

REGULAR MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Members present

Sindy Biederman, Don Huffman, Ann Cash, Jennifer Kresge, Jim Haslip,
Steve Orndorf

Absent: Janna Waldinger

1. ORGANIZATION

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. FLAG SALUTE

The salute to the Flag was led by Marty James.

C. VISITORS

Visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the May 7, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Huffman and a second by Dr. Haslip. Ayes – Mr. Huffman, Mr. Orndorf, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Cash, Dr. Haslip. Noes – None.

F. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

Kevin Luckey, retired Napa Valley College Athletic Director, introduced himself and asked to say a few words on behalf of honoree Marty James. The Board requested all comments relating to Marty James retirement celebration wait until Item 2.C., Recognition – Marty James, Senior Sports Editor, Napa Valley Register.

2. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Mrs. Biederman introduced Karina Servente and Lisa Chu, parent facilitators for the After-School Canyon Oaks Elementary Robotics Program. Ms. Servente and Ms. Chu provided a PowerPoint Presentation for the Board on the robotics program they facilitate for elementary students. Their program helps bridge elementary level robotics to the American Canyon Middle School robotics program.

Mrs. Kresge suggested, for sake of time, we move the order of presentations to have Item 2.C. Recognition – Marty James follow Item. 2.A. Recognition – Karina Servente and Lisa Chu.

B. Recognition - Cindy Wiegref, Food Services Program Coordinator, was recognized for her outstanding work with the Food Services Audit Report 2018-2019 and for her support of the students who benefit from the NCOE quality food program. Dr. Nemko presented Ms. Wiegref with an appreciation certificate. Mr. Rossi, Director, General Services, congratulated and thanked Ms. Wiegref on an excellent job with the Food Services Program.

C. Recognition – Marty James was honored for his decades of service as the Senior Sports Editor for the Napa Register reporting on student athletes and athletic events in Napa County for 40 years.

Dr. Nemko asked Mr. Huffman to be the Master of Ceremonies for the celebration. Mr. Huffman read several “This is Your Life” statistics covering generation timelines over the years of Marty’s career reporting on sports in Napa.

Senator Bill Dodd congratulated Marty James and his wife, Karen, and presented Mr. James with a Proclamation from Board Supervisor Ryan Gregory and a Resolution on behalf of Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry and the California State Legislators. Senator Dodd read the Resolution and thanked Mr. James for his support to the Napa sports community.

Others present with congratulatory comments for Mr. James:

Nadine Wade-Gravett	Betty Momgren	Richard Burns
Kevin Luckey	Darci Ward	Cam Neil
Bob Saunders	Allen Rossi	Denny Lewis
Jessie Ward	Rich Anderson	Ray Graziani
Liza Saunders	David Hill	

After a brief reception to honor Marty James, the meeting resumed at 5:05 p.m.

D. Andi Knowlton, Director, Early Childhood Services, who will be retiring June 30, 2019, introduced Kelsey Petithomme, as the new Director, Early Childhood Services. Ms. Knowlton presented highlights of the Digital Early Learning program noting that this is the fifth year of implementation.

Ms. Knowlton presented the teachers with certificates of excellence and awards for implementation of Footsteps2Brilliance and/or Math Shelf.

E. A public hearing was opened at 5:20 p.m. on the proposed Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). The proposed LCAP is presented for the purpose of accepting public input prior to the adoption of the final budget at the June 18, 2019 Special Board meeting.

Mr. Schultz asked Caroline Wilson to speak as to what is changing and what is staying the same in her program.

Ms. Wilson noted there will be changes in the program in the next few years: the program has plans to reorganize the middle school program so that instead of being all together in one class, those 12 students will be dispersed throughout the high school classes. Some will be a part of a pilot to include part Independent Study/part classroom instruction combination. The middle school teacher will become the reading instructor and will provide targeted leveled instruction with groups of 6-8 students at a time to improve the reading levels of students reading below grade level. They also will be expanding the instruction hours of the welding and construction program. Once the new school is built, they plan to add a culinary class and have the students work with a CTE teacher to provide the school meals. Next year they will be expanding the hours students will have at Nimbus Arts. In

an effort to more fully engage the students in their academic as well as their social emotional learning, they will move from a traditional grading method to a system of standards based achievement and goal setting.

Lucy Edwards, Director, Continuous Improvement and Academic Support, noted that the LCAP is still in draft form as they are waiting for end of year data, student data, and demographic data. This information will be available at the June 18 meeting.

The public hearing elicited no comments from the public and was closed at 5:55 p.m.

F. A public hearing was opened at 6:00 p.m. on the Napa County Office of Education's proposed 2019-20 budget. The proposed budget is presented for the purpose of accepting public input prior to the adoption of the final budget at the June 18, 2019 Special Board meeting.

