



**Regular Board Meeting Agenda via Zoom  
Teleconference  
1/12/2021 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 6:01 P.M.

**B. ROLL CALL**

1. Donna Rose, Ernesto Smith, Suzan Solomon, Isaiah Talley, Brian Walters  
Board Members Rose, Smith, Solomon and Walters were present.  
Board Member Talley was absent.  
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 6:02 P.M.

Board Member Talley arrived at 6:05 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 7:04 P.M.

**F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Board President Walters announced that no action was taken in Closed Session.

**G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Amanda Montemayor 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 Annual Organizational Meeting of December 15, 2020

Minutes approved.

M/S/C- (Rose/Solomon)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

2. Consideration of approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2020

Minutes approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

#### J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board Member Solomon expressed her sorrow for the frustration, hurt and distress many members of the public felt as a result of discussions the Governing Board held at the January 12, 2021 Board meeting. Board Member Rose echoed Ms. Solomon's comments;
- Board Member Rose thanked District staff and family members for delivering care packages to families during the holidays;
- Board Member Smith commended site staff for an excellent job hosting virtual parent/teacher conferences; Mr. Smith also thanked the Music and Art staff for a well-organized Music & Art Showcase;
- Board Member Talley expressed his excitement to be back in school;
- Board Member Walters shared his thoughts over the events involving the recent attack on our nation; Mr. Walters also apologized to the public for comments he made at a previous Board meeting that were misinterpreted as negative towards teachers and classified staff;
- Superintendent Pelzel welcomed staff back.

#### K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Several District staff members and parents expressed their concerns over the Board's consideration to reopen schools during what may be considered the pandemic's most unprecedented times. Many shared the risks involved for both staff and students, the recommendations made by Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Director Ferrer's recommendation to suspend in-person teaching for the month of January, concerns with the inconsistencies involved in transferring children from learning models, and hospital conditions due to the recent surge in numbers.

**L. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**M. PUBLIC INTEREST**

## 1. School Board Appreciation Month

In honor of School Board Appreciation Month, Superintendent Pelzel presented Board members with a District Proclamation acknowledging their service to the community. Mr. Pelzel also shared Certificates of Recognition on behalf Senator Scott Wilk and a Proclamation on behalf of Santa Clarita Mayor William Miranda.

Field Representative Natalie Vartanian presented Commendations to the Governing Board on behalf of Los Angeles County Board Supervisor Katherine Barger for their service to students and staff in the community.

Board members thanked Superintendent Pelzel, Cabinet, elected officials and the community for their support.

**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/Rose)

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 Notice of Completion for Prospectra Contract Flooring at Pico Canyon, Oak Hills, and Stevenson Ranch Elementary

## 4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources

i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #20/21-12

**O. STAFF REPORTS**

## 1. Staff Reports-Administrative Services

## i. COVID 19 Update and Discussion

Superintendent Pelzel shared a presentation that included Governor Newsom's proposed "Safe Schools for All Plan", details on federal relief funds the District is expecting to receive, updates on District COVID numbers and attendance, and updates from the Los Angeles Department of Public Health.

Board Member Walters shared Henry Mayo Hospital's COVID-19 data numbers since the start of the pandemic and a sample COVID-19 letter Irvine School District sent to its families.

Based on L.A. County Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ferrer's strong recommendations to suspend in-person instruction and activities for the month of January, Superintendent Pelzel asked the Governing Board to consider the following:

- Immediately pause all in-person instruction until further notice
  - Continue in-person assessments for students with IEPs when necessary
- Delay launch of TK-2 blended learning program until February 16, 2021
  - Provide greater chance to have access to vaccine if so choose
  - Aligns with Governor Newsom's Safe Schools for All Plan

District staff members and parents shared their perspectives and health concerns with moving forward with the reopening of schools on January 19, 2021. District SDC staff members also shared their perspectives on the benefits of continuing in-person small cohorts in schools.

During the Public Comments portion of the meeting, other parents also shared their perspectives and support for reopening schools on January 19, 2021.

After Board members deliberated and shared their different perspectives at length, the following motion was made:

Move to delay the start date of hybrid learning to a date yet to be determined, with SDC small cohorts and student assessments to continue, with the DLI program to pause until February 16, 2021.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Smith)

Vote: 4 - 1

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Nay

Walters - Aye

Board members requested communication go out to families immediately.

