



**NEWHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Regular Meeting of the Governing Board
 July 21, 2020
 6:00 P.M. Closed Executive Session
 7:00 P.M. Regular Public Session**

MINUTES

The Regular meeting of the Governing Board was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Board President Solomon. All Cabinet and Board members attended the meeting via Zoom teleconference to maximize public safety.

Board Members present: Rose, Smith, Solomon, Talley and Walters

Cabinet Members present: Jamison, Montemayor, Pelzel and Staszewski

There were no public comments on Closed Session items.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:03 P.M.

Agenda item 4.1: Consideration of approving a Final Settlement Agreement and General Release between Parents and the District in Student (J.B.) v. Newhall School District, OAH Case #2020030334

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9: Potential Litigation – Case #18/19-04

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations – Negotiator for the District: Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957: Public Employee – Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release of an Employee

Superintendent Evaluation: End-of-Year Superintendent Update was tabled to the July 28, 2020 Special Board Meeting

Board members returned to Public Session at 7:05 P.M.

Board President Solomon announced that the following action was taken in Closed Session:

Approved/ a Final Settlement Agreement and General Release between Parents and the District in Student (J.B.) v. Newhall School District, OAH Case #2020030334, pursuant to which the District has agreed to fund and reimburse a placement for the student and the student’s parents have released claims against the District, in exchange for the placement as specified in the Agreement and dismissal with prejudice of existing litigation.

M/S/C - (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

Board President Solomon led the Pledge of Allegiance

PLEDGE

Approved the Agenda with the following amendment:
Item 14.6.1 to reflect an updated dollar amount of \$144,396.82

AGENDA

M/S/C – (Talley/Rose)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

Approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 23, 2020

MINUTES

M/S/C – (Talley/Smith)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

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- Mr. Pelzel shared that the District’s 5 Title 1 schools qualified to receive free meals for all students via the Community Eligibility Program through the Santa Clarita Valley School Food Services Agency;
- Wm. S. Hart Union School District hosted a SCV Educators Forum with Dr. Ferrer from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. Board members appreciated Dr. Ferrer taking the time to address concerns and answer questions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Valencia Valley Elementary parent Kelly Berry addressed the Board on considering delaying the start of the 2020-2021 school year to allow for teachers to train and better prepare for distance learning.

CORRESPONDENCE

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None

PUBLIC INTEREST

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Approved the 2020/2021 Single Plan for Student Achievement for Valencia Valley Elementary School

M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

CONSENT CALENDAR

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Business Services

Approved purchase orders through #20-01161 for 2019/2020 and 21-00120 for 2020/2021; B warrants 20106786 - 20113950; all payroll warrants issued through July 20, 2020; 53 sub teacher days for June 2020; 31 overtime hours for May 2020 (revised) and 60 overtime hours for June 2020

B WARRANTS

Approved Gift Report #20/21-1

GIFT REPORT

Approved Assistant Superintendent coaching contract with Donna C. Patrick

DONNA C. PATRICK CONTRACT

Approved amended rent reduction letter for Camp Sunshine, Inc.

CAMP SUNSHINE, INC. REDUCTION LETTER

Human Resources

Approved Personnel Report #20/21-1

PERSONNEL REPORT

Student Support Services

Approved 2020/2021 master contract ratification with the HELP Group Non-Public School

HELP GROUP MASTER CONTRACT

Curriculum/Instructional Services

Approved Instructional Services 2020/2021 annual recurring contracts and invoices with amended dollar amount of \$144,396.82

2020/2021 I.S. ANNUAL CONTRACTS

Approved items on the Consent Calendar

M/S/C – (Walters/Smith)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

Information concerning the Consent Items listed above has been forwarded to each Board Member prior to this meeting for their study. Unless a Board Member has a question concerning a particular item and asks it to be withdrawn from the Consent Calendar, the items are approved at one time by the Governing Board. The action by the Board in approving Consent Items is detailed in individual backup documents.

**STAFF
REPORTS**

Administrative Services

Approved Williams Quarterly Summary Report
M/S/C – (Walters/Smith)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

**WILLIAMS
QUARTERLY
SUMMARY REPORT**

Approved Resolution #20/21-3: Certification of Signatures
M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

**RESOLUTION
#20/21-3:
CERTIFICATION OF
SIGNATURES**

Superintendent Pelzel presented the following 2 learning models for Board consideration once school districts are permitted to return to face-to-face learning:

- Distance Learning Academy Model
- AM/PM Blended Learning Model

**2020-2021
INSTRUCTIONAL
PROGRAM
OFFERINGS**

Superintendent Pelzel also recommended a phase-in approach to bring back students as soon as districts are permitted to do so. By assigning students to their selected learning models, the District can quickly transition to an in-person setting without disruption and while maintaining stability.

The District is also partnering with its site childcare vendors to provide daily childcare. By subsidizing a portion of the cost, the District can support those families who have returned back to work. Our vendors have structures in place to support distance learning, student breaks and adhere to all social distancing and regulations.

