

Nicasio School District

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Regular Meeting of the Nicasio School District Board of Trustees

Thursday, October 7, 2021 5pm

Nicasio School, 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 was posted on the District website:

<http://www.nicasioschool.org/index.php/school-board/board-meetings>

1. Opening Business

- a. Call to Order at 5:05pm
- b. Roll Call *Present* (via videoconference): **Trustees Elaine Doss and Daniel Ager. Absent: Trustee Mark Burton. Also in attendance (via videoconference): Interim Superintendent Nancy Neu, Principal Barbara Snekkevik, and District Secretary Mikki McIntyre.**
- c. Patriotic Moment in appreciation for the two dozen federal agencies that have released reports on climate change and plans for continued mitigation.

2. Approval and Adoption of Open Session Agenda

Action: M/S: Doss/Ager to approve and adopt Agenda Vote: 2/0 Ayes: Ager and Doss; Noes: None

3. Reports

- a. Trustee/Superintendent/Principal Announcements
 - Interim Supt. Neu reported the following:
 - Interim Supt. Neu attended Superintendents Day on Oct.6 and there continues to be much discussion about COVID. She said the group is looking forward to focusing more on the topic of academics.
 - She said that subsequent to last month when she told the Board about the District's participation in MCOE's pilot use of the BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen Test, the test is now available to all districts. The good news is that as students get sick, they can take the rapid test and return to school after recovering from illness without the need to quarantine if the test result is negative. Nicasio School has also signed up for antigen tests from the state, which will hopefully arrive soon.
 - The COVID vaccine may soon be approved by the FDA for children between ages of 5-11 years old. Once approved, it is projected that 78% of Marin County's school-age children will become vaccinated within a month. The governor has mandated the vaccine for school age children as well as school staff effective July 1, 2022. After that date, staff will no longer have the option of taking a weekly COVID test.
 - The County of Marin and MCOE have links on their websites to the county's COVID dashboard, which is updated daily. All test results from districts participating in the pilot program must be submitted to the county. An update to the 32-point plan will permit indoor events of up to 1000 attendees with proof of a vaccine or a COVID test, and masks will not be required outdoors. Masking will continue indoors and student seating charts will be required for indoor eating.
 - Marin County public health officials said that if things continue to go in the current direction and kids get vaccinated, there may be significant changes to the masking and other mandates by January. The situation may change from a pandemic to an endemic.

- The mental health of students and staff has been a growing topic of concern. There have been numerous instances of aggression, anger and disrespect exhibited among kids who were away from school for a year. It is important to be sensitive about why that behavior is happening and how to address it without punishment.
 - In response to a trustee inquiry about how long schools have required vaccines, Interim Supt. Neu said it had been required within California since the 1950s. She said charter schools often do not follow state guidelines but they are required to follow federal mandates. Any school receiving State funding is required to follow State mandates.
 - There is currently a void of substitute teachers. The rate of pay for substitutes is going up countywide, however, that is not generating a lot of new applicants. The state froze the tests for credential applicants to qualify for their clear credentials. This also effects the substitute pool as subs are also looking to receive credentials. The JLAC will be talking to Mark Levin and Jared Huffman about the problem of the teacher and substitute shortages. Schools nationwide, including California, are shutting down due to COVID and the lack of subs.
 - Principal's Report *Principal Snekkevik reported the following:*
 - Events & Activities: Back to School Night, Sept. 9, Initial ELPAC testing, Performing Arts Specialist program began Sept. 13 (Monica Snell), Music Specialist program began Sept. 14 (Terry Shea), Extended Support/Intervention program began Sept. 14 (Erica Sommers), All School Assembly, Oct. 1, NSF Movie Night, Oct. 1, MCFL Bookmobile visit, Oct. 7, Ongoing participation in BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen Testing (pilot program)
 - Staff Updates: Professional Development Day, Oct. 11, Additional counseling services (2 days per week) by BACR counselor, Amanda Speedy, PE Position filled by previous PE Specialist, Jamie Vattuone, Open positions for Instructional Assistant, On-going Public Health Liaison meetings (weekly)
 - Site Updates: Water update
 - Upcoming Events: Walk-A-Thon, Oct. 14, Great CA Shakeout Earthquake Drill, Oct. 21, Nicasio Pumpkin Patch field trip (grades K-8), Oct. 21, All-School Assembly, Oct. 27, Halloween Costume Parade and buddy activities, Oct. 29, Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda display, Nov. 1-12
 - b. Tam District Consolidations Report *There was no presentation. Item tabled.*
 - c. California School Dashboard – Fall 2021 Update of Local Priorities *Principal Snekkevik presented the Fall 2021 Update.*
4. **Public Comment** *There was no public comment.*
5. **Consent Agenda**
- a. Approval of Minutes: September 2, 2021 Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
 - b. Ratify Warrants Paid: September, 2021
 - c. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints (July-Sept. 2021)
- Action:** **M/S: Doss/Ager** to approve and adopt Consent Agenda Vote: 2/0 Ayes: Ager and Doss; Noes: None
6. **PUBLIC HEARING** on Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Materials – Education code 60019 establishes steps and procedures to ensure the availability of textbooks and instructional materials. The public hearing opened as 5:45pm. Interim Supt. Neu said it must be shared in a public hearing annually whether the District has sufficient or insufficient instructional materials. The hearing closed at 5:48pm.
7. **Action**
- a. Updated Brown Act Teleconferencing/Virtual Meeting Requirements (AB 361) *Discussion:* Interim Supt. Neu said that at the last (Sept. 2) Board meeting, it was not clear whether in-person meetings would be required after October 1. Since that time, the governor has released a new mandate extending the option for remote meetings – to a point. Virtual meetings are still allowed if the Board feels there is a safety risk to its members or attendees. Due to the fact that the pandemic is ongoing, there is concern

about conducting a public meeting where people might attend masked or unmasked. Interim Supt. Neu said that although a special meeting was not held, she made the decision to hold the Oct. 7th meeting remotely because the trustees had expressed that preference at the last meeting. She said the Board must decide each month if it wants to continue meeting remotely. She noted that countywide, the split between in-person and remote meetings is approximately 50/50. She said that due to the Board's safety concerns after consulting with legal counsel, she feels that meeting remotely for at least one more month is a good course to follow.

Action: M/S: Ager/Doss to meet via teleconference for the next (November 4) Board meeting. to approve and adopt Consent Agenda Vote: 2/0 Ayes: Ager and Doss; Noes: None

- b. Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution 2021-22 #2 Regarding Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials *Discussion:* Interim Supt. Neu said the District has the materials needed for the school and meets the requirements of the state. She recommended approval of the sufficiency of instructional materials.

Action: M/S: Ager/Doss to approve Resolution 2021-22 #2 Regarding Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ager and Doss; Noes: None 2/0

8. Correspondence

- a. Application #01-119117 Approval of Plans: Construction of 1-Water Tank (5000 gal.), Alterations to 1-Water Treatment System, Richard Denio for State Architect), California Department of General Services, September 7, 2021
- b. 2021-22 Adopted Budget Review, Kate Lane, Assistant Superintendent, MCOE, Sept. 15, 2021

9. Conclusion

- a. Agenda items for upcoming Board Agenda
- Revised Classified Salary Schedule – *Corrected version*
 - Disposal of curriculum Substitute pay schedule
 - 2022-23 Academic calendar

- b. Adjournment

Action: M/S: Ager/Doss to adjourn meeting at 6:01pm Vote: 2/0 Ayes: Ager and Doss; Noes: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Mikki McIntyre

☐ Unadopted ☒ Adopted

Mark Burton, Board Clerk