

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Tuesday, February 2, 2021**

**Members present**

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

**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 Gerald Parrott.

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

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the January 5, 2021 meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. Haslip and a second by Mrs. Biederman. *Ayes* – Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Cash, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None.

**G. OATH OF OFFICE**

Dr. Nemko administered the Oath of Office to Gerald Parrott who was provisionally appointed Board Trustee (Area 5) at a Special meeting on January 27, 2021.

**H. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. John Tuteur, *Assessor – Napa County Recorder-County Clerk* presented on the history, the process for the redistricting contracts, and the role the Napa County Board of Education has in the process.

Mr. Tuteur asked the Board to choose a Redistricting Guidance Committee of our Napa County Board of Education board members and submit the names of those board members who are interested in this process, and they will be placed on the communications list.

- B. Casey Wedding, *Community Programs Expanded Learning Manager*, provided an overview and PowerPoint presentation on the ACE Virtual Enrichment program and how it serves students with fun activities as well as assistance with homework including tutor support for distance learning.
- C. Chris Wedding, *Community Programs Prevention, Health, and Wellness Manager*, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Education for Homeless Children and Youths Program highlighting the educational rights and protections for children and youths experiencing homelessness.

Mrs. Waldinger noted that she is involved with the nonprofit *If Given a Chance*, and they are looking for high school juniors with profound traumatic challenges to offer support and guidance in overcoming their severe challenges. Today, *If Given a Chance* launched the online application for such students to receive support and assistance in choosing education as a path forward. Mrs. Waldinger provided the link for the applications and instructions on how to proceed: [ifgivenachance.org/applications](http://ifgivenachance.org/applications). The application deadline is March 1.

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

- Dr. Nemko gave a shout out to the Community Programs presenters and noted how proud the NCOE is of the excellent work they do.
- Dr. Nemko thanked Dr. Haslip for coming to the entry meeting with the WASC team yesterday. The WASC team was very impressed with Caroline Wilson's Court and Community School program, and everyone looks forward to a positive exit interview tomorrow.
- Dr. Nemko thanked Mrs. Kresge and Mrs. Biederman for coming to the Digital Innovators conference on Saturday.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the Napa County Reads author of *Jack and the Geniuses* will be doing two Zoom presentations on February 9. The first is at 11:00 a.m. for middle school students and the second presentation is at 6:00 p.m. for the community. Dr. Nemko will send Mrs. Kresge the link to the virtual event as Mrs. Kresge's grandchildren read the book and want to participate.
- Dr. Nemko reported that CalSERVES had their annual MLK Day event to honor and appreciate all of our volunteers with CalSERVES.
- Julie McClure, Associate Superintendent, noted that the MLK Day event hosted the AmeriCorps VIP members who serve around the state working at different nonprofits and educational organizations to build volunteer programs. Each member did their own in-service project on MLK Day to celebrate the different service projects they did in honor of Dr. King and also reflected on their own service.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she participated in helping to promote the MLK essay contest that the county runs every year. This included reading and rating 25 essays. Dr. Nemko is part of a meeting on Friday to decide how they're going to have students read their essays out loud since in-person is not allowed.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the state is going to truncate the standardized testing they do every year. When this happens you increase the errors that you may have in the reliability and validity of the scores. Steve Reese, who works with

School Wise Press, said we are now increasing the unreliability and decreasing the validity. This isn't happening so much on a statewide scale, but when you get down to individual scores it's serious what it's going to be about and how we will report to parents, especially in the year of remote learning. The Director of Assessment in Morgan Hill wrote a letter to the State Board of Education stating if you're going to do it, you better report it out in a way that parents don't panic when they see their child's scores because there will be lots of errors in the system.

- Dr. Nemko reported that she will be providing a presentation at the Learning Council meeting tomorrow. Dr. Nemko reminded the Board that she sent a link for the meeting to them, if any Board members care to visit. The Learning Council meeting is from 2:30 to 4:00, and Dr. Nemko will be presenting from 2:30-3:00 followed by a panel from 3:00-4:00.
- Mrs. Kresge reminded the Board of the County Board Governance workshop, and the deadline is March 5.
- Mrs. Cash asked Board members to consider being on the Redistricting Guidance Committee per John Tuteur's request. Mr. Huffman and Mrs. Biederman volunteered to be on the committee.

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

A. On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mr. Huffman, the Board approved Consent Agenda Item 3.A. (Temporary County Certificates). *Ayes* – Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Dr. Haslip, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Parrott, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None.

B. No action was taken on Consent Agenda Item 3.B. (Board Member Compensation).

#### **5. ACTION ITEM**

A. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board approved the Redistricting Contracts between the Napa Valley College Board and the Napa County Board of Education. *Ayes* – Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Waldinger, Mr. Parrott, Dr. Haslip, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None.

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

Mrs. Cash reported that a letter went to local health offices and County Office of Education Superintendents on January 19. Gov Newsom announced a framework for safe schools to re-open. Dr. Nemko said it hadn't been approved by legislature as yet. There was a great push-back on what the Governor proposed. It is still being discussed.

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

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

B. Mr. Schultz reported that he included, in the Board packet, a handout from the Legislative Analyst's Office on the Governor's budget proposal and some of the highlights of what was proposed. Mr. Schultz provided a recap of the proposal and noted that no cuts were projected for next year, but because of the NCOE's flat funded situation, we do not benefit from the 3.8 percent COLA projected for next year.

Mr. Schultz reminded the Board that the Second Interim Report will be on the March agenda, and we will provide more detail on the NCOE budget at that time.

C. Mr. Schultz reported work continues on the Camille Creek project, and the building that is being manufactured offsite is on schedule for completion. The good news is we are on target for June. There are cashflow concerns, and we are watching it closely. Thus far, we are managing to fund things with reserves.

## **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, March 2, 2021.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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