

MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Members present

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

Absent: Jennifer Kresge

1. ORGANIZATION

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Donaldson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

B. FLAG SALUTE

The salute to the Flag was led by Barbara Nemko.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Vice President Donaldson 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. Wade-Gravett and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Agenda for the June 3, 2025 meeting was approved. Ayes – Mr. Villalvazo Diaz, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Parrott Wade-Gravett. Noes – None. Ms. Waldinger not present to vote.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Huffman and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Minutes from the regular meeting on May 6, 2025 were amended to correct Item 2. Correspondence, Communications, and Reports, to reflect that Mr. Huffman's daughter is the Art teacher for the entire school at Browns Valley Elementary. Ayes – Mr. Villalvazo Diaz, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Wade-Gravett. Noes – None. Abstained – Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Biederman. Ms. Waldinger not present to vote.

G. There were no comments from the public.

2. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Dr. Nemko welcomed guests to the 2025 NCOE Teacher of the Year, Classified School Employees of the Year, and Early Childhood Educator of the Year.

The following staff were honored:

NCOE Teacher of the Year: Anne Marie Carter, Juvenile Hall Crossroads Academy

NCOE Early Childhood Support Staff of the Year: Maite Bernabeu, Early Childhood Special Education (also Napa County honoree)

NCOE Classified School Employees of the Year:

Clerical & Administrative Services – Kasey Randle, Juvenile Court & Community Schools

Food & Nutrition Services – Cristina Uribe, Early Learning Services (also Napa County honoree)

Paraprofessional Services – Pamela Riddle, Camille Creek Community School

- B. Tammy Lee, Teacher, American Canyon Middle School, and her students presented their *From Something to Nothing* projects, which were created using scrap wood and various other materials generously donated by Bill Kreysler, Kreysler & Associates.

The Board paused briefly to celebrate the American Canyon Middle School students.

- C. Nancy Dempsey, Director, Juvenile Court and Community Schools, recognized Camille Creek Student of the Month, Lester Carrera Alegria.
- D. Dr. Carolynne Beno and Roslynne Manansala-Smith, Fiscal Crisis Management Assistance Team (FCMAT), provided a review of Mayacamas Charter Middle School's 2024-25 Second Interim Report.

Public comment was given.

Dr. Lucy Edwards, Assistant Superintendent, Continuous Improvement and Academic Support, updated the Board on the professional development assistance she has provided for Mayacamas Charter Middle School.

- E. A Public Hearing was opened at 5:23 p.m. on the proposed Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). The proposed LCAP is presented for the purpose of accepting public input prior to the adoption of the final budget at the June 10, 2025 Board meeting.

Public comment was given.

The Public Hearing elicited no comments from the public and was closed at 6:00 p.m.

- F. A Public Hearing was opened at 6:07 p.m. on the Napa County Office of Education's proposed 2025-2026 budget. The proposed budget is presented for the purpose of accepting public input prior to the adoption of the final budget at the June 10, 2025 Board meeting.

There were no comments from the public.

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- G. Thanh Tran, County Coordinator – Foster & McKinney-Vento and Sara Sitch, Director, Community Programs, presented on Youth Outreach Services for children experiencing homelessness.

3. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

- Ernie Villalvazo Diaz reported that Camille Creek students are working on the yearbook.
- Mrs. Biederman distributed a flyer for the Viet Nam War Memorial exhibit taking place in Community Park in American Canyon from October 16-19.
- Mr. Donaldson reported that he recently volunteered to read to 3rd graders at the Napa Valley Language Academy along with other Rotarians.
- Ms. Waldinger reported that she attended the NCOE Pride flag raising ceremony at the NCOE on Monday.
- Dr. Nemko reminded the Board that Howell Mountain Elementary School's graduation is Wednesday, June 4 at 5:30 p.m.
- Dr. Nemko reminded the Board that Camille Creek's graduation is Friday, June 6 at 12:00 p.m.
- Dr. Nemko reminded the Board that Mayacamas Charter Middle School's graduation is Thursday, June 5 at 2:00 p.m.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Camille Creek was awarded \$13,000 from Community Foundation for our welding program.
- Dr. Nemko reported on the Superintendent's Summer Reading Challenge, and the reading champions who complete a four-week course will be recognized at the August Board meeting.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she is working with Wonder Media to have a summer program at Unidos Middle School.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Ellyn Elson, who is sponsoring the Reading Champions initiative, is seeking 100 volunteers. The current volunteers have requested additional training, and Kelsey Petithomme, Director, SELPA, has offered to provide it.
- Dr. Nemko reminded the Board that *Counting Out for Math* will be held in the St. Helena board room on August 7 and 8, and a documentary will be shown to the public on August 8.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the preschool students are graduating on June 18 at 1:30 p.m.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the Dollywood book distribution will begin with a soft launch on June 18.

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

B. On a motion by Mr. Huffman and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved Consent Agenda Item 4.B. (Board Member Compensation) for Mrs. Kresge. Ayes

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

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. On a motion by Mr. Donaldson and a second by Mr. Parrott, the Board approved the Consolidated Application and Reporting system (CARS) 2025-2026 Protected Prayer Certification. *Ayes - Mr. Villalvazo Diaz, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Wade-Gravett, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Parrott, Mr. Huffman, Ms. Waldinger. Noes – None.*

6. SCHEDULED MATTER

Mr. Parrott updated the Board on the following bills: AB 49 School Sites: Immigration Enforcement; AB 419 Education Equity: Immigration Enforcement; and, AB 281 Amending section 51938 of Education Code relating to pupil instruction. Mr. Parrott further reported that the court blocked Temecula Valley Unified School District from enforcing its ban on teaching CRT (Critical Race Theory).

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. The Personnel Activity Report was presented.
- B. Ms. Waldinger appointed an ad hoc committee to review the process for appointing a Superintendent.
- C. Mr. Schultz did not have any updates on the new Administration’s Executive Orders.
- D. Ms. McClure reviewed details for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon on June 5, 2025 at the NCOE.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: 1) Year-end review of Mayacamas fiscal position – July 8 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 Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Nemko, Secretary
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Approved _____ Date _____