NTA Co-President Hillary Hall along with several parents, teachers and members of the public addressed the Board on their concerns over returning or not returning to an in-person model.

Board members held discussions and shared their perspectives on the various learning model options for the fall. It was recommended Superintendent Pelzel confirm enrollment decisions in the two models with all parents and hold a chat session prior to school starting to further discuss the distance learning model structure with families.

Approved the two recommended instructional program models and plans for the 2020-2021 school year.

M/S/C – (Walters/Rose)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye
Smith – Aye
Solomon – Aye
Talley – Aye
Walters – Aye

Approved commencing the 2020-2021 school year on August 13, 2020 in a 100% distance learning model and phasing into the blended learning model once schools districts are permitted.

M/S/C – (Walters/Rose)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye
Smith – Aye
Solomon – Aye
Talley – Aye
Walters – Aye

Curriculum/Instructional Services

District music and art staff provided a presentation on the 2020-2021 Music and Art Distance Learning Plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

2020-2021 MUSIC & ART UPDATE

Accepted the music and art plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

M/S/C – (Walters/Smith)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye
Smith – Aye
Solomon – Aye
Talley – Aye
Walters – Aye

Approved purchase of Davis Art digital curriculum. The Board requested staff provide feedback on the curriculum at a future meeting.

DAVIS ART DIGITAL CURRICULUM

M/S/C – (Walters/Smith)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye
Smith – Aye
Solomon – Aye
Talley – Aye
Walters – Aye

Approved purchase of Neptune Navigate for digital citizenship modules. The Board requested staff provide feedback on the curriculum at a future meeting.

NEPTUNE NAVIGATE DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP MODULES

M/S/C – (Rose/Walters)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye
Smith – Aye
Solomon – Aye
Talley – Aye
Walters – Aye

NTA Co-President Hillary Hall addressed the Board with concerns over the science curriculum selected for the 2020-2021 year.

TWIG SCIENCE NGSS CONTRACT

Instructional staff shared that the department's science coaches will support all teachers in rolling out this new curriculum. Professional development will be scheduled for all teachers as well.

Approved Twig Science NGSS contract for online distance learning science curriculum. The Board requested staff provide feedback on the curriculum at a future meeting.

M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

Approved Smart NGSS for the 6th grade science curriculum. The Board requested staff provide feedback on the curriculum at a future meeting.

SMART NGSS 6TH GRADE SCIENCE CURRICULUM

M/S/C – (Talley/Smith)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

Approved Carnegie Learning contracts for online professional learning sessions, books and software licenses. The Board requested staff provide feedback on the curriculum at a future meeting.

CARNEGIE LEARNING CONTRACTS

M/S/C – (Walters/Smith)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

Business Services

Approved Personal Services Contract with William Davis DBA iampostman LLC for web-series production for the Newhall Family Theatre. Theatre Manager Tom Lund will provide a write-up to site administrators as a means to promote the work. Tom will provide a write-up so principals can push out via blackboard

WILLIAM DAVIS CONTRACT

M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye
Walters – Aye

Approved Resolution 20/21-1: Education Protection Account (EPA) FY 2020-2021
M/S/C – (Rose/Talley)
Vote: 5-0
Roll call vote:
Rose – Aye
Smith – Aye
Solomon – Aye
Talley – Aye
Walters – Aye

**RESOLUTION
#20/21-1: EDUCATION
PROTECTION
ACCOUNT**

Resolution #20/21-2: Declaring Emergency Conditions Exist at Newhall School District Schools and Offices was tabled.

**RESOLUTION
#20/21-2: DECLARING
EMERGENCY
CONDITIONS**

Board President Solomon opened a public hearing regarding the 2020-2021 Inter-Fund Cash Borrowing for FY 2020-2021 at 11:52 P.M.

**2020-2021 INTER-
FUND CASH
BORROWING PUBLIC
HEARING**

Board President Solomon closed the public hearing regarding the 2020-2021 Inter-Fund Cash Borrowing for FY 2020-2021 at 11:53 P.M.

Approved Resolution 20/21-4: Inter-Fund Cash Borrowing for FY 2020-2021
M/S/C – (Walters/Rose)
Vote: 5-0
Roll call vote:
Rose – Aye
Smith – Aye
Solomon – Aye
Talley – Aye
Walters – Aye

**RESOLUTION
#20/21-4: INTER-
FUND CASH
BORROWING**

ADJOURNMENT

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Board President Solomon adjourned the meeting at 11:56 P.M.

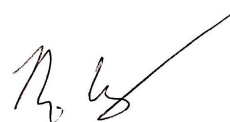
AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

School Effectiveness Survey Presentation
Health and Safety Survey Update

The next Special Board Meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2020. Closed session begins at 6:00 P.M. and regular session begins at 6:30 P.M. The meeting will be held via Zoom teleconference.



Secretary to the Board



Clerk of the Board

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