

**MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Tuesday, January 9, 2024**

**Members present**

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

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

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

At the request of Ms. Waldinger, the Minutes from the December 7, 2023 meeting shall reflect that Mr. Parrott nominated Ms. Waldinger for the position of Vice President for the coming year. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Donaldson, the Board approved the Minutes from the December 7, 2023 and December 12, 2023 meetings. *Ayes* - Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Cash. *Noes* - None.

G. Public Comment was given.

After a short break to celebrate the newly sworn-in candidates, the Board resumed the meeting.

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

A. Christy White, of Christy White Associates, presented NCOE's audit report for the period ending June 30, 2023. Ms. White announced the report has been given an unmodified opinion.

B. Approval of Annual Audit Report: on a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Ms. Waldinger, the Board approved the NCOE's audit report for the period ending

June 30, 2023. Ayes - Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Cash. Noes – None.

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

- Mrs. Cash requested information on legal counsel for the Board.
- Mrs. Biederman requested legal direction on questions from constituents on local newspaper articles.
- Mr. Schultz reviewed ERAF (Education Revenue Augmentation Fund) and SRAF (Supplemental Revenue Augmentation Funds).
- Mr. Schultz reviewed the cost structure for CSBA legal services.
- Dr. Nemko attended a County Superintendents of School meeting and reported that several of the county superintendents offered to share their board self-evaluation information for county offices. Once received, Dr. Nemko will share this information with the Board.
- Dr. Nemko asked for volunteers for the American Canyon High School Academic Decathlon training on January 11. Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Cash, and Alan Cash are available to help; and, possibly Mr. Parrott and Jeff Kresge are able to volunteer their time as well.
- Dr. Nemko shared a flyer for a Civic Learning Summit that the Los Angeles County Office of Education and Sacramento County Office of Education will host on February 13 in Sacramento. Dr. Nemko noted that our students are not well versed in civics, and it's time to do something about it. State and local policymakers and educational leaders have been invited to come and learn how we can make civics education a priority in California. A workshop for students will be held February 12, and students are also invited to come on February 13. Dr. Nemko shared the flyer with Nancy Dempsey, Director, Juvenile Court and Community Schools, and with the district superintendents to share with their principals.
- Dr. Nemko reported on the Literacy Coach and Reading Specialist grant we are doing with Sacramento County Office of Education. This grant is for literacy coaches and reading specialists who are already working but to become coaches in reading. They will provide support for the coaches, and this five-year grant covers over 800 school sites. The goal is to get all students reading by third grade. They will also develop family literacy plans.
- Dr. Nemko reported that 15 local educators have signed up for the Museum of Tolerance special professional development event on June 24 and 25.
- Dr. Nemko reported on a Heckinger Report article in CSBA's latest correspondence on tutoring and artificial intelligence. The article mentions Khanmigo, a tool for teachers on artificial intelligence. Dr. Nemko reminded the Board that a representative from Khan Academy, Jason Hovey, Director of Business Partnerships for Khan Academy, will be at the Innovation Summit at New Tech High School on February 3. Everyone who attends will receive a free Khanmigo account.

- Dr. Nemko reported that Senator Bill Dodd, on behalf of the County of Napa, is currently working with the State to buy back the Skyline Park property. The NCOE is also interested in possibly buying back their piece of the property located on the Skyline Park property and will work with Senator Dodd and his staff member, Alex Pader, who is in negotiations with the State. Dr. Nemko noted that this is a long-term proposal of possible interest to the NCOE.

#### **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, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman. Noes - None.

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

#### **5. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. On a motion by Mrs. Biederman and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved the School Accountability Report Cards (SARC). Ayes - Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Cash, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman. Noes - None.

#### **6. SCHEDULED MATTER**

Mrs. Kresge reported on the CSBA item that BN talked about - less than 3% of economic output is spent on education in CA. 2/1 speaker on bullying Tyler Hester.

#### **7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. The Personnel Activity Report was presented.

B. Mr. Schultz reported no complaints under the Williams Uniform Complaints Procedures Quarterly Report.

C. Mr. Schultz reviewed the AB 2158 Ethics Training Requirements for Local Agencies.

D. Ms. McClure reviewed Board Bylaw 9005 Governance Standards. Board Bylaw 9005 Governance Standards will be presented as a First Reading at the February meeting.

Public comment was given.

E. Ms. McClure reviewed the County Superintendent Roles and Responsibilities. Board Bylaw 9123.1 Clerk of the Board and Executive Officer will be presented as a First Reading at the February meeting (SP 2110 County Superintendent Responsibilities and Duties and SP 2111 County Superintendent Governance Standards will be included for reference only).

F. In honor of School Board Recognition Month, Dr. Nemko thanked the Board for their hard work and presented each Board member with a certificate for lunch at Camille Creek. Dr. Nemko showed a video taken at the CSBA conference where two board members from other counties were interviewed about their roles as board members. Dr. Nemko invited our Board to record a video here at the NCOE at their convenience, and we will post it on our website.

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

The next regular meeting of the Napa County Board of Education will be held Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

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