



**NEWHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Special Meeting of the Governing Board  
May 19, 2020  
7:15 P.M. Regular Public Session**

**MINUTES**

The Regular meeting of the Governing Board was called to order at 7:00 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, Morse, Pelzel and Persaud

There were no public comments on Closed Session items.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 7:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957: Public Employee – possible employment/discipline/dismissal/release of an employee

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations – Negotiator for the District: Dr. Michelle Morse, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Board members returned to Public Session at 7:20 P.M.

Board President Solomon announced that the Board took no action

Superintendent Pelzel led the Pledge of Allegiance

**PLEDGE**

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

**AGENDA**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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None.

**STAFF  
REPORTS**

**Instructional Services**

Superintendent Pelzel and Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Jamison shared the collaborative process among District staff and NTA members to draft the resolution presented. It's important that grade levels maintain consistency with grading during this unique era. Communication will be shared with District families in the coming weeks.

**RESOLUTION #19/20-33**

NTA Co-President Hillary Hall shared concerns on behalf of NTA members about the validity of Trimester III grades considering the current online teaching model due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Board members thanked teachers for their efforts and flexibility. The decisions included in the Resolution allow for flexibility on the report cards, while still sharing out student progress where there is evidence. Board members also asked that 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers be mindful of the comments included as they can play a part in a student's secondary school placement.

Approved Resolution #19/20-33: Grading During Emergency School Closures with revisions M/S/C – (Smith/Walters)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

Solomon – Aye

**Administrative Services**

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Persaud updated the Board on the Governor's May Revision. Information on expected deficits, reduction in expenditures and District reserves were included in the presentation.

**MAY REVISE BUDGET UPDATE**

The Business Department will provide a updates on Plan B cuts, COVID-19 expenses and discuss the May Revision impacts going into 2020/2021 at the May 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**SECOND CLOSED SESSION**

The Board resumed Closed Session at 8:14 P.M. to complete previously stated Closed Session items.

Board Member Walters left second Closed Session at 10:00 P.M.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Board members returned to Public Session at 10:27 P.M.

Board President Solomon announced that the following actions were taken in Closed Session:

Approved the hiring of Sheri Staszewski as the Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

M/S/C – (Walters/Rose)

Vote: 4-1

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Nay

Talley – Aye  
Walters – Aye  
Solomon – Aye

Approved the hiring of Amanda Montemayor as the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

Solomon – Aye

**ADJOURNMENT**


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President Solomon adjourned the meeting at 10:30 P.M.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2020. Closed Session will begin at 6:00 P.M. and Public Session will begin at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Newhall School District Office, 25375 Orchard Village Road, Suite #200, Valencia, California.



Secretary to the Board



Clerk of the Board

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