



**Regular Board Meeting Agenda  
via Zoom Teleconference  
2/9/2020 06:00 PM**

Newhall School District  
25375 Orchard Village Rd., #200  
Valencia, CA 91355

**Meeting Minutes**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Walters called the Regular meeting of the Governing Board to order at 6:06 P.M.

**B. ROLL CALL**

1. Donna Rose, Ernesto Smith, Suzan Solomon, Isaiah Talley, Brian Walters  
All Board Members were present.  
All Cabinet Members were present.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

There were no public comments.

**D. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:08 P.M.

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee- Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release of an Employee
2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations - Negotiator for the District Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
3. Superintendent Evaluation: Mid-Year Superintendent Goals Update

**E. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION**

Board members returned to Public Session at 7:02 P.M.

**F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

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

**G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Meadows Elementary School parent Bridgette Kloss led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Agenda approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 26, 2021

Minutes approved.  
 M/S/C- (Talley/Solomon)  
 Vote: 5 - 0  
 Roll call vote:  
 Rose - Aye  
 Smith - Aye  
 Solomon - Aye  
 Talley - Aye  
 Walters - Aye

#### J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board President Walters thanked Ms. Peattie and Ms. Staszewski for helping facilitate the Governing Board meetings via Zoom teleconference;
- Superintendent Pelzel thanked Assemblywoman Suzette Valladares for hosting a town hall for NSD PTAs/PTOs, staff and families. Mr. Pelzel released a survey from the Assemblywoman to all NSD families via ParentSquare;
- Board Members attended an SCV Trustee Association meeting on January 25th where guest speakers Senator Scott Wilk and Assembly member Suzette Valladares participated in discussing several district-related topics. Board members were pleased with the strong representation and advocacy from districts throughout the Valley;
- Board Member Solomon attended the CA State PTA Legislative Conference where individuals from across the state engaged in conversations on several topics affecting school districts; the 34th District PTA members will be meeting with Senator Wilk, Assemblymen Lackey, Assemblywoman Valladares and Senator Stern to continue conversations affecting school districts in the Santa Clarita Valley;
- The Raising the Curtain Foundation has two upcoming fundraising opportunities. Information for both are available on the foundation's website and will be shared via ParentSquare:
  - February 16th - Chipotle Restaurant Night on Town Center Drive 4:00-8:00 pm
  - February 27th - Virtual Trivia Night
- Board Member Smith participated in a call with Meadows staff and parents to discuss ideas on how to move forward with a 6th grade promotion this year;
- Board Member Rose attended a virtual LCAP meeting last week and commended staff for a well-organized event; good to see parents share their perspectives and ideas on current issues

#### K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

#### L. CORRESPONDENCE

1. **First Interim Certification Letter from LACOE**  
 Letter from Los Angeles County Office of Education regarding the First Interim Report and the positive certification.
2. **Call for Nominees to Serve on the 2021/2022 Executive Board for the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association (LACSTA)**  
 Board members agreed not to submit any nominations to the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association Executive Board (LACSTA).

**3. 2021 CSBA Ballot for CSBA Delegate Assembly**

Board members agreed to cast their vote for Cherise Moore, Ernesto Smith and Christopher Trunkey for the 2020/2021 CSBA Delegate Assembly.

M/S/C – (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters – Aye

**M. PUBLIC INTEREST**

**1. Presentation of Governing Board Resolution #20/21-15: Establishment of February as National Black History Month in the Newhall School District**

Resolution No. 20/21-15 is historical for NSD as it's the first time the District commemorates the historic heritage and active contributions that African Americans have made to help shape the cultural, academic, social, economic, and moral attributes of this nation.

Resolution approved with amendments.

M/S/C- (Rose/Solomon)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters – Aye

**N. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. Removal of Items From the Consent Calendar**

None.

**2. Consideration of Approving Items on the Consent Calendar**

Items on Consent Calendar approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters – Aye

**3. Consent Calendar- Business Services**

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

ii. Consideration of Approving Gift Report #20/21-12

**4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources**

i. **Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #20/21-14**

**O. STAFF REPORTS**

**1. Staff Reports-Administrative Services**

**i. School Reopening and COVID-19 Update**

Superintendent Pelzel shared the latest updates from Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ferrer. The County's positivity rate is currently at 31.9 for every 100,000 cases, classroom cohorts were increased from 12 to 14, school personnel vaccines may take longer to supply due to delays with the first round of vaccines, and school districts will be required to complete additional documentation from LACDPH.

The impact of school closures during the pandemic has affected the District's enrollment over last month with a loss of another 33 students for total of 87 students in the 2020-21 year.

Once the District is granted approval to move forward with the AM/PM Blended learning model, the District will have a total of 76 classrooms servicing 1,750 students and will focus on ELA, Math and ELD enrichment. Superintendent Pelzel created a reopening video shared with all NSD families via ParentSquare. Mr. Pelzel thanked Theater Manager Tom Lund, Board Member Rose and Mrs. Valadez for their assistance with the video. ParentSquare will be used for student wellness screening for the reopening of school.

Mr. Pelzel shared updates on the possibility of moving forward with small, targeted cohorts for grades 3-6.

Without the additional "safety review" process being shared by the State, the District's February 16, 2021 relaunch date is in jeopardy. Dr. Ferrer sees the County positivity rate dropping to 25 per 100,000 by late next week, which is likely related to the delay in our approval. The DLI small cohort can resume in-person instruction on February 16, 2021.

