

MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Members present

Jean Donaldson, Janna Waldinger, Don Huffman, Sindy Biederman,
Nadine Wade-Gravett, Jennifer Kresge, Ernie Vallalvazo Diaz
Member absent: 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 Ernie 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 Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Kresge the Agenda for the December 10, 2024 meeting was amended to include *Item 9. Next Meeting of the Napa County Board of Education* to be held December 16, 2024. *Ayes* – Mr. Diaz, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Wade-Gravett, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Kresge. *Noes* – None.

F. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion by Mrs. Wade-Gravett and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board approved the Minutes from November 12, 2024. *Ayes* – Mr. Diaz, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Wade-Gravett, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Kresge. *Noes* – None.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was given.

2. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Jeff Scott, Teacher, introduced Camille Creek Student of the Month, Guillermo Mendoza and summarized Guillermo's accomplishments in the culinary program and his plans for the future.

The Board took a short break to celebrate Guillermo Mendoza's Student of the Month recognition.

- B. Dr. Carolynne Beno, Fiscal Crisis Management Assistance Team (FCMAT), provided demographic data and information for the Mayacamas Charter Middle School. Dr. Beno further reviewed academic and other performance data from the California Dashboard for the school that was open last year.

Public Comment was given.

3. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

- Mrs. Biederman reported that American Canyon High School varsity football team is on its way to the finals. ACHS is the first NVUSD football team to win state title.
- Mrs. Kresge reported on a speaker who presented on wellness at the CSBA conference. Mrs. Kresge emphasized the importance of the social/emotional connection topic.
- Mr. Donaldson reported attending the wellness presentation at the CSBA conference and recognizing the presentation's importance.
- Ms. Waldinger reminded the Board to introduce themselves at local civic events and dignitary conferences to let them know you are an elected official of the Napa County Board of Education.
- Dr. Nemko introduced Greg Weinarth who was part of the original Napa Business Education Partnership which installed cable throughout Napa County to provide wired internet connectivity to the community.
Mr. Weinarth presented an historical perspective on the process used to construct this system.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the NCOE was awarded a grant for \$710,000 to provide regional technical assistance and support related to the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she is now the legislative policy representative for ACSA for our region.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the State Superintendent asked the NCOE to develop a tracker for the *Move the Needle* initiative.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she attended a presentation at CSBA on how to reassure schools and the community with concerns about what might happen with the new federal administration. Dr. Nemko further reported that she attended a presentation on *Attendance Matters* and *Absenteeism*.
- Dr. Nemko attended the BANJO event (Bay Area Network of Jewish Elected Officials) to discuss the vote happening on December 12 at the University of California. The UC is considering adding an "H" to the currently required A-G requirements to enter a UC. Dr. Nemko noted that the H requirement requires every student who enters the UC system to take a course in Liberated Ethnic Studies; not state approved.
- Dr. Nemko reported on the Golden Bell awarded to the preschool for their program *NIP Plays*.
- Mr. Vallalvazo Diaz reported on school events and activities at Camille Creek.

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. Villalvazo

Diaz, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Wade-Gravett, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. *Noes – None.*

B. On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved Consent Agenda Item 4.B. (Board Compensation – Gerry Parrott). *Ayes – Mr. Villalvazo Diaz, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Wade-Gravett, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.*

5. ACTION ITEMS

On a motion by Ms. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Donaldson, the Board approved the 2024-25 First Interim Budget Report. *Ayes – Mr. Villalvazo Diaz, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Wade-Gravett, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.*

6. SCHEDULED MATTER

Mrs. Kresge reported that the legislature is not in place at this time.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. The Personnel Activity Report was presented.
- B. Ms. McClure presented a First Reading on Board Policy 6158 and Administrative Regulation 6158 Independent Study. Board Policy 6158 and Administrative Regulation 6158 Independent Study will be presented for Board approval at the January meeting.
- C. Mrs. Kresge updated the Board on ACCBE and asked the Board to complete and submit the survey.
- D. Mr. Huffman requested an update on the Board Retreat at the December 16 meeting.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: 1) Science of Reading presentation; 2) Board Action ACCBE Annual Membership Dues; 3) Resolution Establishing ACCBE Membership; and, 4) Proclamation for ACHS Football Team - February 4, 2025 meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next regular meeting of the Napa County Board of Education will be held Monday, December 16, 2024.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Nemko, Secretary
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Approved _____ Date _____