Later in the meeting, Board members amended previous motion on the item to the following:

Move to delay the start date for hybrid learning to a date yet to be determined, with SDC small cohorts and student assessments to continue, with a pause to the DLI program beginning January 19, 2021 until February 16, 2021.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Smith)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Nay

Walters - Aye

- ii. **Discussion and Approval of Annual NSD Governance Calendar**  
 Approved 2021 Governance Calendar as presented. Superintendent Pelzel will share the calendar on the last Friday of every month via Friday Facts.  
 M/S/C- (Solomon/Smith)  
 Vote: 5 - 0  
 Roll call vote:  
 Rose - Aye  
 Smith - Aye  
 Solomon - Aye  
 Talley - Aye  
 Walters - Aye
  
- iii. **Discussion and consideration of holding quarterly Special Governing Board Meetings for Board Policy approval**  
 Approved February 16, May 18, August 17, and November 9 as Special Board Meeting dates for Board Policy and Administrative Regulation approval at 7:00pm  
 M/S/C- (Rose/Talley)  
 Vote: 5 - 0  
 Roll call vote:  
 Rose - Aye  
 Smith - Aye  
 Solomon - Aye  
 Talley - Aye  
 Walters - Aye
  
- iv. **Discussion and consideration of adjusting Board Meeting start times beginning on January 26, 2021**  
 Board members agreed to maintain current scheduled times for Board meetings with a 6:00 P.M. start time for Closed Session and 7:00 P.M. start time for Open Session.
  
- v. **Consideration of Approving the Williams Quarterly Summary Report**  
 Item approved.  
 M/S/C- (Talley/Smith)  
 Vote: 5 - 0  
 Roll call vote:  
 Rose - Aye  
 Smith - Aye  
 Solomon - Aye  
 Talley - Aye  
 Walters - Aye

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

- i. **First Reading of Revised Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 5112.1: Exemptions from Attendance**  
 Policies approved and waived second and third readings.  
 M/S/C- (Talley/Solomon)  
 Vote: 5 - 0  
 Roll call vote:  
 Rose - Aye  
 Smith - Aye  
 Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye  
Walters - Aye

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

**i. For Consideration of Approving UniverSoul Dance Residency for Grade 6 and David Prather Theatrical Residency for Grade 2**

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

**ii. Consideration of Approving Personal Services Contract with William Davies, iampostman LLC for development, filming, editing, and release for web-series production for the Newhall Family Theatre ("NFT")**

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

**iii. Consideration of Approving the 2020 - 2021 California Healthy Kids Survey Memorandum of Understanding**

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

**4. Staff Reports- Human Resources**

**i. Consideration of Accepting Newhall Teachers' Association (NTA) Proposal for 2020/2021 Negotiations**

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

Talley - Aye  
Walters - Aye

- ii. **Consideration of Approving First Reading of Board Policy 1312.3: Uniform Complaint Policy approved and waived second and third readings with requested amendments.**  
M/S/C- (Solomon/Smith)  
Vote: 5 - 0  
Roll call vote:  
Rose - Aye  
Smith - Aye  
Solomon - Aye  
Talley - Aye  
Walters - Aye
  
- iii. **Consideration of Approving First Reading of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 4157/4257/4357: Employee Safety**  
Policies approved and waived second and third readings with requested amendments.  
M/S/C- (Talley/Solomon)  
Vote: 5 - 0  
Roll call vote:  
Rose - Aye  
Smith - Aye  
Solomon - Aye  
Talley - Aye  
Walters - Aye
  
- 5. **Staff Reports- Business Services**
  - i. **Consideration of Approving Resolution 20/21-13 Authorization to Apply for and Secure Grant Funding from South Coast AQMD PA 2021-02 AB923 Lower Emission School Bus Program (LESBP)**  
Item approved.  
M/S/C- (Talley/Solomon)  
Vote: 5 - 0  
Roll call vote:  
Rose - Aye  
Smith - Aye  
Solomon - Aye  
Talley - Aye  
Walters - Aye
  
  - ii. **Consideration of Approving a Separate "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**  
Item approved. Board members directed staff to contact the offices of District Supervisor Barger and Assemblymember Valladares to discuss possible funding assistance.  
M/S/C- (Rose/Talley)  
Vote: 5 - 0  
Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye  
Smith - Aye  
Solomon - Aye  
Talley - Aye  
Walters - Aye

**P. AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

- Continue COVID update discussion to work to establish clear parameters for returning to in-person instruction.

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

Board members resumed Closed Session at 10:30 P.M. to discuss previously stated closed session items.

**R. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

Board Members returned to Public Session at 10:58 P.M.

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

Board President Walters announced that no further action was taken in Closed Session.

**T. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Walters adjourned the meeting at 10:58 P.M.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for January 26, 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