

MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Members present

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

Absent: Nadine Wade-Gravett

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 Don Huffman.

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 Mrs. Biederman, the Agenda for the March 4, 2025 meeting was approved. *Ayes* – Mr. Villalvazo Diaz, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Parrott, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Huffman and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Minutes from the regular meeting on February 4, 2025 were approved. *Ayes* – Mr. Villalvazo Diaz, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge, Ms. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None. Mr. Parrott abstained.

G. Public comment was given.

2. PRESENTATIONS

- A. NSO Lt. Ryan Woolworth, Napa Special Investigation Bureau, Human Trafficking, presented on human sex trafficking.

3. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

- Mr. Villalvazo Diaz updated the Board on Camille Creek events, including that students in the digital arts class have begun working on the yearbook, choosing "Aztec" as the theme. Mr. Villalvazo Diaz further reported that eight students received internships, and he is among the recipients for a construction and welding internship.

- Mr. Donaldson reported that he took part in a panel discussion at the gun violence and public safety forum at the United Women of Faith organized by the Methodist church. The topics discussed were school safety plans, immigration, and school curriculum.
- Mrs. Kresge invited the Board to attend a virtual learning series put on by ACCBE on Career Technical Education (CTE) on March 17. Mrs. Kresge asked Dr. Nemko to consider speaking at the series on CTE. Mrs. Kresge invited Mr. Villalvazo Diaz to contribute to the discussion on CTE.
- Mrs. Biederman reported on her visit on February 7 to Crossroads and Skyline Academy.
- Ms. Waldinger reported that she and Dr. Nemko attended the Napa Chamber Awards.
- Dr. Nemko provided an update on a long-term project she and Napa Valley College are pursuing, which involves a business advisor collaborating with a group of students to create a viable business plan that would ensure the financial sustainability of the program's culinary component.
- Jill Barnes, Director of Mental Health and Professional Learning, reported that she and Ron Eick, Program Manager, successfully obtained the approval from the Committee on Accreditation at the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for the administrative induction program.

The Board took a short break to celebrate Jill Barnes and Ron Eick's work in securing the Commission's approval for their program.

- Dr. Nemko shared that she joined the Mayacamas students on a field trip to the Steamfitters and Plumbers training center in Vacaville
- Dr. Nemko provided an update on Mayacamas Countywide Middle School regarding the teaching strategies being implemented, volunteer reading opportunities, and a new reward system designed to recognize students' academic achievements, particularly in math.
- Dr. Nemko shared that Dr. Lucy Edwards, Assistant Superintendent, chaired the CISC (Curriculum and Instruction Steering Committee) conference this year for county offices from all over the state.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Gillie Miller recently ran the Educating for Careers conference in Sacramento with 3,000 participants.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she participated in Legislation week in Sacramento to advocate for various legislative bills.

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved Consent Agenda Item 4.A. Temporary County Certificates. Ayes – Mr. Villalvazo Diaz, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.

B. On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved Consent Agenda Item 4.B. Resolution 2025-05: Board Member Compensation (Board Member Nadine Wade-Gravett will not be compensated for the March 4, 2025 meeting as she was not in attendance). Ayes – Mr. Villalvazo Diaz, Mr.

Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. *Noes – None.*

5. ACTION ITEMS

- A. On a motion by Mr. Huffman and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved the Second Interim budget Report. *Ayes - Mr. Villalvazo Diaz, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Parrott, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.*
- B. Mr. Donaldson reported that the Personnel Standing Committee recommends a 2.5 percent salary increase for County Superintendent Barbara Nemko, retroactive to January 1, 2025. On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved the Personnel Standing Committee's recommendations to increase the Superintendent's salary by 2.5% retroactive to January 1, 2025. *Ayes - Mr. Villalvazo Diaz, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Parrott, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.*
- C. On a motion by Mr. Huffman and a second by Mr. Donaldson, the Board nominated Sindy Biederman for CSBA's 2025 Regional County Delegate Assembly Candidate. *Ayes – Mr. Villalvazo Diaz, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Ms. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Parrott, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.*

6. SCHEDULED MATTER

Mr. Parrott summarized Senate Resolution SR 17 on Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month and Assembly Bill 666 (AB 666) Bigfoot Country designating Bigfoot as California's official state cryptid.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. The Personnel Activity Report was presented.
- B. Ms. Waldinger reviewed the Board agenda redesign, which includes a purpose statement and listing of the trustees and their trustee areas.
- C. Ms. McClure updated the Board on the Immigration Enforcement matter in relation to efforts supporting and training student program staff. Ms. McClure noted that changes are being made to BP 5145.13, Immigration Enforcement, and it will be presented for a first reading at a future meeting.
- D. Ms. McClure summarized the new Administration's Executive Orders and what impact this may or may not have on the NCOE.
- E. Dr. Nemko reviewed the draft Legislative Agenda and requested that the Board submit their suggestions to her by March 7.
- F. Ms. McClure reported that the NCOE is preparing to initiate a new round of collective bargaining with both unions, NCFT and SEIU.

G. Kelly Bucy, Director, Fiscal Services, reviewed the 2024-25 first interim financial reports for Napa County School Districts.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: 1) New design and format for the Board agenda; 2) Update on new Administration's Executive Orders; 3) Legislative Agenda for review; 4) Review ADA funding for 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, April 1, 2025.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Nemko, Secretary
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Approved _____ Date _____