

MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Members present

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

1. ORGANIZATION

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Huffman called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

B. FLAG SALUTE

The salute to the Flag was led by Gerry Parrott.

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 Mr. Donaldson and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Agenda for the August 6, 2024 meeting was approved. *Ayes* - Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* - None. Mrs. Kresge not present to vote.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mrs. Biederman and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Minutes from the July 16, 2024 meeting were approved. *Ayes* - Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* - None. Mrs. Kresge not present to vote.

G. Public Comment was given.

2. PRESENTATIONS

A. Carolynne Beno, Ed.D., FCMAT, provided information on the Fiscal Crisis Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) scope of work focusing on ensuring Mayacamas Countywide Middle School complies with the MOU and the requirements of the Education Code related to the operation of a charter school.

3. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

- Ms. Waldinger reported that she and Dr. Barbara Nemko attended multiple hearings in Sacramento today on Ethnic Studies. Ms. Waldinger noted that they met with assembly people who are voting and let them know the importance of the work to be done regarding creating ethnic studies curriculum.

- Dr. Nemko added to Ms. Waldinger’s report that the Ethnic Studies Bill 2918 was in appropriations. Dr. Nemko further noted that a lot of antisemitism has crept into Ethnic Studies, and the bill is intended to monitor this concern. The bill is currently on suspense but will come back August 15. If it does not make it out at that time, the bill is dead for the year.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she went to the State Board meeting in July to hear Dr. Lucy Edwards’ team present our Literacy for All program, at the request of the State Board. Dr. Nemko further reported that over the next three days, local people at Camille Creek are getting the training.
- Dr. Nemko announced that Dr. Lucy Edwards, Director of Continuous Improvement and Academic Support, has been promoted to Assistant Superintendent at the Napa County Office of Education.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Nancy Dempsey is doing a roll out of the Verizon Grant on August 16 at Camille Creek, and the Board is invited to attend. Every student will receive their own Chromebook and account, and the teachers will receive professional development.
- Mrs. Kresge reported that she spoke with a student from St. Helena who expressed interest in student board member positions on the Napa County Board of Education board. Board President Huffman asked that this topic be brought back for discussion at the September meeting.

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board approved Consent Agenda Item 4.A. (Temporary County Certificates). *Ayes* - Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, 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. Kresge and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved Board Policy 0410 Nondiscrimination in County Office Programs and Activities. *Ayes* - Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* - None.

B. On a motion by Mrs. Biederman and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved the Napa County Clear Administrative Services Credential (CASC) Induction Program Assurances. *Ayes* - Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* - None.

C. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board approved to change the November meeting date from November 5, 2024 to November 12, 2024 and to include a Board Retreat on November 12. *Ayes* - Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* - None.

6. SCHEDULED MATTER

Mrs. Kresge reported on the following topics:

- The matter of undocumented children have a right to attend public schools.
- Education Week article: A shift away from four-year college.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. The Personnel Activity Report was presented.
- B. Lucy Edwards and Nancy Dempsey presented slides on the LCAP updates, noting that feedback from the CDE was technical in nature to make sure that we are meeting all of the compliance regulations.
- C. Lucy Edwards reported on the Teacher Assignment Monitoring Outcomes (TAMO) and noted that the report is now available online. Dr. Edwards noted that since this information was not available at the June meeting, when the Board approved the local indicator data, Dr. Edwards is required to present it at the Board meeting today as an information item.
- D. Ms. McClure presented a First Reading Biennial Review of Conflict of Interest Board Bylaw and Exhibit (BB 9270 and E 9270) and recommended the Board Bylaw 9270 and Exhibit 9270 be presented to the Board for a second reading and approval at the September 3, 2024 meeting.
- E. Jean Donaldson, Board Trustee, reported that the Ad Hoc Committee approved the Candidate Interview Questions for Board Trustee Area 4.
- F. President Huffman asked the Board to send their preference for a Board Retreat moderator to Ellen Sitter by August 14.
- G. Dr. Nemko reported on the Napa County Grand Jury Task Force Report 2023-2024.

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, September 3, 2024.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Nemko, Secretary
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Approved _____ Date _____