

REGULAR MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Members present

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

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 Mrs. Kresge and a second by Mrs. Biederman. *Ayes* – Mrs. Cash, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None. Mr. Huffman was not present to vote.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the October 6, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. Haslip and a second by Mrs. Biederman. *Ayes* – Mrs. Cash, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Biederman. *Noes* – None. *Abstained*: Mrs. Kresge. Mr. Huffman was not present to vote.

G. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

Trustee Cash recognized a member of the public, Joe Schunk, who asked to provide comment that the agenda for the meeting had been posted after the deadline.

2. PRESENTATIONS

A. Connie Silva, Managing Director of Research and Professional Development Center, provided a slide presentation overview and update on the following RPDC projects: CALI Reads, Desired Results Access, State Performance Plan Technical Assistance Project, and ADRCal.

Additional Presenters included Steve Lohrer and Patty Salcedo, Co-Directors, Desired Results Access Project, and Vicki Griffo, Director of CALI Reads.

B. Dr. Nemko shared a video of a Zoom meeting that was held for all NCOE Preschools featuring *Wyland*, the sea lion. Dr. Nemko offered to share the link with anyone who was interested.

3. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

- Dr. Nemko updated the Board on her weekly meeting with Napa County Public Health Officer, Dr. Karen Relucio.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she participated in the PLN meeting with Lucy Edwards this morning. Districts are very appreciative of the work being done to help them with all of the data and being able to look at how the students are doing in a variety of ways. Last week NVUSD opened for hybrid education, and the students are able to attend school two half days a week and the rest of the time they are doing distant learning. Students and teachers are excited to be back and all are learning the new realities how it is to be in school in-person and the physical distancing and hand washing required. Dr. Nemko noted that Dr. Rosanna Mucetti had deployed administrative staff going from school to school to make sure things are going well.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the Napa County Views “pilot” teacher from Valley Oak is piloting the movie, *Butter*, that deals with bullying and suicide and other teenage issues. The teacher reported that students were impressed with the authenticity of the film. The first third of the film was shown yesterday, and the second third was shown today. We have a curriculum and a committee working hard on the project. If we have a successful pilot at Valley Oak, then we will expand it and offer it to all the other high schools as well.
- Dr. Nemko reported that she received a text from Tony Thurmond this morning regarding a funder who is interested in funding apps for preschool to 3rd grade and wanted to know which apps we recommend. We recommended Footsteps2Brilliance and Math Shelf, as well as a new app we are piloting that tries to close the literacy gap for students in elementary through high school, and they do it while teaching students “world of work skills”. So, all of the assignments that they receive are based on their interest and passion for a particular field of work. We plan to review it more thoroughly this week. Caroline Wilson is interested for her students at Camille Creek, and Ginny Maiwald is interested in the program for special education students.
- Mrs. Waldinger reported that *If Given a Chance* is hosting the Senator Bill Dodd virtual holiday party on December 4 from 6:00-7:15 p.m., with entertainment, student speeches, the essay contest, and a golf tournament. *If Given a Chance* is the recipient of funds from the benefit. Tickets are available for \$50 and it includes a takeout dinner. The event will happen in-person at Silverado Country Club for presenters only.
- Dr. Halsip recommended a shelter-in-place play, *Until the Flood*, presented by Upstage Napa Valley. It is written and based on the difficulties of Black Lives Matter and police shootings. There is no charge.
- Mrs. Cash asked Julie McClure to comment on the article in the Register on AmeriCorps.
- Ms. McClure provided a brief overview of the AmeriCorps program and noted that the NCOE is a strong support system for the program.

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. On a motion by Mrs. Kresge and a second by Dr. Haslip, 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. SCHEDULED MATTER

Mrs. Cash reported that the next legislative session will convene December 7.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

B. Mr. Schultz reported, on behalf of Lucy Edwards, the Williams Visitation Annual Report had nothing to report in terms of findings.

Lucy Edwards, Director of Continuous Improvement and Academic Support, reported that Senate Bill 820 waived certain provisions, such as site visits, of the Williams Act during the portion of the 2019-20 school year in which schools were closed due to the COVID-19. Instead, surveys were conducted of site administrators and teachers to determine the adequacy and sufficiency of instructional materials. A facilities review will be done as soon as practical with regard to the recent opening of schools, and then an updated report will be provided for the Board.

C. Mr. Schultz reported no significant updates to the budget and reminded the board that the First Interim Report will be presented at the December 11 meeting.

D. Mr. Schultz reported that we have a change order, under \$50,000, for the Camille Creek Community School Project. The change order has occurred as a result of geotechnical issues that came up with soils on the site. We are waiting for DSA approval with the plans so we will stop work on the project for awhile. We have adjusted the schedule and are not expecting the facility to house students until March or April, which means we will not operate programs in that building until start of the 2021-22 school year.

Mr. Schultz also noted that we are waiting for Jim Bombacci, Project Manager, to get back to us regarding the board site tour. Once we hear back from Mr. Bombacci, we will then send out a poll with date options for the tour.

E. Mrs. Cash reminded the board that the election of officers will take place at the December 11 meeting. The following Board members expressed interest in the following positions as noted: Mrs. Cash, President; Mr. Huffman, Vice President; and, Mrs. Kresge, Trustee Representative.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1) Election of Officers; (2) First Interim; (3) Budget Overview for Parents; and, (4) Review Policy Manual.

8. NEXT MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next regular virtual meeting of the Napa County Board of Education will be on Friday, December 11, 2020.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Nemko, Secretary
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Approved _____ Date