



**Regular Board Meeting Agenda via Zoom  
Teleconference**

**10/13/2020 06:00 PM**

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

**Meeting Minutes**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular meeting of the Governing Board was called to order at 6:01 P.M. by Board President Solomon.

**B. ROLL CALL**

1. Donna Rose, Ernesto Smith, Suzan Solomon, Isaiah Talley, Brian Walters  
All Board and 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 6:03 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's Employment Contract: Government Code section 54957.6 Superintendent's Contract and Compensation Discussion

**E. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION**

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

**F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Board President Solomon announced that she and Board Member Rose are the Board representatives for the Superintendent's contract and compensation discussions. No further action was taken.

**G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board President Solomon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Agenda approved.

M/S/C- (Rose/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 September 29, 2020**

Minutes approved.

M/S/C- (Talley/Walters)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

**J. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Representatives from the City of Santa Clarita honored Old Orchard Dual Language Immersion Teachers Mallory Russikoff and Yvette Castaneda for their efforts in providing instruction in two languages during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- In honor of Week of the School Administrator, Board members thanked all District administrators for their dedication and hard work;
- Board Member Smith shared his distance learning experience with his Kindergarten son and commended all teachers for a job well done.

**K. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**L. CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. Letter on REVISED Election of Members to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee)**

Board members agreed to cast a ballot for the three incumbents representing the Committee.

M/S/C- (Talley/Walters)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

On another matter, Board members agreed to allow Board Member Walters to draft and circulate a letter regarding misinformation pertaining to past layoffs and votes by former Board Member Christy Smith.

**M. PUBLIC INTEREST****1. SIM-PBK Facilities Master Plan Presentation**

SIM-PBK Partner Marco Eacrett and staff provided an overview of the proposed District Facilities Master Plan, including educational specifications, facility assessment, findings and directions, and project costs.

Board members thanked the SIM-PBK staff for their work, research and engagement of stakeholders.

Board members requested SIM-PBK staff provide a list of short-term improvements for Board discussion and consideration.

Although not explored within the plan, Board members also requested SIM-PBK staff conceptualize where solar panels can be installed on sites.

**N. CONSENT CALENDAR****1. Removal of Items From the Consent Calendar**

Item N.4.i - Personnel Report #20/21-07 removed for separate consideration.

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

Items approved with removal of item N.4.i for separate consideration.

M/S/C- (Smith/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 Gift Report #20/21-6

iii. Consideration of Approving Notice of Completion for Cal West Visuals for NSD 20-01: Removal of Old Smartboards and Installation of New Smartboards

**4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources**

i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #20/21-07

**O. STAFF REPORTS****1. Staff Reports- Business Services**

i. Consideration of Approving the Newhall School District Facilities Master Plan 2020-2030

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Rose)

Vote: 5 - 0

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

**ii. Facilities Department Summer Project Presentation**

Director of Facilities Fred Palmer provided an overview of the 2020 Facilities summer projects throughout the District, including Grounds projects, carpet and roof replacements, safety modifications, shade structure installations, kitchen improvements and District Office remodel.

Board members commended the Facilities team for a job well done over the summer.

**iii. Consideration of Approving Agreement with DFA, LLC for GASB 75 Actuarial Valuation**

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

**iv. Consideration of Approving a Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions, Form J-13A for All NSD Schools**

Item approved. Board members requested the District arrange for a representative at the State Board of Education Meeting.  
 M/S/C- (Rose/Talley)  
 Vote: 5 - 0  
 Roll call vote:  
 Rose - Aye  
 Smith - Aye  
 Solomon - Aye  
 Talley - Aye  
 Walters - Aye

**2. Staff Reports- Human Resources**

**i. Consideration of EASE Employee Assistance Service for Educators EAP (Employee Assistance Plan) Contact**

Board members support this social/emotional health layer for its employees.

Board members requested staff contact current benefits agency CALPERS for a cost comparison in conjunction with the services the District already receives.

