

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Tuesday, January 7, 2020**

**Members present**

Sindy Biederman, Ann Cash, Steve Orndorf, Jennifer Kresge, Janna Waldinger, Jim Haslip

Absent: Don Huffman

**1. ORGANIZATION**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**B. FLAG SALUTE**

The salute to the Flag was led by Ann Cash.

**C. WELCOME VISITORS**

Rosanna Mucetti, Joe Schunk, and Robin Jankiewicz were welcomed to the meeting by Mr. Orndorf.

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Agenda was approved on a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman. *Ayes* – Mrs. Kresge, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Cash, Mr. Orndorf. *Noes* – None.

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Kresge to amend the Minutes from the December 3, 2019 meeting, Item 2.F. Election of Officers, to reflect the following: Mrs. Kresge elected as Trustee Representative and Mrs. Cash elected as Legislative Representative. *Ayes* – Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Waldinger, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Cash, Mr. Orndorf. *Noes* – None.

**F. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC**

Mike Basayne introduced himself to announce his candidacy for Napa County treasurer-tax collector in the March election.

**2. PRESENTATIONS WITH ACTION TO BE TAKEN/PUBLIC HEARING**

A. Michael D. Ash, CPA, of Christy White Associates, presented NCOE's audit report for the period ending June 30, 2019. Mr. Ash announced the report has been given an unmodified opinion, and this is the highest rating possible.

B. 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, 2019. *Ayes* – Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Waldinger, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Cash, Mr. Orndorf. *Noes* – None.

C. Sara Sitch provided an overview and PowerPoint presentation on the Community Programs Expanded Learning program highlighting the curriculum and activities

provided for nine elementary school sites in Napa and Sonoma Counties and five middle school sites in Napa County.

D. Camille Creek *Phase 1* video was shown courtesy of the Court and Community School Leadership Students.

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

- Dr. Nemko reported that we have new protocol where leadership teams meet with NVUSD to talk about issues that we collaborate on closely.
- Ms. McClure reported that in between the leadership team meetings with NVUSD, she and Mary Ann Valles, Assistant Superintendent, NVUSD, meet to discuss the new grant site program for the next three years. Ms. McClure reported that we are moving forward with the partnership and look forward to putting together our MOU for the coming years and tightening our collaborative relationship. Ms. McClure further reported that as we move into this new grant cycle we are meeting with all the districts.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Kristin Wright with the California Department of Education is coming to visit our preschool programs in January. We will visit several of the preschool programs in the morning, and later in the day we will meet with Connie Silva, Managing Director (RPDC) Research and Professional Development Center, who will discuss the disproportionality program with Ms. Wright.
- Dr. Nemko reported on the Head Start Modernization Act bill that she has been spearheading to increase Head Start income eligibility. The Head Start Modernization Act would amend income eligibility to allow thousands of children to access services.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Leadership Napa Valley Education Day is February 7. Dr. Nemko and Dr. Mucetti plan to highlight College and Career Readiness. A video of activities that happen at the elementary and middle schools will also be shown. NVUSD will have representatives talking about the SAT.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she and Ms. McClure have set up an appointment with Dr. Clark from Vallejo City Unified School District to discuss Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearings.
- Dr. Haslip suggested sending letters to Senator Dianne Feinstein and Congressman Mike Thompson regarding the Head Start Modernization Act effort.

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

A. Consent Agenda Item 4.A. (Temporary County Certificates) was passed on a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mrs. Cash. Ayes – Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Orndorf, Mrs. Waldinger, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Kresge, and Mrs. Cash. Noes – None.

B. Consent Agenda Item 4.B. (Board Member Compensation – Mr. Huffman) was passed on a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mrs. Cash. Ayes – Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Orndorf, and Mrs. Cash. Noes – None.

## **5. ACTION ITEMS**

A. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Orndorf, the Board approved the Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions Waiver, Form J-13A. Mr. Schultz noted that this waiver is for a day in October when we were open but much of the county was not. *Ayes* – Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Orndorf, and Mrs. Cash. *Noes* – None.

## **6. SCHEDULED MATTER- Discussion, review, and direction regarding:**

A. Mrs. Cash reported on Assembly Bill 218, with regard to expanding the definition of childhood sexual abuse to be referred to as childhood sexual assault.

- Dr. Haslip suggested we review our policy relating to AB 218.

Mrs. Cash reported on publicized interest in overturning Proposition 13 with regard to commercial properties. This is an initiative that qualified for the November ballot.

- Dr. Haslip asked for something whereby we could better understand the Proposition 13 matter.

Mrs. Cash referred to an article by Dan Walters in the Napa Valley Register with regard to the housing crisis in California.

## **7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. The Board accepted the Personnel Activity Report as presented.

B. The Napa County Juvenile Court and Community Schools Plans for Student Achievement were provided for the Board's review. Dr. Haslip, Board Trustee, asked about any particular overarching program or methodology used at the schools. Caroline Wilson, Director of the program, explained that our teachers are being trained in Universal Design for Learning (UDL), a method of instruction which takes into account student challenges and barriers as well as learning styles and strengths. Ms. Wilson offered to follow up by sending the board information on UDL and then perhaps, if interested, would arrange for a presentation to the board on UDL at a later date.

C. Mr. Schultz presented a PowerPoint on the five Napa School Districts Fiscal Health Review 2019-2020 First Interim.

Dr. Haslip requested that we have this report presented to the board once a year.

D. Mr. Schultz, on behalf of Lucy Edwards, reported no complaints under the Williams Uniform Complaints Procedures Quarterly Report.

E. Mr. Schultz noted the second Board meeting in June is scheduled for June 23 at 3:30 p.m.

F. Mr. Schultz distributed the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget Calendar and reported that the adoption of the final budget and LCAP report will be presented at the second meeting in June on June 23.

G. Mr. Schultz reported that our Juvenile Court and Community School program has been identified and has qualified for differentiated assistance based on the

Dashboard released in early December. We will learn in more detail how the State deals with Dashboard schools like ours. It is expected that the new LCAP template will be adopted tomorrow. Once the State adopts the new template, we will bring it back to the board for review.

H. Mr. Schultz reported that we are moving ahead with the facilities project. The plans will be submitted to DSA in two weeks. The site preparation is happening, and they're building our buildings.

I. Mrs. Kresge reported that she has been in communication with Susan Decker, proposed Board retreat facilitator. Ms. Decker led the Excellence in Leadership presentations at the CSBA conference. Mrs. Kresge will find out Ms. Decker's availability and report back to the Board in February.

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** (1) Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing; (2) BP 2121 Superintendent's salary, and (3) Board Retreat facilitator update.

**9. NEXT MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The next regular meeting of the Napa County Board of Education will be on Tuesday, February 4, 2020.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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