

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Tuesday, October 6, 2020**

**Members present**

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

Absent: Jennifer Kresge

**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 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 Mr. Huffman and a second by Mrs. Waldinger. Ayes – Mrs. Cash, Dr. Haslip, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. Noes – None.

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the September 1, 2020 and the September 18, 2020 meetings were approved on a motion by Dr. Haslip and a second by Mrs. Biederman. Ayes – 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. Lucy Edwards, Director of Continuous Improvement and Academic Support, presented a summary of the NCOE District Support Plan as required under Education Code 52066. The report is also included in the Board packet. Ms. Edwards reported that beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the County Superintendent of Schools is asked to prepare a summary of how the county office plans to support schools in our district in our local area and then present a summary of this work including three goals we must attend to under these provisions to the County Board of Education.

Ms. Edwards listed the three goals as follows:

1. Approve Accountability Plans
2. Utilize the cycle of continuous improvement to provide technical assistance to schools and districts based on need. Technical assistance is provided to

districts who are identified as needing assistance as well as those districts that volunteer for assistance.

3. Provide prevention and customized support to all LEA's.

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

- Dr. Nemko reported that we had to postpone our PLN meeting this week, because people were just coming back from fire evacuations. Dr. Nemko noted that it is worth mentioning again how very powerful these meetings are, and it has changed the whole dynamic of the relationship between the districts and the NCOE, thanks to Lucy Edward's good work.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we now have at least five faculty members in Napa County who lost homes in the fires. The Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) is providing a \$500 gift card to anybody on our staff who has lost their home.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the Superintendent's Fund provided five \$500 gift cards to students' families who lost homes and needed money to purchase necessities such as formula and diapers.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she received a letter from Jennifer Oliveira who works in General Services. Ms. Oliveira described going to NVUSD's virtual back-to-school meeting at Vintage High School where her children are enrolled. They put together a master schedule with all the teachers and all the periods that they teach. Each teacher recorded, for the parents, a 30-minute conversation that described what they were teaching in that period, what the syllabus was, what books they were using, the courses they teach, how assignments worked, and how they interacted with students. Ms. Oliveira wrote to Barbara to say how impressed she was with NVUSD to put together something that massive. Barbara offered to send Ms. Oliveira's letter and the link to the school meeting to the Board.
- Dr. Nemko reported that all five districts and the NCOE programs will open to hybrid learning on October 26.
- Dr. Nemko reported on the testing component to opening schools. When we open, the entire staff must be tested every two months and then we will rotate the testing by assigned groups. We have an agreement with our staff that they will be tested at their convenience, and we will pay each person a \$15 stipend. They will then bring their results back to the NCOE.
- Dr. Nemko reported that NVUSD has worked out a plan with the Napa County Public Health Department for COVID-19 testing for 2,000 employees. The County Public Health Department will pull their tests, and someone from NVUSD will come and pick them up and take them to the teacher sites. It's a self-administered test, and the NVUSD representative will bring the test kits back to Napa County Public Health where the County will then send to diagnostic testing.
- Dr. Nemko reported that at a recent meeting with CCSESA to talk about the annual federal lobbying trip, (which isn't happening this year), the topic of liability protection for schools came up. We didn't get the bill in the State of California that we wanted, but it is alive and well in Washington, DC. Our lobbyist said if she had a choice between getting that bill passed and flexibility for Special Education, she would take the flexibility for Special Education,

because right now we're liable on both fronts. We're reviewing what we need to do and who we need to talk to make this happen.

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

A. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Dr. Haslip, the Board approved Consent Agenda Item 4.A. (Temporary County Certificates). Ayes – Mrs. Cash, Dr. Haslip, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. Noes – None.

B. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Dr. Haslip, the Board approved Consent Agenda Item 2.B. (Board Compensation - Jennifer Kresge). Ayes – Mrs. Cash, Dr. Haslip, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. Noes – None.

#### **5. ACTION ITEMS**

A. On a motion by Mr. Huffman and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board approved the solicitation of bids for the renovation of playgrounds at Shearer, Dos Mundos, Napa Valley College, and Napa Preschool Programs. Ayes – Mrs. Cash, Dr. Haslip, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. Noes – None.

Dr. Haslip asked to see pictures of the playgrounds we are planning to purchase. Mr. Schultz noted that we will provide spec sheets of some of the products we are considering.

#### **6. SCHEDULED MATTER**

Mrs. Cash reported that the legislator is no longer in session and will return December 7. Mrs. Cash reviewed the bills the Governor has signed to include SB 855 Health Coverage: Mental Health or Substance Use Disorders; AB 2112 Suicide Prevention; AB 3308 School Districts: Employee Housing; and, SB 1159 Workers' Compensation: COVID 19: Critical Workers.

#### **7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

B. Mr. Schultz reported, on behalf of Lucy Edwards, there were no complaints under the Williams Uniform Complaints Procedures Quarterly Report. Mr. Schultz also noted that the NCOE has been granted permission to delay our facilities visit until it is practical given the COVID-19 pandemic.

C. Mr. Schultz reported on the CCSESA quarterly meeting he attended yesterday which included a presentation on how next year's budget is shaping up. As mentioned previously, the budget fixes granted in June were one-time fixes. It appears, at the moment, unless we get more federal stimulus or a much faster economic recovery, we may be looking at cuts again next year.

D. Mr. Schultz reported that the site work is moving along on the Camille Creek project. We are currently awaiting DSA approval which we hope to get next week. We have pushed back the schedule, and completion now will be late March or early April.

**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, November 3, 2020.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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