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Rose/Walters)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

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

#### i. Consideration of Adopting Frog Street Curriculum for SDC Preschool at Peachland Elementary

Preschool SDC Teacher Heather Stranberg thanked the Board for considering a curriculum program that will provide staff with a more focused direction.

Board members encouraged staff to provide feedback on the curriculum at a future meeting.

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

#### ii. Revised BP and AR 6112: School Day - 2nd Reading

Policy updates approved and waived third and final reading.

M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

#### iii. Consideration of Deleting Obsolete Board Policies and Administrative Regulations Per the Attached List

Approved deletion of the following obsolete policies:

- BP 6145.4: Public Performance and Exhibitions
- BP 6145.7: School Events: Meetings
- AR 6151: Class Size
- BP 6161.3: Toxic Art Supplies
- AR 6162.5: Standardized Testing and Reporting
- BP 6181: Evaluation of School Improvement Plan Implementation

M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Walters - Aye

#### 4. Staff Reports-Administrative Services

##### i. COVID 19 Update and Discussion

Superintendent Pelzel shared that to date, 2,475 parents have responded to the recent parent survey on distance learning. The most significant distance learning improvements from a parent perspective are:

1. Live lessons
2. Organization of Google Classroom
3. Communication from teachers

The survey also reflected that 63% of parents provide "some to none" distance learning support to their child, while only 12% said their child "cannot complete tasks" without parent support. More information to be shared during the event.

Superintendent Pelzel also provided an overview on the District's status with applying for school waivers for grades TK-2. The applications call for letters of support from District bargaining units and parent organizations of which the District has run into some obstacles.

While NTA has agreed to move forward with a letter of support at 8 out of the 10 schools since a majority of its members are in favor of moving forward with the waiver, NESP is unable to provide a letter due to lack of support from its members.

NTA Co-President Hillary Hall shared her personal perspective on why districts are likely not applying for waivers and that it may be beneficial for districts to wait until the Department of Public Health reopens all schools.

NESP CO-President Amanda Andrew shared that after surveying its members, many feel anxious about moving forward with waivers until the District can provide a concrete plan for all staff positions and ensure all necessary safety equipment is readily available for staff. Considering that results from the survey only included participation from a small percentage of its members, Board members encouraged Ms. Andrew and Superintendent Pelzel to reach out to NESP staff to help boost participation.

Additionally, the CA State PTA instructed its District PTAs to not to provide letters of support to school districts at this time due to liability issues. The 34th District PTA, which represents SCV, will address the topic during this week's meeting for further clarification and instruction.

Board members agreed the District move forward with scheduling a meeting with

Supervisor Barger to further discuss preparations for reopening schools in a safe, healthy environment for all students and staff.

**ii. 2020: Didn't See That Coming Parent Engagement Discussion**

Superintendent Pelzel shared that communication for the parent engagement event scheduled on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 P.M. will go out on Wednesday, October 14th. Cabinet members are in the process of putting together a presentation and will share with Board members via Friday Facts.

Board members agreed to individually include a small greeting and will present along with Cabinet members on the following topics:

- Parent survey data: Montemayor, Jamison, Solomon and Talley
- Reopening update and status: Howe, Pelzel, Walters and Rose
- Overview and update on cybersecurity: Staszewski and Smith

Board members requested data on any COVID outbreaks in childcare be included in the presentation.

**iii. Consideration of Approving the Williams Quarterly Summary Report**

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/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**

- Site Safety Plans
- Discussions on FMP short term projects

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

Board members resumed Closed Session at 10:00 P.M. to discuss previously stated closed session items.

**R. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

Board Members returned to Public Session at 10:11 P.M. Board President Solomon announced that the Board did not take action on any items.

**S. Approval of Amended Personnel Report #20/21-07**

M/S/C- (Talley/Smith)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

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

Board members adjourned to continuation of Closed Session at 10:13 P.M.

Board Members returned to Public Session at 11:14 P.M.

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

**T. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Solomon adjourned the meeting at 11:14 P.M.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2020. Closed Session begins at 6:00 P.M. and Open Session begins at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held via Zoom teleconference



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Board Clerk



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Secretary