

REGULAR MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Members present

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

1. ORGANIZATION

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. FLAG SALUTE

The salute to the Flag was led by Sara Sitch.

C. VISITORS

Visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the January 8, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Mrs. Cash and a second by Mrs. Biederman. Ayes - Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Cash, Dr. Haslip, Mr. Orndorf. Noes - None.

F. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

Rene Haug at 940 Galleron Road, St. Helena, CA 94574, provided public comment on items not on the agenda. Dr. Haug shared concerns with the board regarding sub-aide pay at the Napa County Office of Education.

The board requested that Dr. Haug's concerns be reviewed as an Information Item at the March 5 meeting.

2. PRESENTATION

Presentation on AmeriCorps VIP updates regarding services provided and volunteers generated in Napa and throughout California. Sara Sitch, Director of Community Programs, introduced Barbara Thorsen, Assistant Director Community Programs, Laura Gilbert, VIP Program Manager, and Lucas Valelly, VIP Coordinator. After a PowerPoint presentation outlining the services CalSERVES VIP program provides across Napa and California, the Napa AmeriCorps VIP program members honored Laura Lee Lienk with the CalSERVES AmeriCorps Founding Director's Service Award signed by the Napa County Board of Education Board Trustees. Ms. Lienk, present via Zoom, talked about the impact the program has had on many and thanked everyone for the honor.

Ms. Sitch thanked Julie McClure for creating the program for the NCOE ten years ago.

Ms. Sitch reminded the Board that "Shadow a VIP Day" is March 12 and 14.

3. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

- Mr. Orndorf reported that the Travis Credit Union presentation at New Tech High was informative and valuable for students. He is hoping our community schools might benefit from this event. They discussed mortgages, balancing checkbooks, managing credit cards, etc.
- Mrs. Cash reported that she attended the Napa High robotics presentation at the library and noted the good turnout.
- Dr. Halisp reported that he has been asked to be on a "culture and conduct" committee with St. Helena Unified School District which will focus on building self esteem and an appreciation for diversity in the current school climate.
- Dr. Nemko reminded the board that the Napa County Reads event is February 11 and encouraged everyone to read the article in the local *Marketplace Magazine*. The Napa High Chamber Choir and the culinary school programs will provide food representing the three different cultures noted in the book *Refugee*.
- Dr. Nemko reminded the board of the FOCUS event being hosted by the NCOE on March 13. FOCUS is an organization that spotlights adverse childhood experiences and shows us how we can coordinate efforts between law enforcement and schools to better help students who are experiencing serious problems at home.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Leadership Napa Valley Education Day included tours of American Canyon Middle School, American Canyon High School, and Napa Valley College. The group viewed CTE classes in progress that included digital media and sports medicine at the ACHS, Nintendo video demonstrations, the nursing program at NVC, and the viticulture program in a winery on the college campus. We received the best scores in evaluation from Leadership Napa Valley Education Day we have ever had.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she visited the students at Camille Creek to see how they liked the new lunch program. The students enjoyed fresh veggies, milk, and a sandwich.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she and John Zikmund, HR Administrator, attended Pacific Union College for Education Day. They have 14 graduates of different educational programs with two stellar candidates in Early Childhood Education. Each student gave a talk on their school experience and why they want to be a teacher.
- Dr. Nemko reported that a coalition for Head Start is making progress on raising the income levels for eligible families to reflect the high cost of living in California so parents can get into the program. We will continue to lobby and hope Senator Dianne Feinstein will fulfill her promise to help. Thousands of kids would become eligible if this happens.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the 5th Grade Challenge is happening in April.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we put in a request to the Community Foundation for funding for a part-time coordinator, so we can pilot the adult literacy application. A call is scheduled with Community Projects to discuss the plan. Letters requesting support will also be sent to the Gasser Foundation and to the Vintners.
- Dr. Nemko noted that she has asked Ellen Sitter to truncate the board minutes by keeping extemporaneous conversation at meetings out of the minutes.
- Dr. Nemko reported that March 21 is Career Day at the Expo. All 8th grade students will learn about the trades at this event.

