

**MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Tuesday, May 7, 2024**

**Members present**

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

**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**

On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Donaldson, the Agenda was amended to rotate the presentation order for Item 5.A. Mental Health Awareness Month and 5.B. Cinco de Mayo PVUSD; and to remove Item 10.F. Update Ad Hoc Committee for Maycamas Charter Middle School. Ayes - Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Cash. Noes - None. Mrs. Kresge not present to vote.

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Cash, the Minutes from the April 2, 2024 and the April 17, 2024 meetings were approved. Ayes - Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Cash. Noes - None. Mrs. Kresge not present to vote.

**G.** Public Comment was given.

**2. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (4:32 p.m.)**

**3. OPEN SESSION**

**4. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION (5:00 p.m.)**

The Board reported no action taken.

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

A. Jill Barnes, Senior Program Manager, Mental Health & Wellness, shared information, accompanied by presentation slides, about mental health services during Mental Health Awareness month.

Ms. Barnes introduced Alonso Medrano, Interventions Coordinator, Juvenile Court & Community Schools, who shared information about their family support service team.

Public Comment was given.

B. Dr. Nemko invited Sara Sitch, Director of Community Programs, to introduce the community schools prevention team to showcase the week-long work they did with Pope Valley Union School District for Cinco de Mayo. A short video of the week accompanied the presentation.

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

- Dr. Nemko reported on the successful fundraiser at SpiritHorse Ranch to benefit Camille Creek, sponsored by Rotary.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she attended the Calistoga fundraiser on Sunday to visit the class who won the MIT prize for identifying and solving a problem. The fundraiser was held to raise funds for the students to go to MIT in the summer.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the House of Representative is having a meeting on antisemitism, and she let Congressman Mike Thompson know what is happening in California with regard to this topic. At Congressman Thompson's request, Dr. Nemko sent him the letters she has written to the UC Chancellor about this concern.
- Dr. Nemko invited the Board to the Explore NCOE lunch events as well as the NCOE cultural celebrations and will add their names to the invitation list. Dr. Nemko further reported that we have the Jewish American Heritage Month celebration on May 9 with guest speaker Henry Michalski to discuss his book, *Torn Lilacs*.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she visited Pueblo Vista Elementary School where students in the Pollinator Program read their reports bilingually showing their proficiency in both languages.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Jill Barnes and Ron Eick hosted the first-year teachers and their mentors for an Induction report-out. They received purple Super Hero capes.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the California Department of Public Health has put together a suicide prevention program called *Never a Bother*. They provide tool kits and posters, and we will be participating in this campaign.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she was appointed to the Ethnic Studies Advisory Committee which is run out of the San Diego County Office of Education. The committee will be reviewing units and lessons that people submit for the State-approved Ethnic Studies Curriculum.
- Mr. Donaldson reported that the Staff Appreciation Luncheon at the NCOE was a success.

- Mrs. Kresge attended a presentation at the Cameo Theatre on illegal fentanyl use and suggested that it would be worthwhile to have the presentation at a Board meeting. Mrs. Kresge will send information on the presentation to Ellen Sitter to share with the Board.
- Mr. Donaldson reported that Rotary provided dictionaries to third graders in Napa, and the dictionaries were well received.

## **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). *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. Biederman, the Board approved Resolution 2024-09 Jewish American Heritage Month. *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 2024-10 Mental Health Awareness Month. *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. Donaldson, the Board approved the Final Approval of the Mayacamas Countywide Charter Petition pursuant to the conditions under Resolution 2024-05 passed on March 5, 2024. Roll Call Vote: *Ayes* - Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Kresge, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* - Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman.

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. Mr. Schultz presented the Preliminary Budget for the purpose to keep the Board informed of the budget development.
- C. Mr. Schultz presented the 2023-24 Second Interim Financial Report for the Mayacamas Charter Middle School.
- D. Mr. Schultz presented the 2023-24 Second Interim Financial Reports for the Napa County School Districts.
- E. Ms. McClure provided a First Reading Board Bylaw 9150 Student Board Members and reported that Board Bylaw 9150 Students Board Members will be brought to the Board as a Second Reading and approval at the June 4 Board meeting.
- F. Update Ad Hoc Committee for Mayacamas Charter Middle School was removed from the Agenda at Item 1.E. Approval of the Agenda.

**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, June 4, 2024.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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