

Nicasio School District

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Board of Trustees

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Nicasio School District Board of Trustees

Thursday, October 5 2023 5:00 pm

Nicasio School, 5555 Nicasio Valley Road, California

1. Opening Business

- a. Call to Order at 5:02pm by Board President Elaine Doss
- b. Roll Call *Present*: Trustees Mark Burton via remote, Trustee Elaine Doss and Trustee Daniel Ager. *Also in attendance*: Superintendent/Principal Barbara Snekkevik, District Business Manager Margie Bonardi and District Secretary Beth Wolf
- c. Patriotic Moment observed with a quote from Jimi Hendrix: "When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace."
- d. Approval and Adoption of Closed Session Agenda
Action: M/S: Burton/Doss to approve and adopt Open Session Agenda. Roll Call Vote 3/0: Ayes: Burton, Ager and Doss; Noes: None
- e. Public Comment on Closed Session Topic(s) - *None*

2. CLOSED SESSION

- a. The following Closed Session Item is listed in compliance with Government Code 54957.6 of the Brown Act
 - i. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
- b. Recess to Closed Session to consider and/or take action upon any item on the Closed Session Agenda

3. Reconvene in OPEN SESSION

- c. Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene Open Session

4. Approval and Adoption of Open Session Agenda

Action: M/A: Ager/Doss to adopt the Open Session Agenda Roll Call Vote: 3/0 Ayes: Burton, Ager and Doss; Noes: None.

5. Reports

- a. Trustee/Superintendent/Principal Announcements
Superintendent Snekkevik brought back three topics from her recent Superintendents' meeting:
 1. Book by Jennifer Breheny Wallace, "Never Enough" regarding the damaging effects to students of over emphasis on achievement. The Nicasio community has a healthier balance but this is a relevant concern in many parts of Marin.
 2. Review of Inter-district Transfer Policy, keep it consistent with other District and update the request forms and procedures.
 3. Panel discussion on Artificial Intelligence and Education with a goal to calm fears and highlight potential benefits.

Back to School Night on September 7 is one of the most well attended events of the year. There was a Principal's Chat on October 20, which is an informal way for parents to connect and stay current with the school. Linda Greene started her intervention work in September. There was an all-school assembly in which the October life skill was Collaboration. The Marin County Free Library Bookmobile stops by twice a month and provides librarian visits to the school, which the students are very excited about. Our recent Professional Development Day was centered on Writer's Workshop, an area of need for our students. The presenter will come back to work with each teacher in their classrooms. The Walkathon and Pumpkin Patch events are coming up along with the Halloween parade. The community looks forward to the Barn Dance fundraiser on Nov. 4.

Supt. Snekkevik reported on the 2022-23 CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) scores from last spring. This standardized test is computer-based and administered to 3rd through 8th graders. Results were disappointing but only 17 students took the test which was less than in prior years. That lower denominator means that each score is weighted heavier. Six of the students tested have learning disabilities and six are English learners. Reading comprehension was higher than written skills. Results were reviewed by the Principal with the teachers and next steps were discussed. They will address and better prepare students for Performance Tasks, starting with the recent Writer's Workshop, and strive to integrate efforts to prepare over the course of the year, not just before the test. Test-taking strategies and pride in results will also be emphasized.

6. Public Comments *There were no public comments.*

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes: September 6, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
- b. Approval of Revised 2023-24 Annual Calendar
- c. Ratify Warrants Paid: September, 2023
- d. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints (July-Sept. 2023)
- e. 2023-24 Contract for Business Services with MCOE
- f. 2022 Consumer Confidence Report
- g. Approval of 2023-24 Interdistrict Transfer Request INTO NSD
 - i. IDT 23-24-13
- h. Denial of Interdistrict Transfer Request INTO NSD
 - i. IDT 23-24-14

Action: M/S: Burton/Ager to approve the Consent Agenda **Roll Call Vote:** 3/0 Ayes: Doss, Burton and Ager. Noes: None

8. 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 procedures require that the District offices take appropriate action to ensure the availability of textbooks and instructional materials annually. Notice was provided to the public in advance.

Action: M/S Doss/Ager to open the Public Hearing on Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Materials **Roll Call Vote:** 3/0 Ayes: Burton, Ager and Doss; Noes: None

Action: M/S Ager/Doss 3/0 to close the Public Hearing on Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Materials and reopen the Open Session **Roll Call Vote:** 3/0 Ayes: Burton, Ager and Doss; Noes: None

9. Discussion/Action

- a. Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution 2023-24 #2 Regarding Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials

Action: M/S: Doss/Ager to approve Resolution 2023-24 #2 Regarding Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials Roll Call Vote: 3/0 Ayes: Burton, Ager and Doss; Noes: None

- b. Consider Approval of Resolution 2023-24 #3 Authorization to Sign on Behalf of the Governing Board for 2023-24

Action: M/S: Ager/Doss to approve Resolution 2023-24 #3 Authorization to Sign on Behalf of the Governing Board for 2023-24 Roll Call Vote: 3/0 Ayes: Burton, Ager and Doss; Noes: None

- c. Consider Approval of Resolution 2023-24 #4 Certificate of Signatures authorized to pick up warrants

Action: M/S: Ager/Doss move to approve Resolution 2023-24 #4 Certificate of Signatures authorized to pick up warrants Roll Call Vote: 3/0 Ayes: Burton, Ager and Doss; Noes: None

- d. Discuss access to English language classes for adult learners

Discussion: on-going discussion on how to encourage English language learning among Nicasio families. Supt. Snekkevik will coordinate with the Community Liaison to survey parent interest in participating in English classes, awareness of course offerings at Point Reyes library and any current barriers to participation.

10. Correspondence

- a. 2023-24 Adopted Budget and LCAP Review, Kate Lane, Assistant Superintendent, MCOE, Sept. 15, 2023

11. Conclusion

- a. Agenda items for upcoming Board Agenda – Parcel Tax renewal expires June 2025 (disc.)

Action: M/S: Doss/Ager move to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 pm Roll Call Vote: 3/0 Aye: Roll Call Vote: 3/0 Ayes: Burton, Ager and Doss; Noes: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Wolf

☐ Unadopted ☒ Adopted



Mark Burton, Board Clerk