

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Smith called the Regular meeting of the Governing Board to order at 6:00 PM.

B. ROLL CALL: Rachele Haddoak, Donna Robert, Ernesto Smith, Suzan Solomon, Isaiah Talley

Board members Haddoak, Robert, Solomon, and Smith were present.

Board member Talley was absent.

Cabinet members Avanesyans, Montemayor, Peattie, and Hernandez were present.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no public comments.

D. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:01 PM.

1. Pursuant to Government Code sections 54954.5(c) and 54956.9(d)(1), Existing Litigation Case# 24/25-05
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of case: OAH Special Education Due Process Case No. 2025030345
3. Pursuant to Government Code sections 54954.5(c) and 54956.9(d)(1), Existing Litigation Case 23/24-03
4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee- Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint of an Employee
5. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations - Negotiator for the District, Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
6. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. - Superintendent Employment Contract

E. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Board members returned to Regular Session at 7:06 PM.

F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

In closed session, the Board approved a settlement agreement in OAH Special Education Due Process Case No. 2025030345, pursuant to which the District, without admission of fault, has agreed to fund and provide specified educational services and reasonable attorneys fees collectively not to exceed \$25,600.00, in consideration of a release of claims against the District. The roll call vote was as follows:

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 4 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Retired Teacher Lisa Kennedy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 4 – 0

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2025

Minutes approved.

Agenda approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Solomon

Vote: 4 – 0

J. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board members Robert and Solomon enjoyed their site visits to Wiley Canyon and Peachland Elementary;
- Board member Solomon shared that it is Volunteer Appreciation Week and is thankful for the wonderful partnerships between the District and its PTA/PTOs. The Board is grateful to these organizations that help raise funds to enrich their children's education. The SCV Council PTA is currently taking nominations for PTA volunteers who have earned recognition;
- Board member Haddoak invited the public to the upcoming Parent Resource Fair on May 14, 2025, at Wiley Canyon Elementary from 4:00 - 5:30 PM. Everyone is encouraged to wear blue;
- Superintendent Hernandez invited the public to attend the Music Makers PTA meeting to be held on April 23, 2025, at 6:00 PM via Zoom teleconference;
- Superintendent Hernandez thanked Mrs. Romero's 6th-grade class at Old Orchard Elementary for the opportunity to read their opinion essays on whether or not students should wear uniforms to school.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

District parents Lauren Valaika and Colette Ramirez addressed the Board about concerns with placements and lack of space availability for the 2025-2026 UPK Program.

L. CONSENT CALENDAR

No items were removed.

1. Removal of Items From the Consent Calendar

No items were removed.

2. Consideration of Approving Items on the Consent Calendar

Item approved. Thank you to PTAs for supporting field trips via donations. Thank you for supporting students and schools.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 4 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

3. Consent Calendar- Business Services

i. Consideration of Approving Purchase Orders, B Warrants and Payroll Warrants

- ii. **Consideration of Approving Gift Report #24/25-7**
- iii. **Consideration of Approving District Recurring Contracts**
- 4. **Consent Calendar- Human Resources**
 - i. **Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #24/25-18**

M. STAFF REPORTS**1. Staff Reports- Student Support Services**

- i. **Consideration of Approving Resolution #24/25-16 Recognizing May 7, 2025 as National School Nurse Day**

National School Nurse Day will be celebrated on May 7, 2025. National School Nurse Day highlights the accomplishments of school nurses and their efforts to meet the needs of today's students by providing and advocating for quality student-centered care.

Executive Director of Student Support Services read Resolution #24/25-16 aloud.

Item approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 4 - 0

- ii. **Consideration of Approving Student Support Services Board Policies - First Reading**
Board Policy 5113.1 approved with suggested edits and waived additional readings.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Solomon

Vote: 4 - 0

Administrative Regulation 5113.1 approved with suggested edits and waived additional readings.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Solomon

Vote: 4 - 0

2. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services

- i. **Consideration of Approving Oak Hills Elementary School's Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)**

The Oak Hills Elementary SPSA has been developed by the staff and approved by the School Site Council.

Item approved.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 4 - 0

- ii. **Consideration of Approving Wiley Canyon Elementary School's Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)**

The Wiley Canyon Elementary SPSA has been developed by the staff and approved by the School Site Council.