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Consent Agenda Item 4.A. (Temporary County Certificates) was passed on a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Huffman. Ayes – Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Orndorf, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Cash, 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 Mrs Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board approved the Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Condition Form J-13A. Ayes – Mr. Orndorf, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.

B. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Dr. Haslip, the Board approved the School Accountability Report Card (SARC). Ayes – Mr. Orndorf, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.

C. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Orndorf, the Board adopted the Plan for Low Performing Student Block grant. Ayes – Mr. Orndorf, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.

D. On a motion by Mr. Huffman and a second by Mr. Orndorf, the Board approved Board Bylaw 9223 – Filling Vacancies. Ayes – Mr. Orndorf, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. Noes – None.

6. SCHEDULED MATTER

A. Mrs. Cash reported on three areas of preliminary work being done by Assemblyman Kevin McCarty's office: (1) Assemblyman McCarty and other leaders in early learning and education visited three states to see what they are doing with pre-K programs. The early childhood education state preschool program would make a declaration to blend certain programs with TK; (2) Enact preschool facilities Bond Act 2020 which, if approved, bonds would be \$500 million to finance preschool facility grant program; (3) Enact legislation for state reimbursement rate for preschool that would achieve specific objectives. The bill would establish in the department of the Office of Early Childhood Education in order to ensure a holistic implementation of early childhood education programs and universal preschool. The bill would require the office to ensure that social and health services are provided to children in early childhood education programs.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

B. Ms. McClure reviewed the language suggested by CSBA to consider Board Bylaw 9230 – Orientation and recommended the policy be presented to the Board for a second reading and approval at the March 5, 2019 meeting. Ms. McClure noted that all new Board members will receive a copy of the Brown Act and if current Board members would like to borrow one, please let us know. We have a few on hand to lend.

Mr. Huffman noted that he supports adding the language about incoming board members being required to attend a Board meeting prior to their appointment. In addition to becoming familiar with the NCOE functions that we also identify two or three departments for prospective board member to visit. This would include meeting with Human Resources, Technology, and the Superintendent's office. A copy of the NCOE Strategic Plan and the new orientation checklist will also be provided.

Mrs. Kresge announced that new Board member training is happening on March 9 in Sacramento and will forward the email to Ellen, and she will send to all Board members.

C. Ms. McClure reminded the Board that it is time to think about updating the Legislative Brochure to bring to Legislative Action Day on March 13. We will send a draft to the Board for their input.

D. Mr. Schultz reminded the Board that he sent them information about the Governor's budget. The highlights included new special education funding, funding for early childhood education, funding for full-day kindergarten, and a STRS buy-down to help school districts meet their STRS obligations.

E. Mr. Schultz reported that states, under the Federal ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act), have been identified as needing support. The list just released listed two schools in the NVUSD as needing assistance: Valley Oak and Independent Studies. The district receives federal funding for those schools. The NCOE also receives a little funding to build on capacity to be able to assist with improving graduation rates at the two schools identified as needing assistance.

F. Mr. Schultz reported that he sent the board two documents last week regarding the draft lease-leaseback that is still in progress. While it is new to the NCOE, most districts in the state are using this template. At the end of the month we will get it out and will start getting proposals. We hired John Dominguez with School Site Solutions to assist us. Our maximum budget is \$15 million. We are shooting for summer of 2020 for completion. We have an appointment with DSA to submit plans, and then we go through the CDE approval process. Change orders are significantly less on a lease-leaseback.

G. Review of the Brown Act regarding general public comments was tabled to the March 5, 2019 meeting.

H. Mrs. Kresge reported that she is in contact with a presenter and plans to talk more in depth about a Board Retreat at the March 9 meeting.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. NEXT MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next regular meeting of the Napa County Board of Education will be on March 5, 2019.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Nemko, Secretary
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Approved _____

Date_____