Board President Walters clarified misinformation circulating regarding the reopening of Saugus School District and Redondo Beach Unified School District.

Several District staff members and parents expressed their concerns and frustrations over the District's urgency to move forward with reopening schools as soon as permission is granted. Staff members requested the Board provide teachers sufficient notice on a reopening date to prepare for quality learning programs.

Several parents also requested Board members to act with urgency and reopen schools as soon as permission is granted.

In response to comments made by members of the public, Superintendent Pelzel clarified that the District has the necessary PPE equipment required to reopen schools safely, including M95 masks when they are required.

Board members discussed at length their different perspectives on how the District should move forward. Apologies were made to families and staff for the constant

changes with the reopening of schools. Board members agreed that the Districts goal is to provide learning options for all families, which includes reopening schools when the County deems it is safe to do so.

Board members took no further action, but reach consensus for staff to:

- Move as quickly as possible to reopen schools for grades TK-2 when the positivity rate reaches 25 for every 100,000 in the County, or the “safety review” protocol becomes available;
- Gather feedback from site administrators on moving forward with the in-person hybrid model for grades 3-6 and a realistic phase-in plan;
- The DLI program will move forward with its February 16, 2021 restart date

**ii. Inquiry-Based Problem Solving (IBPS) Training Proposal**

Neil and Bridgette Bodine of the Bodine Group shared an overview of the Inquiry Based Problem-Solving (IBPS) training, which includes an in-depth review of the IBPS process, the management tool and strategy to help build capacity as problem solvers, and its principles.

Board members were in favor of staff moving forward the training.

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Rose/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

**2. Staff Reports- Student Support Services**

**i. Student Support Services Mid-Year Check-In Presentation**

Director of Student Support Services Kim Howe and Coordinator of Student Support Service Lisa Seeley presented the Board with the department’s mid-year progress.

Board members congratulated and thanked the Student Support Services team for their success with meeting the needs of students.

**ii. Second Reading of Revised Administrative Regulation (AR) 5145.7: Sexual Harassment**

AR 5145.7: Sexual Harassment approved and waived third and final reading.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Rose)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

**3. Staff Reports- Business Services**

**i. Consideration of Approving Quality Rating and Improvement System Block Grant for Oak Hills Elementary State Preschool**

Item approved.  
 M/S/C- (Rose/Smith)  
 Vote: 5 - 0  
 Roll call vote:  
 Rose - Aye  
 Smith - Aye  
 Solomon - Aye  
 Talley - Aye  
 Walters - Aye

**ii. Information Regarding the Governor's Proposed 2021-2022 State Budget**

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sheri Staszewski presented the Board with key components in the Governor's January proposed budget that impacts District revenue sources for 2021-2022 and future years.

**iii. Consideration of Approving 2021 NSD Budget Calendar**

Item approved.  
 M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)  
 Vote: 5 - 0  
 Roll call vote:  
 Rose - Aye  
 Smith - Aye  
 Solomon - Aye  
 Talley - Aye  
 Walters - Aye

**iv. Consideration of Authorizing the Purchase of School Site Carpet Under PC 20118 (piggyback) on State of California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) 4-20-00-0085C**

Item approved.  
 M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)  
 Vote: 5 - 0  
 Roll call vote:  
 Rose - Aye  
 Smith - Aye  
 Solomon - Aye  
 Talley - Aye  
 Walters - Aye

**v. Consideration of Approving Amendment No. 1 to Existing "Agreement Relating to Student Services" for (i) YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles, Santa Clarita Valley Family YMCA, (ii) Camp Sunshine, Inc., (iii) Peak Programs, Inc. (iv) Sandsar, Inc., and (v) Boys and Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley**

The 200 childcare spots will be filled in the following order:

- McKinney Vento families
- Families previously enrolled in childcare program on free lunch program
- Families previously enrolled in childcare program on reduced lunch program
- Remaining families previously enrolled in childcare program
- Other interested families if spots are still available

Item approved.  
 M/S/C- (Rose/Talley)  
 Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:  
Rose - Aye  
Smith - Aye  
Solomon - Aye  
Talley - Aye  
Walters – Aye

**4. Staff Reports- Human Resources**

**i. Consideration of Approving the Memo of Understanding (MOU) Between Newhall School District and the Newhall Educational Support Professionals (NESP)**

Item approved.  
M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)  
Vote: 5 - 0  
Roll call vote:  
Rose - Aye  
Smith - Aye  
Solomon - Aye  
Talley - Aye  
Walters – Aye

**5. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services**

**i. Consideration of Approving the 2019-2020 School Accountability Report Cards (SARC)**

Item approved.  
M/S/C- (Solomon/Rose)  
Vote: 5 - 0  
Roll call vote:  
Rose - Aye  
Smith - Aye  
Solomon - Aye  
Talley - Aye  
Walters – Aye

**P. ADJOURN TO CONTINUATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Board members resumed Closed Session at 10:43 P.M. to discuss previously stated closed session items.

**Q. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

Board Members returned to Public Session at 11:38 P.M.

**R. REPORT OUT OF SECOND CLOSED SESSION**

Board President Walters announced that the Board took no further in Closed Session

**S. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Walters adjourned the meeting at 11:38 P.M.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2021. Closed Session begins at 6:00 P.M. Open Session begins at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom teleconference.

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Board Clerk

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Secretary