

**MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Tuesday, January 14, 2025**

**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 Waldinger called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**B. FLAG SALUTE**

The salute to the Flag was led by Janna Waldinger.

**C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

President Waldinger 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. Donaldson, the Agenda for the January 14, 2025 meeting was approved. *Ayes* – Mr. Vallalvazo Diaz, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Wade-Gravett, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Kresge, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None.

**F. OATH OF OFFICE**

The re-elected Board member, Jennifer Kresge, was sworn-in by Barbara Nemko.

**G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Mrs. Biederman and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Minutes from December 16, 2024 were amended to include at *Item 3. Future Agenda Items*, ACHS Football Coach and Team recognition at a future meeting. *Ayes* – Mr. Vallalvazo Diaz, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Wade-Gravett, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None.

**H.** There was no public comment.

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Michael Ash, Partner, Christy White and Associates, presented NCOE's audit report for the period ending June 30, 2024. Mr. Ash announced the report has been given an unmodified opinion.

- B. Board Approval of Annual Audit Report: on a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board approved the NCOE's audit report for the period ending June 30, 2024. *Ayes* – Mr. Vallalvazo Diaz, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Wade-Gravett, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None.
- C. Dr. Barbara Nemko delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Science of Reading.

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

- Mrs. Biederman reported that she attended a virtual session through CSBA on the Governor's budget projections and offered to send Ellen Sitter the PowerPoint to share with the Board.
- Dr. Nemko reported on Liberated Ethnic Studies being considered as an H requirement in the California university system and noted that the Academic Senate will vote on this requirement in April.
- Dr. Nemko announced that she will present a session on the Leadership Component of Introducing Structured Literacy at the upcoming ACSA conference.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Mayacamas Countywide Middle School is introducing additional resources to enhance student outcomes.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Ellyn Elson has recruited volunteer tutors who are currently tutoring at Shearer Elementary. Dr. Nemko invited the Board Members to sign up as tutors if they are interested.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Mrs. Biederman volunteered to help ACHS teacher Alma Gonzalez prepare for the decathlon. Dr. Nemko invited other Board Members to help with the decathlon if they are interested in doing so.
- Dr. Nemko thanked Mr. Donaldson for standing in for the Howell Mountain Elementary School Board and voting at the recent Howell Mountain Elementary School Board meeting.
- Mrs. Waldinger announced that she appointed three Board Members, Jean Donaldson, Jennifer Kresge, and Gerry Parrott to serve on the Personnel Standing Committee on Board Policy 2121.

### **4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. On a motion by Mr. Huffman 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, Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Wade-Gravett, 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 Mr. Huffman and a second by Mrs. Wade-Gravett, the Board approved the School Accountability Reported Card (SARC). 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 Mrs. Wade-Gravett and a second by Mr. Donaldson, the Board approved Board Policy 6158 and Administrative Regulation 6158 Independent Study. 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 Mr. Huffman and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved Resolution 2025-02 Establishing Institutional Membership in the Association of California County Boards of Education (ACCBE). Ayes – Mr. Villalvazo Diaz, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Wade-Gravett, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.
- D. On a motion by Mr. Huffman and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved the Association of California County Boards of Education (ACCBE) Institution Annual Membership Dues in the amount of \$1,825.00 (01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025). Ayes – Mr. Villalvazo Diaz, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Wade-Gravett, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.

## **6. SCHEDULED MATTER**

Mr. Parrott reported on AB 1955 (SAFETY Act) signed into law on July 15, 2024, as well as the proposed Bills AB 49 and SB 48.

## **7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. The Personnel Activity Report was presented.
- B. Mr. Schultz reported no complaints under the Williams Uniform Complaints Procedures Quarterly Report.
- C. Mr. Schultz presented the Budget Calendar noting the Preliminary Budget will be brought to the Board for review and approval in April.

- 8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** 1) ACCBE President Bina Lefkovitz virtual presentation; 2) ACHS Football Coach Recognition; 3) Mission Statement on Board Agenda; and, 4) Legislative Agenda for review.

## **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, February 4, 2025.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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