The public hearing elicited no comments from the public and was closed at 6:22 p.m.

3. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND REPORTS

- Dr. Nemko shared a letter from Dr. Mucetti, Superintendent, Napa Valley Unified School District, to American Canyon Schools' Staff and Families, outlining the decision made about the American Canyon Middle School and highlighting the next steps and timeline to either continue with the proposed project or to suspend the construction.
- Dr. Nemko reported that at a recent luncheon, a former student from the Community Schools program, approached her as she was leaving to tell her that he is a former student and thanked her for the program.
- Dr. Nemko gave each of the board members a coloring book created and printed by a Napa parent, at her own expense, who sends the book to every 3rd grade student in Napa County. The AmeriCorps members help her sort and bundle the coloring books prior to shipping them to the schools. This is the fourth year we have helped with this project.
- Dr. Nemko reported that while volunteering at the wine auction recently, a Napa parent came up to her to say how impressed she is with our After School program at Silverado Middle School.
- Dr. Nemko recently met a parent who told her she and other local parents want to have a gifted student competition for middle school students, and they are very interested in having the NCOE administer the program. They are happy to raise the money through fundraisers.
- Ms. McClure noted that she spoke with the ACE program staff at the NCOE about implementing the plan for gifted student competitions, and staff is excited about helping with this endeavor.
- Dr. Haslip thanked Dr. Nemko for her contribution from the Superintendent's Fund to support the *If Given A Chance* program.
- Dr. Nemko noted that one of the students who participated in the *If Given a Chance* awards program said she wants to be a journalist. Sasha Paulsen from the *Napa Valley Register* invited the young woman to come to the Register and meet everybody.
- Dr. Nemko reported that we now have 65 people enrolled in the Learning Upgrade adult literacy program. We contacted the Grape Growers

Association, and they are unable to participate at this time because this is their busy season. The competition ends in July. The app can be downloaded and used on an iPhone, but we only get credit for the competition if it is downloaded on an Android device and used three times on three different days. Dr. Nemko noted that she sent the information on the program to CCSESA to send to all county superintendents.

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Consent Agenda Item 7.A. (Temporary County Certificates) was passed on a motion by Mrs. Cash and a second by Mrs. Biederman. *Ayes* – Mr. Orndorf, Mrs. Biederman, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None.

B. No action was taken on Consent Agenda Item 4.B. (Board Member Compensation).

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. On a motion by Mr. Orndorf and a second by Mrs. Cash, the Board approved the Golden Bell Nominations for SPP-TAP Program, College & Career Readiness Sustainable Construction Pathway, and Professional Learning Network (PLN). *Ayes* – Mr. Orndorf, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None.

B. On a motion by Dr. Haslip and a second by Mrs. Biederman, the Board adopted Resolution 2019-9: Teacher Awards of Excellence for Implementation of the Digital Early Learning Program in the NCOE Preschool Classroom. *Ayes* – Mr. Orndorf, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge, Mr. Huffman. *Noes* – None.

6. SCHEDULED MATTER

A. Mrs. Cash reported on four bills that were introduced, two of which have been tabled. Mrs. Cash will bring the bills to the July meeting and present updates to the board at that time.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

B. Mrs. Kresge reported that the CCBE Officer Nominations will be reviewed at the June 18 meeting.

C. Mr. Schultz reported that we received an estimate from the modular manufacturer, and we are continuing to review other options. There is a lot of legwork to be done with this project.

Mr. Schultz reported that the Calistoga Preschool relocation is happening. We have gone to bid on the project. The Planning Commission approved our plans for the project. Once we have bid numbers, we will then call our group back together and determine how we move forward with this project.

D. Ms. McClure reminded the board about the CCBE 2019 Fall Conference and if anyone finds the need to cancel their attendance at the conference, please let Ellen Sitter know prior to the cancellation deadline of August 27.

E. Ms. McClure presented a First Reading of Administrative Regulation 5117 Interdistrict Attendance Appeals. Administrative Regulation 5117 will be presented for a second reading and approval at the June 18 meeting.

F. Dr. Nemko reminded the Board that the Camille Creek graduation will be held Thursday, June 6 at 12:00 p.m. at the Napa Valley College, Performing Arts Center, and to let Caroline Wilson know if you will be attending as she will reserve seats for board members.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: (1) Preschool teachers sharing their enthusiasm for their jobs, (2) Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing - Hill, (3) Public Hearings: LCAP final approval; Final Budget approval, (4) CCBE Officer Nominations, and (4) Williams Uniform Complaints Procedures Quarterly Report.

9. NEXT MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next special meeting of the Napa County Board of Education will be on June 18, 2019.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Nemko, Secretary
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Approved _____

Date _____