

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Smith called the Regular meeting of the Governing Board to order at 6:00 PM.

B. ROLL CALL: **Rachelle Haddoak, Donna Robert, Ernesto Smith, Suzan Solomon, Isaiah Talley**

Board members Haddoak, Robert, Smith, and Solomon were present.

Board member Talley was absent.

Cabinet members Avanesyans, Montemayor, Peattie, and Hernandez were present.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Newhall Elementary Teacher Debbie Walsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 4 - 0

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board member Robert attended the first day of the winter orchestra and chorus concerts hosted at Pico Canyon Elementary;
- Board member Solomon attended a music circle in Berkley, CA where she learned about musical improvisation using one's voice as an instrument. Mrs. Solomon shared she hopes to see a program like this at NSD as it would be a unique and special experience for students;
- Board member Haddoak attended the Student Support Services SEAC meeting last Thursday and shared the meeting included discussions about special ed compliance and how to help children cope with anxiety;
- Board President Smith attended the Meadows Elementary hip-hop concerts and shared it was a great experience.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

G. PUBLIC INTEREST

i. **Annual District Reflection**

Dr. Hernandez highlighted the Governing Board and District's accomplishments in 2023.

ii. **Presentation of Resolutions and Awards**

Andrea Rosenthal, District Director for Assemblywoman Schiavo presented outgoing Board President Ernesto Smith with recognition certificates on behalf of Assemblywoman Schiavo and Senator Scott Wilk honoring his service as 2023 President of the Newhall School District.

Isabell Yaralian, Assistant Field Deputy for Los Angeles County's 5th District Supervisor Katryn Barger presented outgoing Board President Ernesto Smith with a recognition certificate honoring his service as 2023 President of the Newhall School District.

Dr. Hernandez presented outgoing Board President Ernesto Smith with a recognition certificate on behalf of the City of Santa Clarita's City Council honoring his service as 2023 President of the Newhall School District.

Board members presented outgoing Board President Smith with a gift expressing their gratitude and appreciation for his service as 2023 Board President.

Board and Cabinet members individually shared words of appreciation for Mr. Smith.

Board President Smith expressed his gratitude and appreciation to his fellow Board members for their continued support while serving as President.

H. ANNUAL BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

- i. Election of Officers for the period of December 12, 2023 through December 10, 2024**
 - a. President**

Elected Suzan T. Solomon as President for the period of December 12, 2023 through December 10, 2024
Motion: Smith / Seconded: Haddoak
Vote: 4 – 0
 - b. Clerk**

Elected Ernesto Smith as Clerk for the period of December 12, 2023 through December 10, 2024
Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Robert
Vote: 4 – 0
 - c. Clerk Pro Tem**

Elected Rachelle Haddoak as Clerk Pro Tem for the period of December 12, 2023 through December 10, 2024
Motion: Smith / Seconded: Solomon
Vote: 4 – 0
- ii. Election of representatives to organizations for the period of December 12, 2023 through December 10, 2024**
 - a. California School Boards Association (CSBA)**

Elected Ernesto Smith as CSBA representative for the period of December 12, 2023 through December 10, 2024.
 - b. SELPA Board Liaison**

Elected Rachelle Haddoak as SELPA Board Liaison for the period of December 12, 2023 through December 10, 2024
 - c. CSBA Legislative Network**

Elected Donna Robert as CSBA Legislative Network representative for the period of December 12, 2023 through December 10, 2024.
 - d. Los Angeles County Committee of School District Organization**

Elected Suzan T. Solomon as Los Angeles County Committee of School District Organization representative for the period of December 12, 2023 through December 10, 2024.
 - e. Raising the Curtain Foundation**

Elected Suzan T. Solomon as the Raising the Curtain Foundation representative for the period of December 12, 2023 through December 10, 2024.
 - f. Los Angeles County School Trustees Association (LACSTA)**

Elected Rachelle Haddoak as the Los Angeles County Trustees Association representative for the period of December 12, 2023 through December 10, 2024.

Items H.ii.a. – H.ii.f - Election of representatives to organizations approved.
Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Robert
Vote: 4 – 0

I. ANNUAL AUTHORIZATIONS

- i. **Removal of Item/s from Annual Authorizations**
No items were removed.
- ii. **Adopt Resolution #23/24-09 establishing Board Members' signatures and authorizing the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, as signatories for warrants, orders for salary payment, notices of employment, and related documents for the period of December 12, 2023 through December 10, 2024**
- iii. **Designate the Superintendent as Secretary to the Governing Board for the period December 12, 2023 through December 10, 2024**
- iv. **Adopt all District policies and handbooks in effect during the 2023/2024 school year as official policies for the period of December 12, 2023 through December 10, 2024**
- v. **Authorize Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to accept written quotations for the sale of surplus property for the period of December 12, 2023 through December 10, 2024**
- vi. **Authorize the Director of Fiscal Services to approve District B warrants on the Los Angeles County Office of Education System for the period of December 12, 2023 through December 10, 2024**
- vii. **Authorize that the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Business Services be empowered to negotiate, select, and/or arrange for appraisal services, engineering surveys, soil tests, materials tests, and other such services that are necessary other than those directly arranged for through the District architects and they further be authorized to sign on behalf of the Board any agreements covering such services when any single service does not exceed \$25,000.00 with all such expenditures to be ratified through purchase order and/or warrant authorization or ratification**
- viii. **Consideration of Re-adopting Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1312.1: Complaints Concerning School Personnel**

J. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING ALL ANNUAL AUTHORIZATIONS

Items I.ii. – I.viii. - Annual Authorizations approved.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 4 – 0

K. OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

- i. **Establish 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise noted) as meeting dates and held at 6:00 P.M. for Closed Session and 7:00 P.M. for Regular Public Session for the period of December 12, 2023 through December 14, 2024**

Items approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 4 – 0

L. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING ALLOWABLE ANNUAL COMPENSATION INCREASE FOR SERVICE ON THE GOVERNING BOARD

Items approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 4 – 0

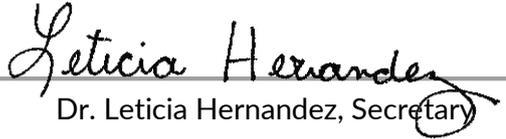
M. ADJOURNMENT

Board Clerk Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:32 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2024.



Ernesto Smith, Governing Board Clerk



Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary