

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Tuesday, May 5, 2020**

**Members present**

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

**1. ORGANIZATION**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**B. FLAG SALUTE**

The salute to the Flag was led by Steve Orndorf.

**C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the April 7, 2020 and April 20, 2020 meetings were approved on a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Mrs. Biederman. Ayes – Mrs. Kresge, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Orndorf. Noes – None.

**G. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Schultz introduced Justin Hole to the meeting. Mr. Hole thanked the Board for welcoming him.

**2. PRESENTATION**

Laura Gilbert, Volunteers Manager for Community Programs, presented on the AmeriCorps response to COVID-19. Ms. Gilbert introduced the NCOE VIP team, Aeryn Jungerman, Program Coordinator-Volunteers, who oversees the local team as well as member training and resources at a statewide level, and Katherine Pineda, Administrative Assistant, who is responsible for data collection and administrative tasks. Ms. Gilbert provided an overview of the CalSERVES AmeriCorps VIP Program noting that it is a statewide project placing full-time AmeriCorps members in schools, nonprofits, and government agencies to build infrastructure for strong and sustainable volunteer programs. In addition, Ms. Gilbert summarized the COVID-19 response services by VIP Members.

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

- Dr. Nemko thanked Allen Rossi and the General Services staff, Barbara Thorsen and the AmeriCorps members for their work in our food distribution program noting that the program is going very well, runs like clockwork, and everyone is served so efficiently. If excess meals are left over, they are donated to the Napa South Shelter. No food is going to waste. Today we gave out 365 bags and each bag contains three meals.
- Dr. Mucetti reported that as of Friday the NVUSD has distributed 100,000 meals. The need is being met and they have it down to a science.
- Dr. Nemko reported we are closing in on all the funding needed for the Calistoga Preschool project thanks to our wonderful supporters. Chuck McMinn and Rick Jones have been very supportive, and they have been working with the City of Calistoga on reducing the fees. We plan to go to bid soon.
- Mr. Schultz reported that the last piece to go to bid for the Calistoga Preschool project is the concrete foundations. The site contractor is on board, and we expect to be moving quickly. We have final approval from the City of Calistoga so we're ready to go. The projected completion date is approximately the end of calendar year.
- Dr. Nemko reported she has been running an educational series for teachers, in connection with NapaLearns, called Digital Innovators every Thursday night. Three of the series have been held thus far with excellent presenters and teachers who are excited about free resources and engage in the kinds of assignments where lesson plans can be built and given to students. We plan to continue as long as we are in shutdown due to COVID-19.
- Mrs. Kresge reported that she and Mr. Kresge attended each one of the educational training series and were very impressed.
- Dr. Nemko said our preschool teachers have been very happy that they had been doing something all along that easily translated to distance learning. They've been using iPads, Footsteps2Brilliance, and Math Shelf for a number of years. The children continue to do the work they were doing in school. Math Shelf has a very large hands on capacity, so there are activities parents can do at home in addition to work on the iPad.
- Dr. Nemko reported that the NCOE has been working together with all the districts to do a common messaging which was finalized yesterday and went out this morning. The message talks about the fact that opening schools is something that needs to be determined by the district superintendent and their board. We will open school when we feel it is appropriate and can keep everyone safe. Hopefully this will help parents know we are listening to what's happening and we are planning ahead. Two different groups have offered to help us, a professional learning network, District Management Group, and Roland Kavenaugh of the Kavenaugh Group whose consulting firm helps businesses facilitate change. They offered to do it as a free pilot and work with us. We are talking together and developing plans for what this will look like.
- Dr. Nemko noted that it's Teacher and Staff Appreciation week. We are sorry we don't have our annual luncheon with the board. We always send a little appreciation gift to our staff. We couldn't do that this year, so we sent a postcard that most staff received today. Dr. Nemko noted that she also did an appreciation video that went out to staff today.

- Mr. Huffman noted that his youngest daughter is a biology and organic chemistry major volunteering at the Napa Expo during the pandemic and will be assisting with COVID-19 testing. Mr. Huffman noted after listening to Ms. Gilbert’s presentation on AmeriCorps, that his daughter would be an excellent candidate for the AmeriCorps program.

**4. ADJOURN TO NAPA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION MEETING 4:30 P.M.**

On a motion by Mr. Huffman and a second by Mrs. Kresge, the Board adjourned to the Napa County Committee on School District Organization meeting with respect to the Napa Valley Unified School District Redistricting Process. *Ayes* – Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Waldinger, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman, Dr. Haslip, Mr. Orndorf. *Noes* – None.

**5. RECONVENE AGENDA OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

The Board reconvened the Napa County Board of Education agenda at 5:40 p.m.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

A. No action was taken on Consent Agenda Item 6.A. (Temporary County Certificates) had nothing to report.

B. No action was taken on Consent Agenda Item 6.B. (Board Member Compensation)

**7. ACTION ITEMS**

A. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Dr. Haslip, the board approved the Consolidated Application and Reporting System (CARS) 2019-2020 Protected Prayer Certification. *Ayes* – Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Orndorf, Mrs. Waldinger, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Kresge. *Noes* – None.

B. On a motion by Mrs. Biederman and second Dr. Haslip, the board approved the Consolidated Application and Reporting System (CARS) 2019-2020 Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs. *Ayes* – Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Biederman, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Orndorf, Mrs. Waldinger, Dr. Haslip, Mrs. Kresge. *Noes* – None.

C. On a motion by Mrs. Waldinger and a second by Dr. Haslip, the board approved the changes to AR 5117 Interdistrict Attendance Appeals. *Ayes* – Dr. Haslip, Mr. Orndorf, Mrs. Cash, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Biederman, Mrs. Kresge, Mrs. Waldinger. *Noes* – None.

**8. SCHEDULED MATTER**

Mrs. Cash reported that all the legislative updates are going to COVID-19 and the budget at this time.

**9. INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

B. Mr. Schultz had nothing major to report at this time. The Governor’s May revise will be presented next week and there is still uncertainty due to the COVID-19

pandemic. We are working with the districts and have issued extra guidance to basic aid districts, a lot of analysis with NVUSD about various scenarios, and NVUSD is doing a lot of work as well.

C. Mr. Schultz reported that an executive order came out that the deadline for adopting the 2020-21 LCAP has been waived to December 15, and it will be a one year LCAP and not a new three year LCAP. Instead, the districts are only going to have to adopt in June, along with the budget, an Operational Update that describes what we did to respond to COVID-19. The requirement to have two separate meetings in order to have LCAP and budget adoptions no longer exists. We may be able to adopt the budget at the June 2 meeting and not have to have a second meeting in June. We will let the board know well in advance of the June 2 meeting.

D. Mr. Orndorf noted that the Form 470 requirement is self explanatory.

E. Mrs. Kresge and President Orndorf requested the Board Retreat topic be removed from the agenda until school is back in session in the traditional way.

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**11. NEXT MEETING OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The next regular meeting of the Napa County Board of Education will be on Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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