

Regular Board Meeting 05/27/2025 06:00 PM Newhall School District 25375 Orchard Village Road Valencia, CA 91355

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Smith called the Regular meeting of the Governing Board to order at 6:03 PM.

- B. ROLL CALL: Rachelle Haddoak, Donna Robert, Ernesto Smith, Suzan Solomon, Isaiah Talley Board members Haddoak, Robert, Smith, Solomon, and Talley were present. 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 6:04 PM.

- 1. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.9: Potential Litigation: Case# 24/25-06
- 2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee- Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint of an Employee
- 3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations Negotiator for the District Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
- 4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. Superintendent Employment Contract

E. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION Board members returned to Regular Session at 7:08 PM.

F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION Board President Smith announced that the Board took no action in Closed Session.

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board member Isaiah Talley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved. Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Talley Vote: 5 – 0

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

 Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 13, 2025 Minutes approved.
Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Talley Vote: 5 - 0

J. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board Member Haddoak attended Old Orchard's Multicultural Night with her daughter and expressed how much she enjoyed the event;
- Several Board Members participated in the 3rd Annual Family Resource Fair and shared that it was a successful and meaningful event for the community;
- Board Member Robert attended the SCV Trustees Association Meeting last week and was pleased to learn that the upcoming NSD Celebration of the Arts on June 5, 2025, will showcase artwork from every student in the District;
- Board Members shared how special it was to honor the District's retirees earlier in the day;

- Superintendent Hernandez congratulated the teachers who recently participated in the Induction Colloquium, noting how rewarding it is to witness the growth of the District's newest educators;
- In celebration of Classified Staff Appreciation Week, Board Members provided snacks to all classified employees last week to show their gratitude for their hard work and dedication; Board Member Solomon joined Orenda Education for a podcast last week, sharing insights and highlights from the District;
- Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Amanda Montemayor, announced the promotion of Sara Garate to the position of Coordinator for the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP);
- Mrs. Montemayor also extended her thanks to Daniel Rodriguez, owner of Santa Clarita Valley Public Safety, for generously providing the refreshments for this evening's retirement celebration.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

L. PUBLIC INTEREST

1. Recognition of Classified Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Safety Supervisor Melissa Downes, who was nominated by her peers as the Valencia Valley Elementary Classified Employee of the Month.

M. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Removal of Items From the Consent Calendar No items removed.

2. Consideration of Approving Items on the Consent Calendar

Consent calendar approved. Motion: Talley / Seconded: Solomon Vote: 5 - 0 Roll call vote: Haddoak - Aye Robert - Aye Smith - Aye Solomon - Aye Talley - Aye

3. Consent Calendar- Business Services

- i. Consideration of Approving Purchase Orders, B Warrants and Payroll Warrants
- ii. Consideration of Approving District Recurring Contracts

4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources

i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #24/25-20

N. STAFF REPORTS

- 1. Staff Reports- Student Support Services
 - i. Consideration of Approving Renewal of the 2025-2026 SCV SELPA Community Advisory Committee Representative for Newhall School District

The Santa Clarita Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) hosts the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), and each local school district is required to provide a representative for a two-year term. Special Day Class Teacher, Extensive Support Needs Charlene Rugayan will be renewed as a representative for the District beginning in 2025-2026. Item approved. Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Talley Vote: 5 – 0

2. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services

i. Consideration of Approving Participation in a Virtual Leadership Institute for Newhall Elementary Grade 2 Team

This professional development opportunity is designed to strengthen leadership and instructional practices in mathematics. This institute presents a timely and relevant opportunity to build instructional capacity in this area.

Item approved. Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Talley Vote: 5 – 0

ii. Consideration of Approving the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) Self-Evaluation

California State Preschool Program (CSPP) contractors are required to complete a Program Self-Evaluation (PSE) and submit it to the Governing Board annually. The Newhall State Preschool Program met all terms and conditions for the 2024-25 school year.

Item approved. Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert Vote: 5 – 0

iii. Consideration of Approving Purchase of New Transitional Kindergarten Instructional Materials from Scholastic Education

The curriculum ensures consistency, equity, and high-quality early learning experiences across all TK classrooms, while providing teachers with the necessary tools and training to support the effective academic and social-emotional growth of young learners.

Item approved. Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Haddoak Vote: 5 – 0

iv. Consideration of Approving Instructional Services Board Policies - First Reading Board Policy 5148.2 approved with Option 1 and waived additional readings. Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Talley Vote: 5 - 0

Administrative Regulation 5148.2 approved with suggested edits and waived additional readings. Motion: Talley / Seconded: Solomon Vote: 5 - 0

Board Policy 5148.3 approved with Option 2 and suggested edits, and waived additional readings. Motion: Robert / Seconded: Solomon Vote: 5 - 0

Administrative Regulation 5148.3 approved with suggested edits and waived additional readings.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley Vote: 5 - 0 The Governing Board requests that a monthly district enrollment report be included in the Friday Facts. Additionally, Board members request a presentation on the

preschool program during the 2025-26 school year.

3. Staff Reports- Administrative Services

i. Consideration of Approving Contract with LA County Public Safety and Security Services, LLC for the 2024-2025 School Year

Services will include routine patrols during school hours and after hours, including weekends, as well as additional patrols during the day, holidays, school breaks, and in response to emergency service calls. SCVPS personnel will monitor for safety hazards, trespassing, illegally parked vehicles, graffiti, safety incidents, and other service-related concerns as needed.

Approved 1-year contract with a 2-year fixed price of \$57,776, to include the additional patrol services. Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley Vote: 5 – 0

ii. Discussion and Approval for Board Members to Attend 17th Annual KHTS Sacramento Trip

The item will be revisited on June 10, 2025, for further discussion, pending staff's inclusion of the necessary information on the agenda.

O. AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

- Preschool Program Presentation
- Discussion ensued regarding 6th grade math, and Board visits will be scheduled in the 2025-26 school year during math time.

P. ADJOURN TO SECOND CLOSED SESSION

Board members resumed Closed Session at 9:20 PM to discuss previously stated closed session items.

Q. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Board Members returned to Public Session at 10:03 PM.

R. REPORT OUT OF SECOND CLOSED SESSION

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

S. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:03 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2025. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.

Rachelle Haddoak, Governing Board Clerk

Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary