

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, September 18, 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 1:00 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

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

F. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Board elected the following officers for the remaining year 2020:

President – Ann Cash – nominated by Mrs. Waldinger and seconded by Mrs. Biederman.

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

Vice President – Don Huffman – nominated by Mrs. Waldinger and seconded by Mrs. Cash.

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

G. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Schultz noted that Rebecka Anderson is cohosting the meeting today.

2. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

- Dr. Nemko reported that everyone is working very hard to see how and when we can get our schools open for in-person instruction. Currently we have virtual instruction only. Pope Valley opened this week for in-person instruction. We are working with the other districts to find a date to open, and it might be sometime in October. The issues are challenging and include getting everyone

tested particularly for a large district such as NVUSD, and substitutes are a big challenge as the pool of substitute teachers is much smaller. We continue to work with Dr. Relucio and have some revised guidance. We are trying to make sure that our guidance mirrors the state guidance.

- Dr. Nemko reported that State Public Health is talking about adding other criteria as to how we get into the various COVID color coded tracking system. This is the equity criteria coming from the Governor's office where they will divide the counties into four quadrants largely by income and demographics. Those in the highest case rates quadrant will need to show 10% improvement. If we are compliant on the participation and the number of cases and number of positivity rates, then we will not go backwards if our quadrant numbers aren't right.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we opened childcare at three NVUSD sites. We were open for two days and then the air changed, because of the fires, creating a major problem so we had to close. We are now open again.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we have eight new AmeriCorps members. It was a pleasure to meet them in the conference room recently, physically distanced and wearing masks. They are a positive, upbeat group and are very excited to be here.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we put together a committee to talk about bullying prevention and suicide prevention. We have a movie that is perfect for both of those topics, but how to do this across the county while we're virtual is a challenge. It's too hard to do it when everyone is virtual and hard to assign it because of too many issues related to the topic. Students should not be watching the movie at home alone. The committee agreed to do a very small pilot in one or two of the high schools with one class, one teacher, one counselor, and plan for a bigger event in the spring.
- Dr. Nemko reported on a fun and cheerful guide booklet she promoted for staff and their families to enjoy during the pandemic. Staff contributed recipes, movie and TV show suggestions, games, books, and things they have enjoyed doing during these trying times. The guide will also include children's art and will go out to all staff.
- Ms. McClure reminded the Board that the virtual Back to School event is on September 24 at 2:30 p.m.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board approved the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan. Ayes – Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Dr. Haslip, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. Noes – None.

B. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Huffman, the Board approved the solicitation for bids for the Camille Creek New Metal Shop Building. 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 Dr. Haslip, the Board approved Board Policy 0470 COVID-19 Mitigation Plan. Ayes – Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Cash, Dr. Haslip, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. Noes – None. CHANGE

D. On a motion by Mr. Huffman and a second by Dr. Haslip, the Board approved Resolution 2020-20 Proclaiming LGBTQ+ Pride Month. Ayes – Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Cash, Dr. Haslip, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. Noes – None.

E. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mr. Huffman, the Board approved Board Policy 0470 COVID-19 Mitigation Plan. Ayes – Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Cash, Dr. Haslip, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. Noes – None.

F. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board approved Resolution 2020-21 (Gann Limit Calculations). Ayes – Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Cash, Dr. Haslip, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. Noes – None.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Mr. Schultz reviewed the Unaudited Actuals report that includes the previous year’s income and expenses for all funds under the control of the county office. The NCOE closed the books in a much better position than we were projecting at second interim. The reason is there are savings across multiple budgets, because we were not able to do the spending we were planning to do because of COVID. Also, we were able to take some of the federal funds we received and journal them back into the previous year to offset some of the unusual expenses we did have because of COVID.

Mr. Schultz will send updated charts to the Board as the multi-year projection numbers had not been updated in the charts sent with the board packet.

Mr. Schultz reported that the Napa County Office of Education is financially sound and is maintaining the state required 3 percent reserve. The report will be given to the auditors for verification.

5. NEXT MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Nemko, Secretary
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Approved _____ Date _____