

# Nicasio School District

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## **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of the Nicasio School District Board of Trustees

**Wednesday June 16, 2021 5pm**

*5555 Nicasio Valley Road, California*

This meeting was held via videoconference pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20 issued by California Governor Gavin Newsom on March 12, 2020. Videoconference access information will be posted on the District website: <http://www.nicasioschool.org/index.php/school-board/board-meetings>

### **1. Opening Business**

- a. Call to Order at 5:01pm
- b. Roll Call *Present* (via videoconference): **Trustees Elaine Doss, Mark Burton and Daniel Ager.**  
*Also in attendance (via videoconference): Interim Superintendent Nancy Neu, Principal Barbara Snekkevik, Chief Business Officer Margie Bonardi and District Secretary Mikki McIntyre*
- c. Patriotic Moment in celebration of a relative return to normalcy and in appreciation to local, state and federal officials who provided guidance through the pandemic.

### **2. Approval and Adoption of Special Meeting Agenda**

**Action:** M/S: **Burton/Ager** to approve and adopt Agenda Vote: 3/0 Ayes: Burton, Ager and Doss;  
Noes: None

### **3. Public Comment** There was no public comment.

### **4. PUBLIC HEARING on the Nicasio School District 2021-22 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP):**

The Board held a public hearing regarding the Nicasio School District 2021-22 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), LCAP Annual Update, and LCAP Budget Overview for Parents. Hearing opened at 5:03pm. Principal Snekkevik presented the LCAP, noting that the document was not required last year due to COVID. The District's previous four goals have been consolidated into three, which include all eight of the state required priorities. There was trustee discussion about creating opportunities for Spanish-speaking parents of English learner students to learn English themselves, thus enhancing community engagement. The Marin Community Fund could be a resource. A parent interest survey was suggested. Principal Snekkevik said the District is using increased state apportionment for Foster Youth, Homeless, English Learners and Low-Income Students on designated language support time. Additionally, the District is meeting its goal of updating curriculum by acquiring new science curriculum for 2021-22. Interim Supt. Neu said that due to COVID, the District enhanced its technology, communication with families, and one-on-one contact with students. Principal Snekkevik added that the social emotional needs of students really came to light during the past year. Interim Supt. Neu commended Principal Snekkevik for doing a great job on the LCAP, noting that she has been asked to be a trainer for other districts. The hearing closed at 5:40pm.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING on the Nicasio School District 2021-22 Proposed Budget:** The Board held a public hearing regarding the Nicasio School District 2021-22 Proposed Budget. Hearing opened at 5:40pm. CBO Bonardi said she developed the budget 10 months ago, but due to a family emergency, she was not able to complete the SACS (documents that go to the state of California to adopt the budget) so MCOE staff took that on and completed the SACS. She reported that Gov. Newsom is predicting that the economy will turn around and come back very strong in the year ahead. Increased funding will be earmarked for early childhood/pre-K education. The first step will be for districts to plan a program, address their facility needs and train staff. There are many funds Nicasio School District will not qualify for because of its small size. The District is currently budgeting 1% growth in property taxes (approximately \$7000) for 2021-22. The District is not anticipating any significant changes in state or federal funding, but will carryover \$40,000 in one-time state funding earmarked for extended learning opportunities and in-person instruction. Those funds will be used for additional instructional assistant and counselor time, and summer school program scholarships. Additionally, the funds will be used for staff training on social-emotional development and assessments of students in the fall to determine learning loss. The only anticipated revenue change is a 3% (\$5800) increase in the parcel tax. CBO Bonardi said a significant part of the budget is salaries and benefits, as well as payment to MCOE for services for which the District does not hire staff. She said the District will not be deficit spending in the upcoming year, and with an ending balance of \$655,365, the District is in better financial condition than previously expected. The District may be deficit spending in 2022-23 and 2023-24, but it is unknown if that will actually happen. In response to an inquiry about proposed salary increases, CBO Bonardi said that once the increases are ratified and approved, they will be added to the budget later. As a result, with District will be projected to deficit spend slightly more in the two years out after 2021-22. The hearing closed at 6:02pm.
6. **Conclusion**
- a. Adjournment
- Action: M/S: Burton/Ager** to adjourn meeting at 6:04pm **Vote: 3/0** Ayes: Burton and Doss;  
Noes: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Mikki McIntyre

☐ Unadopted    ☒ Adopted

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Mark Burton, Board Clerk