

**MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

Members present

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

1. ORGANIZATION

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Huffman called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

B. FLAG SALUTE

The salute to the Flag was led by Ann Cash.

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

At the request of Mr. Huffman, the Agenda shall be amended to table Item 8.B. Second Reading and Board Approval Board Bylaw 9005 – Governance Standards and Item 10.B. Board Self-Evaluation to the April meeting. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the amended Agenda was approved. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

At the request of Mrs. Biederman, the Minutes from the February 13, 2024 meeting shall be amended to reflect, under Item 7.D. Information Items, that Mrs. Biederman requested review of Superintendent’s Policy 2140 Evaluation of the Superintendent to be on the April agenda. On a motion by Mrs. Biederman and a second by Ms. Waldinger, the Board approved the amended Minutes from the February 13, 2024 meeting. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge. Noes – None.

G. Public comment was given.

2. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (2:15 p.m.)

3. OPEN SESSION

4. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION (3:30 p.m.)

The Board reported no action taken.

5. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

- Dr. Nemko announced that the League of Innovative Schools, which is part of Digital Promise, has been working with Verizon on the Virtual Innovative Learning System Program. Nancy Dempsey applied for Camille Creek, and they have been selected as part of the School of Choice Virtual Learning System Program. The program consists of full support for teachers, professional learning, and every student will receive a Chromebook. Camille Creek is the first Court and Community school to be a part of this initiative where students are doing real world work as it relates to learning.
- Dr. Nemko encouraged the Board to see the Vintage High School production of *Phantom of the Opera* at the district auditorium.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the CTE Coalition for County Offices asked her to testify in Sacramento tomorrow on the Governor's Master Plan for Career Technical Education.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the League of Innovative Schools will be meeting this month in Minneola, New York to visit Synergy High School. Synergy is a school created for students to do their academic learning asynchronously and their vocational learning live during school hours. Students will earn a certification in a trade as well as their high school diploma. Dr. Nemko also noted that, while at the conference, she will present on social and emotional learning.
- Mrs. Kresge reported that she attended the Sonoma TEDx at Sonoma Country Day school. Mrs. Kresge further reported that one of the presenters, who had struggled to get an education, developed an organization to help students go to college. Mrs. Kresge brought with her a couple books from this event for the NCOE staff.
- Mrs. Kresge reported that the St. Helena Cameo Cinema has their own film festival on developing a business in the wine industry or culinary arts. Mrs. Kresge suggested that Camille Creek may be interested.
- Mrs. Kresge reported on the matter of CSBA's intent to dismantle the CCBE and fold it into a new Region 14. Mrs. Kresge provided a letter to the Board from San Mateo County Board of Education where these concerns are addressed. Mrs. Kresge asked that this topic be an Information Item on the April agenda for Board discussion.
- Mrs. Biederman reported that she attended the American Canyon High School Band Percussion Tournament.
- Mr. Huffman reported that he received personal phone calls from Senator Bill Dodd, retired Governor Jerry Brown, and Nora Ortiz regarding general discussions about various items with NCOE's prerogatives.
- Mr. Donaldson reported that he received a personal phone call from Senator Bill Dodd and retired Governor Jerry Brown.

- Mrs. Kresge reported that she received personal phone calls from members of the St. Helena School District Board.

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

B. No action was taken on Consent Agenda Item 7.B. (Board Member Compensation).

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved the Second Interim Budget Report. Roll Call Vote: *Ayes* - Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Cash, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* - None.

B. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board tabled review and approval Board Bylaw 9005 - Governance Standards to the April meeting. Roll Call Vote: *Ayes* - Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* - None.

9. SCHEDULED MATTER

Mrs. Kresge provided highlights on current legislation being considered, e.g., a bill pending regarding the use of smart phones, social media, the effects on teens and their interactions within the virtual world; and, specifically how this hampers their social and emotional learning. Mrs. Kresge further noted other bills and laws being considered and reminded the Board that she will send this information to Ellen Sitter who will forward to the Board.

Mrs. Cash reported on Senator Bill Dodd's Senate Bill 1380 which gives greater authority to local school district boards in considering charter school applications that would negatively impact their financial stability.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. The Personnel Activity Report was presented.

B. Board Self-Evaluation Options was tabled to the April meeting.

The Board adjourned for a short break at 4:15 p.m.

11. PUBLIC HEARING ON MAYACAMAS COUNTYWIDE CHARTER PETITION WITH ACTION TO BE TAKEN (5:00 p.m.)

A Public Hearing was opened at 5:00 p.m. and was held on the matter to consider Action to Grant or Deny the Mayacamas Countywide Charter Petition.

- i. Josh Schultz, Lucy Edwards, and Barbara Nemko summarized the NCOE findings of fact.
- ii. Jolene Yee, Lauren Dailey, and John Lemmo summarized the petition being presented.
- iii. Board members asked questions of staff and petitioners.
- iv. Public comment was given.
- v. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board agreed to Conditionally Approve the Petition to Form the Mayacamas Countywide Middle School. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson. Noes – Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Cash.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:15 p.m.

Public comment was given.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Review Superintendent’s Policy 2140 Evaluation of the County Superintendent.

13. NEXT MEETINGS OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next regular meeting of the Napa County Board of Education will be held Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Nemko, Secretary
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Approved _____ Date _____