Item approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 4 - 0

- iii. **Consideration of Approving Ballet Folklorico Dance Residency at Old Orchard Elementary School**

First-grade students at Old Orchard will participate in an 8-week Ballet Folklorico residency program. The residency includes one weekly class, introducing students to

traditional Mexican dance and cultural heritage.

Item approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 4 - 0

iv. Consideration to Approve Agreement with the City of Santa Clarita for the Use of the Newhall Family Theatre 2025-2028

The City of Santa Clarita and Newhall School District agreement includes using the Newhall Family Theatre for civic functions and by local non-profit organizations for performing arts purposes.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Solomon

Vote: 4 - 0

v. Consideration of Approving Revisions to User Guide and Rental Fees for the Newhall Family Theatre for the Performing Arts

Since the last increase, there have been increases in staffing wages and utility costs. A new rate will also be adopted for events longer than twelve hours, to ensure enough fees are collected.

Item approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 4 - 0

3. Staff Reports- Business Services

i. Presentation on Housing Developments within the Newhall School District Attendance Boundaries

Steven Gald, Executive Vice President of California Financial Services, presented an overview of active and future housing development projects within the District's boundaries and recommendations for possible next steps.

The board requested that staff provide an update from the upcoming meeting with Five Points Development.

ii. Consideration of Approving Master Library Tech Requests Software

The District already utilizes other modules within the Master Library platform, including Maintenance Work Orders and Facility Use Scheduling.

Item approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 4 - 0

iii. Consideration of Approving a One-Year Agreement with Christy White, Inc. to Conduct the Annual Audit for Fiscal 2024-2025

The audit will cover the financial statements of governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Newhall School District (the District), as of June 30, 2024, and for the year then ended. In addition, the audit will look at the District's compliance with major federal award programs and related notes to the financial statements for the period ended June 30, 2024.

Item approved.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 4 - 0

- iv. **Consideration of Awarding Old Orchard Fence Project to Pilgrim Fence Company**
After losing the space during modernization, the District will restore the field and return the fence to its original location.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Solomon

Vote: 4 - 0

- v. **Consideration of Awarding Facilities Gate Operator Replacement Project to Vortex**
The existing gate operators at facilities have reached the end of their service life and require replacement to maintain site security, safety, and operational efficiency.

Item approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 4 - 0

- vi. **Consideration of Approving Business Services Board Policies- First Reading**
Board Policy 3515.5 approved with suggested edits and waived additional readings.
Motion: Robert / Seconded: Haddoak
Vote: 4 - 0

Administrative Regulation 3515.5 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 4 - 0

Board Policy 3540 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Solomon

Vote: 4 - 0

4. **Staff Reports-Administrative Services**

- i. **Consideration of Approving Resolution #24/25-17 Declaring May 5 - 9, 2025, as "Teacher Appreciation Week"**
Superintendent Hernandez read Resolution #24/25-17 aloud, honoring the dedication of the Newhall School District teachers.

Item approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded:

Vote: 4 - 0

- ii. **Consideration of Approving Annual 6th Grade End-of-Year Pool Parties for Newhall, Old Orchard, Peachland, Wiley Canyon, and Valencia Valley Schools**

Item approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 4 - 0

- iii. **Board and Cabinet Member Attendance at June 12, 2025 6th Grade Promotions**
Board members and Executive Cabinet finalized attendance schedule for the June 12, 2025 6th grade promotions.

Item approved.

Motion: / Seconded:

Vote: 4 - 0

- iv. **Discussion on Governing Board Washington, DC Advocacy Trip and the District's Priorities for the Trip**

The Governing Board discussed planning for the upcoming Washington, DC Advocacy Trip later this month. The Board requested that staff provide updated District priorities to include specifics on expenses tied to each priority.

Item approved.

Motion: / Seconded:

Vote: 4 - 0

N. AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

- Board Protocols review in December
- Diversity Resolution

O. ADJOURN TO SECOND CLOSED SESSION

Board members resumed Closed Session at 9:52 PM to discuss previously stated closed session items.

P. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Board Members returned to Public Session at 10:33 PM.

Q. REPORT OUT OF SECOND CLOSED SESSION

Board President Smith announced that the Board took no action in second Closed Session.

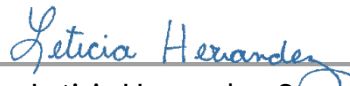
R. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:34 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2025. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



Rachelle Haddoak, Governing Board Clerk



Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary