

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Tuesday, September 1, 2020**

**Members present**

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

**1. ORGANIZATION**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**B. FLAG SALUTE**

The salute to the Flag was led by Janna Waldinger.

**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**

At the request of Mr. Huffman, the Agenda was modified to add an Information Item to review the vacant position of Vice President of the Board. The Agenda modification was approved on a motion by Dr. Haslip and a second by Mrs. Kresge. *Ayes* – Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Cash, Dr. Haslip, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None.

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the August 4, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. Haslip and a second by Mrs. Biederman. *Ayes* – Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Cash, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None.

**G. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

A. A public hearing opened at 3:40 and was held to adopt the newly required Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan. Josh Schultz, Deputy Superintendent, provided an overview of the new Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan. This is a one-time requirement called for with the adoption of the State budget this year. The requirements of the plan are focused around addressing how we are changing the way we operate in response to COVID-19.

Lucy Edwards, Director of Continuous Improvement and Academic Support, reviewed the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan and how the Court and Community School staff have participated. Ms. Edwards noted that Caroline Wilson, Director of Court and Community Schools, and her staff have done a lot of planning, collecting of input from stakeholders via surveys, held informal meetings and formal discussions

with students and other stakeholders from her program in order to craft a plan as to how they are going to support students and families at this time. Ms. Edwards noted that the plan provided today for the Board is a draft and asked the Board to let her know if they have additional feedback that can be added to the content of the document.

Ms. Wilson reported that the Court and Community Schools had an 87% attendance rate as of last week. The attendance rate remains high for this population of students. Ms. Wilson noted that the work of her department has included 12-hour days, calling parents and visiting homes, instruction on the lawn for students who are having difficulty participating, and sending out resource officers when needed has been ongoing.

Mrs. Cash reminded the Board that action will be taken to approve the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan at the September 18 Special Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Comments from the public on the public hearing were provided by Justin Hole who noted that the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan is very useful. The public hearing closed at 4:05 p.m.

B. A public hearing opened at 4:06 p.m. and was held on the matter of sufficiency and current content of textbooks and instructional materials as utilized in the 2020-2021 school year. Caroline Wilson, Director of Juvenile Court and Community Schools, reported that all instructional materials are aligned with the common core standard. The public hearing which was held in compliance with Education Code Section 60119, to encourage participation by parents, teachers, members of the community and bargaining unit leaders on the issue of sufficiency and current content of textbooks and instructional materials as utilized in the 2020-2021 school year, elicited no comments from the public. The public hearing closed at 4:11 p.m.

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

- Dr. Nemko reported on the Professional Learning Network meeting led by Lucy Edwards this morning and noted how successful this meeting has become. People from all the districts participate, and the idea of different districts coming together and sharing what's happening in their district and sharing data would not have happened if Ms. Edwards wasn't as dedicated to the PLN as she is. It makes a difference when people share their successes, and their failures, as well as what they've learned from both.
- Dr. Nemko reported that Senator Bill Dodd contacted her regarding a meeting he attended in Sacramento regarding the things that are important to us in education right now: (1) there is an attendance requirement whereby they're asking teachers to account for each individual student every day. CDE developed a form to do this, and the amount of time it takes to complete the form takes away from what teachers can do in terms of planning instruction. Power Schools is a technology software that provides a more straightforward way to record attendance automatically which would make things a lot simpler. We will keep you updated on this as it unfolds; (2) we did not get support with regard to limited liability. There is a lot of resistance coming from trial lawyers and the labor groups, and without limited liability we are vulnerable.

- Dr. Nemko reported that we were introduced to someone who developed a website on career exploration geared for disadvantaged students. We plan to do a pilot in Caroline Wilson’s classroom so students can see people more like themselves in real jobs.
- Dr. Nemko reported on the newly unveiled blueprint for California outlining four COVID-19 color categories released on Friday at the Governor’s new conference. Napa County is currently in the “red category” which puts us in the minority for the state, because most of the state is in the most serious “purple category”. Opening the schools is a complex process with regard to transportation issues, the number of teachers who are ready to come back, as well as available substitute teachers if teachers are not going to come back. We will be meeting with the districts to coordinate a process and come to an agreement.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we are planning to open childcare programs at McPherson, Shearer, and the old River School next week for elementary and middle school students.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we talked with Napa Valley College about opening another 30 daycare slots at the college using three classrooms and the college agreed to provide the classrooms for this need.
- Mrs. Cash reported that she attended a virtual NVUSD board meeting last month. Board Trustee Jose Hurtado gave a wonderful tribute to Steve Orndorf.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we have ordered a commemoration bench in Steve’s honor that will be placed opposite the bench we currently have at the entrance doors. Once we receive the plaque, we will invite Linda Orndorf for a dedication ceremony, physically distanced, outside.
- Mrs. Cash noted that she plans to donate to the Superintendent’s Fund in Steve Orndorf’s memory.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the Superintendent’s Fund donated gift certificates to Target for six families who lost their homes in the fires.

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

A. On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mrs. Waldinger, 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 Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board approved the adoption of Resolution 2020-19: that the Napa County Office of Education has complied with the requirements of Education Code 60119 for the 2020-2021 school year. *Ayes* – Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Dr. Haslip, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None.

B. On a motion by Mrs. Biederman and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved the adoption of Resolution 2020-16: Standardized Testing. *Ayes* – Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Dr. Haslip, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None.

C. On a motion by Mr. Huffman and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved the adoption of Resolution 2020-17: State Budget Priorities, Long-Term Considerations. Ayes – Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Cash, Dr. Haslip, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. Noes – None.

## **6. SCHEDULED MATTER**

Mrs. Cash reported on the following: (1) the USDA has announced that it will extend the summer meal program to as late as Dec 31, 2020; and (2) Proposition 15 is coming up and teachers are really supporting this, because the approval will increase funding for public schools.

Mrs. Cash reviewed the following bills: AB 1835 Education finance, LCFF; SB 115 Budget Act; and SB 820 Education Finance.

## **7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

B. Ms. McClure reviewed the proposed Board Policy 0470 COVID-19 Mitigation Plan and recommended Board Policy 0470 COVID-19 Mitigation Plan be presented to the Board for a second reading and approval at the September 18 meeting.

Mr. Huffman requested that language with regard to confidentiality be clarified in the policy.

C. Ms. McClure reviewed the updated version of Administrative Regulation 6115 Ceremonies and Observances to include LGBTQ+ Pride Month and recommended AR 6115 Ceremonies and Observances to include LGBTQ+ Pride Month be presented to the Board for a second reading and approval at the September 18 meeting.

D. Ms. McClure reviewed Resolution 2020-20 Proclaiming LGBTQ Pride Month and recommended the Board adopt Resolution 2020-20 Proclaiming LGBTQ Pride Month at the September 18 meeting.

Mr. Huffman asked that "+" be added to LGBTQ in Resolution 2020-20 for approval at the next meeting.

E. Ms. McClure reviewed the Report on Social Justice Activities at the NCOE. The new resource page is located on our website and is designed to support dialogue in the areas of social justice and provide resources for educators and parents. We will continue to add and build on these resources.

Dr. Haslip suggested including elitism and gender equality concerns on the resources page.

F. Mr. Schultz reported that we expect to have the Unaudited Actuals for the Board at the September 18 meeting. We are pleased to report that we will be able to close 2019-2020 better than we projected. Mr. Schultz will report more on this at the September 18 meeting.

G. Mr. Schultz provided a video tour, with Allen Rossi as commentator, of the New Camille Creek Community School Facility recent site accomplishments. We have DSA approval for the access portion, and we expect full approval in the next couple of weeks. The cost of the metal shop may be high enough that we have to go to bid. We may be coming to the Board for an authorization to go to bid at the next meeting.

Mr. Schultz reported that we expect classroom buildings for Calistoga preschool to be delivered this month.

Mrs. Kresge asked Julie McClure to research the protocols for the election process to fill the seats for Board Vice President and President to be voted on at the September 18 meeting.

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** (1) Board elections; (2) Unaudited Actual Expenditures; and (3) Authorization to go to bid for Camille Creek metal shop.

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

A special meeting of the Napa County Board of Education will be on Friday, September 18, 2020.

The next regular meeting of the Napa County Board of Education will be on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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