

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

Members present

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

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 Janna Waldinger.

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. Biederman. Ayes - Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes from the October 3, 2023 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Donaldson and a second by Mrs. Biederman. Ayes - Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. *Noes – None. Abstained – Mrs. Kresge.*

G. Public Comment was given.

2. PRESENTATIONS

Jeff Scott, Teacher, Camille Creek, introduced and congratulated Student of the Month, Dulce Ruiz Ayala.

After a brief reception to honor Dulce Ruiz Ayala, the Board resume the meeting.

3. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

- Mrs. Biederman reported that she attended Donaldson Way Elementary School's first career fair and gave praise to Ms. Ferris, teacher, who spearheaded the event. The careers represented were for law enforcement, fire, Army, guide dogs, and scientists.

- Mrs. Biederman invited the Board and anyone interested to the U.S. Armed Forces Veterans Day celebration at the American Canyon Middle School Gymnasium on November 11 at 11:00 a.m. Mrs. Biederman noted that American Canyon High School, American Canyon Middle School, and Donaldson Way Elementary School will participate in the event.
- Student Board Member, Sebastian Tomas, reported that students at Camille Creek are enjoying the "Fun Friday" events with hour-long lunches prepared by the culinary program and games where everyone participates.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the culinary showcase at Camille Creek included local chefs reviewing menus and sharing food prepared by the students in the culinary program at Camille Creek. Dr. Nemko further reported that the NCOE Cabinet attended the showcase and conducted the monthly meeting at Camille Creek after the event. Dr. Nemko noted that Rotary will come for lunch at Camille Creek on December 6, and the Board is invited to join.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Tammy Lee, Robotics teacher at American Canyon Middle School, was invited to visit and view robots working at Bill Kreslyer's fabrication shop on Mare Island. Ms. Lee is planning a field trip to the Kreysler & Associates plant to introduce students to these career options.
- Dr. Nemko reminded the Board of the State Board of Education's meeting this week to adopt the 2024-25 LCAP template. Recommendations have been to trim it down, but the equity commission wants to expand it. If the Board thinks we would be better approving a shortened version, ACSA is requesting that everyone call in to voice their opinion. Dr. Nemko reminded the Board that the hardcopy instructions to call in to the meeting are at each Board members seat.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she is working with Napa Valley Education Foundation on an Innovation Summit on February 3 at New Technology High School. The goal is to have teachers be as innovative and up-to-date with technology and project-based learning as possible.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Rotary wanted to do something more directly involved with students, so they came up with volunteer tutoring with reading. Dr. Nemko introduced the Rotary President to community member, Ellyn Elson, who also wanted to encourage community members to become volunteer tutors. Ms. Elson volunteered to develop a structure to make it happen. More information to follow. Dr. Nemko noted she has been in contact with Dr. Mucetti who is on board with the effort. The volunteers will be trained with Lucy Edwards team supported by our grant, and the volunteers will work in the After School program. This is a community push to get our children further along particularly for those are struggling.

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

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

5. ACTION ITEMS

There were no Actions Items.

6. SCHEDULED MATTER

Mrs. Kresge reviewed and summarized information from the ED source regarding literacy standards for teacher candidates; AB 873 (Berman) Pupil Instruction: Media Literacy: curriculum frameworks; and, Mrs. Kresge noted that the Board received a summary copy of AB 417 (McCarty) Rising Scholars Network: justice-involved students.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Dr. Nemko presented the Notice of Withdrawal Mayacamas Countywide Middle School Charter Petition sent to us from the Mayacamas Charter Middle School representatives and their Board.

B. The Personnel Activity Report was presented.

C. Mr. Schultz presented the NCOE Salary Schedules and noted they are always posted on our website for the public.

D. Lucy Edwards, Director, Continuous Improvement and Academic Support, reported that the Annual Williams visits were conducted on September 8. There are no findings to report except for a small elementary school playground structure which has since been repaired.

E. Mr. Schultz provided the report and reviewed the process and requirements for the Mayacamas Charter Middle School 2023-24 Charter School 20-Day Attendance certification. The 20-day Attendance Report was certified at the end of October and submitted to the California Department of Education.

F. Ms. Waldinger provided an update from Mayacamas Charter Middle School on current events including enrollment numbers, open enrollment, testing, and professional development opportunities.

Public Comment was given.

G. Board members shared their experiences at the CCBE Conference 2023.

H. Mrs. Kresge provided a brief history of Board Bylaw 9121 President. The main purpose of this summary is to define the term limits of the President and Vice President. The suggestions that were made will be presented at a December special meeting for a second reading and Board approval.

I. Mr. Huffman reminded the Board that the election of officers will take place at the December 12 meeting. Board members expressed interest for holding positions of President, Vice President, or Trustee Representative.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. NEXT MEETINGS OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

A **special zoom meeting** of the Napa County Board of Education will be held Tuesday, December 5, 2023.

The next **regular meeting** of the Napa County Board of Education will be held Tuesday, December 12, 2023.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Nemko, Secretary
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Approved _____ Date _____