

MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, September 3, 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 3:30 p.m.

B. FLAG SALUTE

The salute to the Flag was led by Josh Schultz.

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 Ms. Waldinger, the Agenda for the September 3, 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 Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Minutes from the August 5, 2024 meeting were approved. *Ayes* - Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* - None. Mrs. Kresge not present to vote.

G. There were no comments by the public.

2. PRESENTATIONS

- A. A Public hearing was opened at 3:40 p.m. and was held on the matter of sufficiency and current content of textbooks and instructional materials as utilized in the 2024-2025 school year. Nancy Dempsey, Director, Juvenile Court and Community Schools, reported that all instructional materials are aligned with the common core standards. The public hearing which was held in compliance with Education Code Section 60119, to encourage participation by parents, teachers, members of the community and bargaining unit leaders on the issue of sufficiency and current content of textbooks and instructional materials as utilized in the 2024-2025 school year, elicited no comments from the public. The public hearing closed at 3:50 p.m.

Ms. Dempsey provided a short video on the Verizon Grant. The grant has afforded Chromebooks with connectivity for all of our students. Ms. Dempsey noted that this program provides all students access to what they need for school and home.

- B. Julie McClure, Associate Superintendent, presented an update on our annual report on the NCOE Strategic Plan Priorities and our progress towards our goals. Reminded the board of our strategic priorities.
- C. Ariana Ponce and Nadia Barboza, Health Education Specialists, Napa County Health and Human Services Agency, presented on the Opioid Overdose Crisis and Naloxone for Emergency Treatment.

3. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

- Dr. Nemko reported that we are developing a preschool education center at the Napa Preschool Program. Head Start is moving here, and we will now have a collaboration between Head Start and our preschool programs. Dr. Nemko further reported that Nimbus Arts will paint a mural at the preschool similar to the mural they painted at Sattui Preschool.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the Department of Motor Vehicles has TV screens that broadcast advertisements every day. An ad for Footsteps2Brilliance is currently being displayed, and now included are running ads for the After School Program and the Mayacamas Countywide Middle School.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she and Josh Schultz were asked to do a video for CCEE (California Collaborative for Educational Excellence) based on Camille Creek and the work we are doing for CAAASA (California Association of African-American Superintendents and Administrators) looking at the impact of our College and Career Readiness programs on student attendance, grades, and graduation.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we are working on a Reading Summit with Chartwell and UCSF to get our legislators to understand the importance of using the science of reading. Dr. Nemko presented a video with Governor Newsom and the First Partner showcasing how important reading specialists are for our students. In the video, Governor Newsom noted that 800 schools are receiving the benefit of trained reading coaches.

Dr. Nemko pointed out that the people who are training these reading coaches to go into the 800 schools are from our grant with the Sacramento County Office of Education.

- Dr. Nemko reported that she went to the Calistoga back-to-school last Friday and all the agencies that collaborate with Calistoga were there. The NCOE had a booth with some of our staff handing out tooth kits.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she and Sindy Biederman recently attended the *Meet Me in the Street* event in American Canyon. Dr. Nemko reported there were booths that students set up to present their pop-up businesses. Dr. Nemko provided a handout to the Board detailing some of the student businesses highlights.

- Dr. Nemko reported that we are hosting a session on Thursday to create a strategic plan around the grand jury report on the rising gang activity. Local agencies and districts have been invited, and we have a facilitator to review what we currently have in place.
- Julie McClure presented a graphic showing the grants that the NCOE has been awarded in the 2023-24 year. Ms. McClure noted that we had 25 grants awarded this year across seven departments totaling approximately \$27 million dollars in funding across several years.
- Ms. McClure reported that our Napa Infant Program is a finalist for the Golden Bell.
- Dr. Nemko noted that the previously mentioned grant funding we receive goes out to the districts for work we do with and for the districts.

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Kresge, 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).

Due to a time certain of 5:00 p.m. for Item 6., Josh Schultz suggested moving Item 6. up with Item 5. to follow.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. On a motion by Mr. Donaldson and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board approved Resolution 2024-22 and certified (per Agenda Item 2.A.) that the Napa County Office of Education has complied with the requirements of Education code 60119 for the 2024-2025 school year. *Ayes* - Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Villalvazo. *Noes* - None. *Abstained* - Mrs. Wade-Gravett.

B. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved Resolution 2024-23: AmeriCorps Neighbor to Neighbor contract. *Ayes* - Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Villalvazo. *Noes* - None. *Abstained* - Mrs. Wade-Gravett.

C. On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mr. Donaldson, the Board approved the Conflict of Interest Board Bylaw and Exhibit (BB 9270 and E 9270). *Ayes* - Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Villalvazo. *Noes* - None. *Abstained* - Mrs. Wade-Gravett.

D. Following an interview, on a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board approved the appointment of Student Board Member Ernesto Villalvazo. *Ayes* - Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* - None. *Abstained* - Mrs. Wade-Gravett.

Dr. Nemko administered the Oath of Office to Ernesto Villalvazo who was appointed Student Board Member at the September 3, 2024 meeting.

- E. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved to Authorize Staff to File the Notice of Exemption (NOE) for California Environmental Quality Act (CQA) requirements for Renewable Energy Project. *Ayes* - Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Villalvazo. *Noes* - None. *Abstained* - Mrs. Wade-Gravett.

6. PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT, TRUSTEE AREA 4 VACANCY 5:00 p.m.

- A. Public comment was given.
- B. The Board interviewed two applicants: Mary Elke, and Nadine Wade-Gravett for the vacancy in Trustee Area 4 created by the resignation of Ann Cash.
- C. Following the interviews, on a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Ms. Waldinger, the Board voted to appoint Nadine Wade-Gravett as Trustee to Area 4 for the completion of the term expiring in 2026. *Ayes* - Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Kresge, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Mr. Donaldson. *Noes* - None.

Public comment was given.

- D. Dr. Nemko administered the Oath of Office to Nadine Wade-Gravett who was provisionally appointed Board Trustee (Area 4) at the September 3, 2024 meeting.

7. SCHEDULED MATTER

Mrs. Kresge reported on numerous educational legislative proposals accompanied by a written report that is available in the Superintendent's office.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. The Personnel Activity Report was presented.
- B. Ms. McClure presented a First Reading of Revisions to Policies related to recent Title IX changes. The Policies will be presented to the Board for a second reading and approval at the October 1, 2024 meeting. Policies include:
- BP 0410 Nondiscrimination in County Office Programs and Activities
 - BP 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment
 - AR 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment
 - BP 5145.7 Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment
 - AR 5145.7 Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment
 - AR 5145.71 Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures

C. Ms. McClure reviewed Board Bylaw 9150 Student Board Members. A brief discussion with the Board followed noting no follow-up needed at this time.

D. Mr. Schultz provided the Mayacamas Charter Oversight Update on the activities going on since the FCMAT presentation at the August Board meeting.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Presentation by Gregg Kresge on the electric school bus project.

10. NEXT MEETINGS OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next regular meeting of the Napa County Board of Education will be held Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Nemko, Secretary
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Approved _____ Date _____