school year in order to receive a 3-year approval of the program. Roll call vote: Ayes – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger. Noes – None.

6. SCHEDULED MATTER

Mrs. Kresge suggested the Board read an article in *EdSource: Can teachers be legally liable if district policy requires they break the law?*

Mrs. Kresge summarized the following bills: AB1279 California Conservation Corp; AB1354 Pupil instruction of Asian and Pacific Islanders; AB1605 High school Military Law; AB1761 Electronic Communications regarding redistricting; and, SB678 Electronic Disclosures.

Mrs. Kresge noted the provision of new funding for juvenile court and community schools is encouraging.

At the request of President Huffman, Mrs. Kresge will explore AB417 County Board of Education: pupil members and will submit a summary for distribution to the Board.

The Board meeting paused for a brief recess at 5:20 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 5:30 p.m.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. The Personal Activity Report was presented.

B. Ms. Waldinger provided an update from Mayacamas Charter Middle School representatives on the current status of the charter school.

8. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (6:14 p.m.)

The Board adjourned to closed session with respect to: Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9, subd. (d)(2): (1 case).

9. OPEN SESSION

10. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION (6:50 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, October 3, 2023.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Nemko, Secretary
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Approved _____ Date _____