

MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Members present

Jean Donaldson, Janna Waldinger, Don Huffman, Gerry Parrott, Sindy Biederman, Jennifer Kresge, Nadine Wade-Gravett, Ernie Villalvazo Diaz

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 Ernie Vallalvazo Diaz.

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 Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Agenda for the October 1, 2024 meeting was approved. *Ayes* - Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Wade-Gravett, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Vallalvazo Diaz. *Noes* - None.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Minutes from the September 3, 2024 meeting were approved. *Ayes* - Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Wade-Gravett, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Vallalvazo Diaz. *Noes* - None.

G. Public comment was given.

2. PRESENTATIONS

On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board approved moving Item 2.D. before Item 2.B. *Ayes* - Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Wade-Gravett, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Ernie Vallalvazo Diaz. *Noes* - None.

- A. Gregg Kresge, Ph.D., Senior Manager Utility Engagement and Transportation Electrification – US Energy World Resources Institute, presented on electric school buses.

- B. Nancy Wynne de Rivera (Napa County Public Health); Students (Napa Youth Council); and, Nancy Barcala-Felix (TUPE County Coordinator, Community Programs) presented on tobacco-related issues in Napa County.
- C. Angela Higdon, Assistant Principal, Juvenile Court and Community Schools, provided an overview and video of activities and initiatives at Camille Creek aimed at preparing students for college and career success.
- D. Nancy Dempsey, Director, Juvenile Court and Community Schools, introduced and congratulated Camille Creek Students of the Month: Marco Guerrero Campos and Jacqueline Campos Hernandez.

The Board took a short break to celebrate the students. Cake was served.

3. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

- Ms. Waldinger reported that she and Dr. Nemko attended the *Napa Against Hate* rally. The Vintage High choir performed, and Ms. Waldinger noted that Choir Director, Mark Teeters did a wonderful job.
- Mrs. Kresge reported on a book *The Anxious Generation* noting that the book reveals new research being done on the effects of the use of screens for children. Mrs. Kresge said she will forward the webinar link to the Board.
- Mrs. Biederman reported that she was a validator for NVUSD in the Wellness Program. Mrs. Biederman reviewed the process for becoming a validator and encouraged all Board Members to visit the schools to see the wellness programs and other programs the schools offer.
- Mr. Huffman reported on the recently attended County Board Membership Services conference in Monterey.
- Mrs. Kresge reported that she is on the committee to recultivate CCBE with a new name, ACCBE. Mrs. Kresge reminded the Board that a webinar on the new organization is being planned for the end of October.
- Dr. Nemko reminded the Board that Camille Creek has a Wellness Center funded mainly through awarded mental health grants that are largely distributed to the schools.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Sara Sitch, Director, Community Programs, has integrated E-sports and robotics into the after school programs. Dr. Nemko will let the Board know when she plans to visit the programs, and the Board is welcome to join her. Dr. Nemko further reported that the students went on 19 field trips over the summer.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she has been meeting with Dori O'Toole, retired Napa teacher, on the Dollywood Foundation which sends books to every child in the country from birth to age five. Ms. O'Toole is interested in bringing this program to the children in Napa County. Dr. Nemko noted that we will have to raise money, and noted that Ms. Waldinger offered to help raise funds for this endeavor.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she contacted Susan Decker regarding facilitating a Board Retreat and that Susan is available in January or February.
- Dr. Nemko encouraged the Board to become familiar with edWeb.net which offers free professional development videos on education.

- Dr. Nemko reported that we are official winners of a Golden Bell for our *NIP Plays* program. The program has parents and children meeting outside of school in the park.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Ellyn Elson, who spearheaded the Reading Champions Volunteer program, had eight volunteers who met with teacher Debbie Baldwin last week at Shearer Elementary.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Nimbus Arts is going to paint a mural on the Napa Preschool Program outdoor wall.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she's been working with Tom Torlakson who created the Whole Child Foundation with a vision of introducing middle school students to careers. Last year Pope Valley Union School District and Howell Mountain Elementary School District visited the electrical apprenticeship program in Napa. This year Mayacamas Middle School will visit the Steamfitters and Plumbers in Vacaville, and Calistoga Joint Unified School District will visit the electrical apprenticeship program in Napa. Dr. Nemko reminded the Board that this is a pilot program.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Bill Evers, former Assistant Secretary of Education in Washington, D.C., invited her to be on an ethnic studies panel at the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco on November 7 to talk about what guardrails can be put into place for ethnic studies in the schools.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the 8th grade hands-on career fair is March 13, 2025 at the Napa Expo.
- Dr. Nemko has been working with people from our grants and Chartwell school on getting the Science of Reading mandated in California. A summit is planned in Hollister at R.O. Hardin School on October 22.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Gillie Miller, Director, College & Career Readiness is working on four CTE grants.

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. On a motion by Mrs. Biederman and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved Consent Agenda Item 4.A. (Temporary County Certificates). *Ayes* - Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Wade-Gravett, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Villalvazo Diaz. *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. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved Resolution 2024-25 (GANN Limit Calculations) in accordance with the Provision of Proposition 4 (1979). *Ayes* - Mr. Villalvazo Diaz, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Wade-Gravett, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* - None.

B. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board approved Resolution 2024-26: California Proposition 2, Public Education Facilities Bond Measure. *Ayes* - Mr. Villalvazo Diaz, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr.

Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Wade-Gravett, Mr. Huffman. *Noes – None.*

C. On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mr. Donaldson, the Board approved Revisions to Policies related to recent Title IX changes. *Ayes - Mr. Villalvazo Diaz, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Wade-Gravett, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.*

D. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Donaldson, the Board approved Resolution 2025-27: Transfer of Funds from Fund 01 to Fund 35. *Ayes - Mr. Villalvazo Diaz, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Wade-Gravett, Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.*

6. SCHEDULED MATTER

Mrs. Kresge reported on numerous educational legislative proposals accompanied by a written report that is available in the Superintendent's office. Highlights from Mrs. Kresge's report include Governor Newsom signing a Bill prohibiting the banning of books. Mrs. Kresge further reported that Governor Newsom signed into law that food dyes in schools will be banned by 2028.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. The Personnel Activity Report was presented.

B. Mr. Schultz reported there are no Williams Uniform Complaints to report.

C. Mr. Schultz reported on the Unaudited Actual Expenditures and Income for the 2024-2025 Fiscal year noting that the numbers represent our understanding on expenditures and revenues.

D. Mr. Schultz provided a public disclosure report of collective bargaining agreements and salary schedules.

E. Mr. Schultz provided an overview of the 2024-25 Budget Financial Reports for Napa County School Districts.

F. Board Members were invited to report on the County Board Members Services Conference in Monterey.

Mrs. Biederman reported on the in-depth content of the conference and the excellent workshops presented.

G. Mr. Schultz provided an update on the most recent work FCMAT has been doing with regard to the oversight of Mayacamas Middle School. The work has focused on personnel files and making sure they are up to date with all proper clearances and credentials; and, the review of the unaudited actuals report they filed with us. Mr. Schultz reported that the enrollment report noted 133 students enrolled.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Update on the Association of California County Boards of Education.

9. NEXT MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next regular meeting of the Napa County Board of Education will be held Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Nemko, Secretary
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Approved _____ Date _____