

MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Members present

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

The Agenda was approved on a motion by Ms. Wadlinger and a second by Mr. Donaldson. Ayes - Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Cash. Noes – None.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Donaldson and a second by Mrs. Cash, Donaldson, the Minutes from the March 5, 2024 meeting were approved. Ayes - Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Cash. Noes – None.

G. Public Comment was given.

2. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (3:50 p.m.)

3. OPEN SESSION

4. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION (4:33 p.m.)

The Board reported no action taken.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Julie McClure, Associate Superintendent introduced Jill Barnes, Senior Program Manager, Mental Health & Wellness, who presented on school-based Mental Health and Wellness Funding. Ms. McClure noted that this is the first part on this topic

and additional information will be presented again in May, as May is Mental Health Month.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

- Mr. Donaldson reminded the Board that Rotary is having a fundraiser at the SpiritHorse Ranch in American Canyon on May 4.
- Mr. Huffman reported that the Board received invitations to the Mayacamas Charter Middle School gala on May 4. Mr. Huffman's recommendation is to buy the tickets outright primarily because of conflict of interest.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the After School Program was funded \$990,000 for next year's After School program.
- Dr. Nemko visited Synergy High School on Long Island with the League of Innovative Schools where students work during the day and earn their certification and do their academics asynchronously online, so when they graduate they have a certification and money in the bank.

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mr. Donaldson, the Board approved Consent Agenda Item 7.A. (Temporary County Certificates). 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 Mr. Parrott, the Board approved the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) Waiver Blanket Statement indicating that the county intends to employ substitute teachers on CBEST Waiver Blanket Statement. Ayes - Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Cash, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman. Noes - None.

B. On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved Resolution 2024-07 (Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators) that will allow the Napa County Office of Education to ensure, in emergency situations, that all classrooms are fully staffed with qualified certificated personnel in accordance with Education Code 44258.9. Ayes - Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman. Noes - None.

C. On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved the recommendation for a 5 percent allowable increase for Board compensation under Education Code 1090. Ayes - Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman. Noes - None.

- D. On a motion by Mr. Parrott and a second by Mrs. Cash, the Board approved Board Bylaw 9005 – Governance Standards. *Ayes* - Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None.
- E. On a motion by Kresge and a second by Mr. Parrott, Item 8.E. Board Discussion and possible action to interview Julie Herdell for consideration as the Board’s designee to review the Mayacamas Countywide Charter Petitioners’ compliance with conditions of approval as set forth in the Resolution previously adopted by the Board; and appointment of Julie Herdell as said designee, will follow Item 5.A. Presentations. *Ayes* - Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None.

Dr. Nemko introduced Ms. Herdell and noted that the Board was interested in having an outside person as a validator for whether the conditions for approval of the charter were met.

Ms. Herdell provided a summary of her experience and background in education. President Huffman provided instruction on the objectivity needed for the role as designee, and the Board proceeded with interviewing Ms. Herdell.

On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board considered approving Julie Hurdell as sole designee to review the Mayacamas Countywide Charter Petitioners’ compliance with conditions of approval as set forth in the Resolution previously adopted by the Board. *Ayes* – Janna Waldinger. *Noes* – Don Huffman, Gerry Parrott, Ann Cash, Sindy Biederman, Jennifer Kresge, Jean Donaldson. Motion failed.

On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved Julie Hurdell to do the investigation and then provide her report to the Board with the Board making the final decision; and, to include the provision for Ms. Hurdell to determine whether the legal representation meets her needs. *Ayes* – Janna Waldinger, Don Huffman, Gerry Parrott, Ann Cash, Jean Donaldson, Jennifer Kresge, Sindy Biederman. *Noes* - None.

Public comment was given.

9. SCHEDULED MATTER

Mrs. Kresge provided state and federal legislative updates as outlined in a handout provided to the Board.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. The Personnel Activity Report was presented.

B. Board Self-Evaluation Options was tabled to the May meeting. Mr. Huffman asked the Board to submit their self-evaluations to him by May 1.

C. Review Board Policy 2140 Evaluation of the Superintendent. Mr. Huffman suggested that Dr. Nemko may consider reaching out to the Board on this matter if she so desires.

Ms. McClure clarified that Board Policy 2140 Evaluation of the Superintendent was included in error when we did the global adoption of our policies with CSBA. Board discussion followed.

D. Dr. Nemko reported there is conversation among other county offices of education about having their own conference to replace the CCBE conferences. Dr. Nemko noted that she will report back at the May meeting.

Mrs. Kresge noted that there are people who are proposing to develop CCBE in another context. The September CCBE conference is happening, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

E. Update Student Board Member was tabled to the May meeting.

F. Mr. Schultz reported no complaints for the Williams Uniform Complaints Procedures Quarterly Report.

G. Mr. Huffman asked Ellen Sitter to send an email to the Board to confirm May 2 for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

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, May 7, 2024.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Nemko, Secretary
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Approved _____ Date _____