

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Friday, December 11, 2020**

Members present

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

1. ORGANIZATION

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Ann Cash called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

B. FLAG SALUTE

The salute to the Flag was led by Dr. Haslip.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President Cash read the instructions for public participation via teleconference.

D. WELCOME VISITORS

Visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the November 3, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. Haslip and a second by Mrs. Biederman. Ayes – Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Cash, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. Noes – None.

G. OATH OF OFFICE

The re-elected Board members were sworn in by Dr. Nemko.

H. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Board elected the following officers for the coming year:

President – Ann Cash – nominated by Mrs. Waldinger and seconded by Mrs. Kresge. Ayes - Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Cash, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. Noes – None.

Vice President – Don Huffman – nominated by Mrs. Kresge and seconded by Mrs. Cash. Ayes - Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Cash, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. Noes – None.

Trustee Representative – Jennifer Kresge – nominated by Mrs. Cash and seconded by Mrs. Waldinger. Ayes - Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Cash, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. Noes – None.

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING TIME AND DATE

On a motion by Dr. Haslip and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board agreed that the date and time of the meetings will remain the same: 3:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. Ayes - Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Cash, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. Noes - None.

J. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

2. PRESENTATION

A. Dr. Nemko provided a video presentation of the 2020 Golden Bell Award win for the Digital Innovator Program at the Napa County Office of Education.

3. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

- Mrs. Cash congratulated Mrs. Waldinger on the successful Senator Bill Dodd virtual Holiday fundraiser event benefiting the not-for-profit organization, *If Given a Chance*, designed to benefit students.
- Dr. Nemko thanked the Board members who joined us on Wednesday morning to tour the new site for Camille Creek.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the buildings for the Calistoga Preschool have been in place for a while. The shade structure is now up, so they can start installing the playground equipment.
- Dr. Nemko reported that students in Scott Marsden's class at American Canyon High School took an online course in finance and entered a competition where they had to develop a financial plan for a fictional couple in their 30's for the next 30 years. Four of the students in the class won a \$1,000. prize and came in second place in the United States. Mr. Marsden emailed Dr. Nemko and asked if she would bring a cake to celebrate. In accordance with COVID restrictions, Dr. Nemko brought individual cupcakes in individual boxes and enjoyed a five-minute celebration with all masked and physically distanced. The class was very appreciative to be recognized in a special way.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she visited Valley Oak and spoke with Sarah Tinloy and Stefanie LaMarca who work at Valley Oak and who shared their excitement about doing the pilot of what we hope will be our countywide video project in the spring. The project is about the film *Butter* which deals with the social and emotional aspects of bullying and suicide. The students all saw the movie and had done a Zoom meeting with the producer of the film and the lead actor. Students watched it in three segments, and then they did flip grids to talk about their feelings on the movie. The film came from a book, so Dr. Nemko purchased copies for all of the students who participated and brought them over to the teacher to give to students for Christmas.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she is going back on the Board of Directors of CCSESA for next year and will be the representative for our region. Dr. Nemko noted that she has been on the state and federal legislation committee all the other years when she wasn't on the board.
- Dr. Nemko encouraged everyone to advocate to get federal limited protection for schools and businesses included in the next COVID relief bill, because otherwise we could end up being in lawsuits for the next 20 years. Dr. Nemko

suggested calling Congressman Mike Thompson and encourage friends across the country to contact their congressional representatives and urge them to get that signed and in the bill.

- Mrs. Kresge asked that the board consider a membership with ASCD (Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development). Mrs. Kresge noted that she will send the information to Ellen Sitter to send to the Board. Mrs. Kresge asked that a membership for ASCD be on the next meeting agenda as an action item.
- Mrs. Cash reported that she heard an interview with former Secretary of Education, Arnie Duncan, who is promoting tutoring across the country for children who fell behind with distance learning during COVID. Mrs. Cash supports this effort.

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* – Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Dr. Haslip, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None.

B. No action was taken on Consent Agenda Item 4.B. (Board Member Compensation).

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. On a motion by Dr. Haslip and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved the sale of the 1988 Ag Trailer, belonging to the Ag program, to a family offering to purchase the trailer for \$500. *Ayes* – Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Dr. Haslip, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None.

B. On a motion by Mr. Huffman and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved the First Interim Budget Report. *Ayes* – Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Dr. Haslip, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None.

C. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved the Budget Overview for Parents. *Ayes* – Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Dr. Haslip, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None.

D. On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Dr. Haslip, the Board approved Action to Declare a Vacancy on the Board of Trustees for Trustee Area 5. *Ayes* – Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Dr. Haslip, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None.

E. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board approved a Provisional Appointment Regarding the Vacancy on the Board of Trustees. *Ayes* – Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Dr. Haslip, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None.

Prior to the Board approving a provisional appointment regarding the vacancy on the Board of Trustees, Josh Schultz informed the Board that there is a 60-day deadline to make a provisional appointment or to call for a special election. If the Board decides to do a provisional appointment, the notice would need to be sent out as

soon as possible, applications would be received, and the Board would appoint at the February 2 meeting which would be a few days prior to the 60-day deadline.

Mr. Schultz further noted that there should be a minority of the Board to form a committee to review applications to assure qualifications.

Mr. Huffman requested that the Board review the interview questions. Mr. Huffman reminded the Board, in keeping in compliance with the Brown Act, to send their suggestions to Dr. Nemko or to Ellen Sitter.

Mr. Schultz reported that once the provisional appointment is made, notice has to be published of that, and the public has 30 days to object by a petition process before the seat would become permanent.

Mr. Schultz reminded the Board whoever is appointed would have the seat until the 2022 election, and then they would have to run for the final two years of the term.

Mr. Schultz reminded the Board that because of the census completed recently, we will have to go through a process of redistricting over the next year and a half and before the next election. So, there is a possibility the line for Trustee Area 5 will shift.

Mrs. Cash appointed an ad hoc committee to review the Board Trustee applications for Trustee Area 5. The committee consists of committee chair, Don Huffman, Jennifer Kresge, and Sindy Biederman.

6. SCHEDULED MATTER

Mrs. Cash reported that our legislators came back on December 7, so there are no new bills to review.

Mrs. Cash noted that Amanda Dickey, Director of Government Relations at Santa Clara County Office of Education, is owed a great amount of thanks for writing about all the legislative matters happening at the state and federal level, because she wasn't receiving enough information from other sources previously. Dr. Nemko forwarded Ms. Dickey's writings to the Board which was very much appreciated. The latest update from Ms. Dickey, that Dr. Nemko forwarded to the Board, is about Proposition 15 which did not pass. Also noted in Ms. Dickey's update is that Proposition 19 passed for a couple hundred million dollars.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

B. Mrs. Cash reported that senior staff along with guidance from CSBA, reviewed all policies. CSBA and Julie McClure, Associate Superintendent, recommend that the Board approve all policies at once and note any they want to look at for future review. This will allow the NCOE to get these policies posted and allow them to update the policies more efficiently moving forward. This item will be on the next meeting agenda as a second reading and request for Board approval.

C. Mr. Schultz said we received DSA approval for our plan on November 24. The next day Silver Creek was notified they could proceed with manufacturing the building. Because the DSA approval was more than a month past the previously projected DSA approval and because we are now in winter, we are now projecting completion of the project in June 2021.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. NEXT MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next regular virtual meeting of the Napa County Board of Education will be on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Nemko, Secretary
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Approved _____ Date