

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Tuesday, May 7, 2019**

**Members present**

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

Absent: Steve Orndorf

**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 Caroline Wilson.

**C. VISITORS**

Visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

**D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

At the request of Mr. Huffman, Item 8.A. Approval of Consolidated Application and Reporting Systems (CARS) 2018-19 Protected Prayer Certification, was revised to reflect the upcoming school year 2019-20; and, Item 8.B. Approval of the Consolidated Application and Reporting Systems (CARS) 2018-19 Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs, was revised to reflect the upcoming school year 2019-20. The agenda was approved as revised. *Ayes* - Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Dr. Haslip, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* - None.

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the April 2, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman. *Ayes* - Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Cash. *Noes* - None.  
*Abstained* - Dr. Haslip.

**F. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC**

The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities, 236 Georgia St., Suite 201, Vallejo, CA 94590, representing Napa, Solano, and Sonoma counties, introduced themselves and let the board know they now have an office in Vallejo.

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

A. Dr. Nemko introduced and recognized student, Hassan Shafi, for volunteering with the After School program at Phillips Elementary teaching students how to code.

After a brief reception to honor Hassan Shafi, the meeting resumed at 5:00 p.m.

B. Recognition, Carter Waugh, student from Willow Elementary, was tabled to the August 6 meeting.

C. Kevin MacQuarrie, Principal Partner at WLC Architects, provided a progress report on the Camille Creek School project and the proposed modular construction for the new school. Mr. MacQuarrie recommended viewing the AMS Construction website at [amsconstruction.info](http://amsconstruction.info) as well as Silver Creek Industries website at

[www.silverspringsconstruction.com](http://www.silverspringsconstruction.com) to view existing school modular constructed buildings.

D. Caroline Wilson, Director, Juvenile Court and Community Schools, updated the board with a PowerPoint Presentation on the goals and actions projected for Camille Creek for the upcoming school year as well as an update on the current school year's progress and improvement.

Dr. Haslip complimented Ms. Wilson on the school update.

### **3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION 5:00 p.m.**

The purpose of the Closed Session meeting was to hear an Appeal of Denial of Interdistrict Attendance Agreement filed by Marisol De La Cruz Sotelo, student's mother, on behalf of Genesis Sandoval.

In addition to the Board Members present today, also present were: Marisol De La Cruz Sotelo, Genesis Sandoval, Mike Mansuy, Julie Hurdell, Interim Principal American Canyon High School, Napa County Superintendent of Schools Barbara Nemko, Julie McClure, Josh Schultz, and Ellen Sitter.

### **4. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

The Board met in Closed Session at 6:15 p.m. to 6:25 p.m. to review procedural matters. A copy of the findings and order of the Napa County Board of Education is attached.

### **5. OPEN SESSION**

The Hearing, which was closed to the public, was reopened at 6:35 p.m.

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

- Dr. Nemko showed a short video of a preschool child participating in the Math Shelf program at Shearer. The video demonstrated the competency of the preschool child doing fractions using the Math Shelf app.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the NCOE had final interviews for Andi Knowlton's position as Director of Early Childhood Services. Ms. Knowlton is retiring in June after many years of service. It was announced that Kelsey Petithomme, current Assistant Director of Early Childhood Services, has unanimously been selected to fill Ms. Knowlton's position as Director of Early Childhood Services. Ms. Petithomme knows the program, and she has the skills.
- Dr. Nemko invited the Board to attend the CTE student achievement awards to be held May 9 at the Opera House. Mike Cromwell, who is retiring as head of the culinary program at Vintage High, will also be honored at the event.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we are launching the Adult Literacy app from the Barbara Bush XPRIZE competition. We talked to the teacher in the Adult School at NVUSD, and they are excited about the program. We are meeting the head of ESL (English as Second Language) at Napa Valley College tomorrow to share it with them. If you register by downloading the app three times, we will get credit as a learner in the contest.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Brian Dake, IT Director, is creating a reporting system for schools, districts, and local agencies to be a part of the FOCUS on Children program where agencies and schools work together to support students who have traumatic experiences at home. A first responder will

notify the appropriate teacher who can then be aware that this particular student may need to be treated with additional care and compassion.

- Dr. Nemko reported that we have 12 field trips planned to go to Angel Island through the PORTS program. They also want to do a virtual trip with an Oculus Go device. We will be piloting this during the summer with our summer camp programs with students at Harvest Middle School.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she and Andi Knowlton recently presented at a Young Child Expo and Conference in New York on how we got our teachers onto the idea of doing digital work with students.
- Mrs. Waldinger announced that *If Given a Chance* has six spots left for the celebration to be held May 17.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Mariposa has a painting fundraiser and dinner on May 8 at the Fairview Golf Club in Napa. Everyone is invited to participate.
- Mr. Schultz informed the Board they will be receiving an email to the Napa County Committee on School District Organization from the attorney that lays out the key criteria on the upcoming territory transfer matter, so the Board has a reference and understands how the hearings will be handled. As a reminder, the plan is to have a public hearing in St. Helena at 1:00 p.m. and at Calistoga at 3:00 p.m. on May 24. Mr. Schultz further noted that the St. Helena School District Board of Education is holding a meeting May 9 to decide if they will take a position.

## **7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Consent Agenda Item 7.A. (Temporary County Certificates) was passed on a motion by Mr. Huffman and a second by Mrs. Biederman. *Ayes* – Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None.

B. Consent Agenda Item 7.B. (Board Compensation – Steve Orndorf) was passed on a motion by Mr. Huffman and a second by Mrs. Biederman. *Ayes* – Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None.

## **8. ACTION ITEMS**

A. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Dr. Haslip, the Board approved the Consolidated Application and Reporting Systems (CARS) 2019-20 Protected Prayer Certification. *Ayes* – Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None.

B. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Dr. Haslip, the Board approved the Consolidated Application and Reporting Systems (CARS) 2019-20 Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs. *Ayes* – Mrs. Waldinger, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None.

## **9. SCHEDULED MATTER**

A. Mrs. Cash reported on Dan Walters commentary in the Napa Valley Register on “*Can we protect kids from becoming zombies*” in reference to Senate Bill 328 which would direct school districts not to start middle and high schools prior to 8:30 a.m. Former Governor Brown vetoed the bill last year. Senator Anthony Portantino has reintroduced the bill, and it had its first senate hearing last week.

## **10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

B. Mr. Schultz reported that we will have the first public hearing on the budget at the June 4 meeting. We have positive developments regarding funding coming through for College and Career Readiness.

C. Ms. McClure reminded the board to be aware of the Form 470 deadline of July 31, 2019, as there are penalties associated with missing the filing deadline.

**11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** (1) Marty James recognition, (2) Invitation to Canyon Oaks robotics parents, and (3) Early Childhood Education Teacher incentive awards.

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

The next regular meeting of the Napa County Board of Education will be on June 4, 2019.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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