

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Solomon called the Regular meeting of the Governing Board to order at 6:01 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 6:02 PM.

- 1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION: (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of section 54956.9) Name of Case: OAH Special Education Due Process Case No. 2023110708**
- 2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.9: Potential Litigation: Case 23/24-11**
- 3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee- Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint of an Employee**
- 4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations - Negotiator for the District Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources**

E. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Board members returned to Regular Session at 7:03 PM.

F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

In closed session, the Board approved a settlement agreement in Case 23/24-11 for an amount not to exceed \$2,916.12. The roll call vote was as follows:

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

In closed session, the Board approved a settlement agreement in OAH Special Education Due Process Case No. 2023110708, pursuant to which the District, without admission of fault, has agreed to fund and provide specified education services and reasonable attorney's fee collectively not to exceed \$30,270.00, in consideration of a release of claims against the District.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley – Aye

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

McGrath Principal Traci Curtis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 – 0

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2024

Minutes approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

2. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 6, 2024

Minutes approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

J. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board member Haddoak invited the public to attend the next Special Education Advisory Council meeting scheduled on Thursday, February 15th at 5:30 PM in the District Office Governing Board Room. The topic of discussion will be how parents can support social skills. Childcare will be provided;
- Board members Robert and Solomon attended Governing Board site visits and shared it's good to see the structure and the level of vigor throughout the classrooms. There is a renewed focus and energy on instruction, and it's great to see fun and learning throughout the schools;
- Board members Robert, Solomon, and Dr. Hernandez attended several of the PTA/PTO events held throughout the District on Friday, February 9th, and shared it was great to see a sense of community. Dr. Hernandez thanked all the volunteers who made the events so special for their school communities;
- Board member Smith attended the recent virtual LCAP meetings and appreciated input from parents on how they would like to see funds utilized moving forward;
- Board member Robert shared details from the recent SCV Trustees Association meeting, including information by SCV Sheriff's Captain Diez on how to deter crime and information by representatives from Be SMART on gun safety;
- Board member Solomon invited the public to the SCV Council PTA Reflections Ceremony to be held on February 22nd at the Newhall Family Theatre;
- February 17th is the PTA's Founders Day and Board President Solomon shared the history behind the establishment of the PTA. Mrs. Solomon also thanked all PTA volunteers and parent volunteers throughout the schools for helping improve the education program in the Newhall School District;
- A moment of silence was held in honor of former Castaic Union School District Principal Cynthia Seamands;
- Dr. Hernandez congratulated all the 2024 Teacher Tribute honorees and is looking forward to honoring them at an upcoming Board meeting;
- Board member Smith shared the recent Open House was well attended and by prospective families.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

L. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 2. Consideration of Approving Items on the Consent Calendar**
Consent Calendar approved.
Motion: Smith / Seconded: Haddoak
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 Gift Report #23/24-11**

- 4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources**
 - i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #23/24-13**

M. STAFF REPORTS

- 1. Staff Reports- Business Services**
 - i. Consideration of Approving Newhall State Preschool Playground Renovation**
The original playground at Newhall State Preschool is over 20 years old and not ADA compliant. The new structure will have integrated shade structures and be ADA compliant.

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

 - ii. Consideration of Approving Labor Quote for the Reconstruction of Fire-Damaged Classrooms at Old Orchard**
To ensure a timely reconstruction of eight of the nine classrooms affected by the fire at Old Orchard, the District has purchased materials that have long lead times (carpet, tack board, and ceiling tiles). Labor services are required to install these materials along with existing cabinetry that was removed for fire/smoke clean up.

Approved quote with KNK Construction.
Motion: Robert / Seconded: Smith
Vote: 5 – 0

 - iii. Consideration of Approving McGrath Elementary Marquee Project**
The McGrath Elementary marquee will have remote control functionality and a 5-year warranty, which ensures efficient communication of important information to the school's community.

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

iv. Consideration of Approving Contract with True North Research, Inc. to Conduct Formal Voter Survey

As one of the initial steps in planning for and considering the merits of an upcoming bond measure, it is believed that a survey of potential voters is needed to determine how best to approach the subsequent decision-making process. The District has worked with True North in the past with positive results, and this firm has extensive experience guiding school districts to successful bond measures.

Next steps include a meeting to discuss details on the research methodology and to provide an opportunity for staff to discuss plans for the use of a potential bond. The process from start to finish will take about two months.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 – 0

v. Consideration of Approving Subscription Agreement with Master Library for Event and Work Order Management

Master Library is a recognized provider offering cost-effective solutions for events scheduling and work order management. This agreement aims to not only streamline our operational processes but also generate substantial cost savings.

Item approved.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 – 0

vi. Consideration of Approving the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the Santa Clarita Valley School Food Services Agency (SCVSFSA)

The JPA is scheduled to be reviewed on a bi-annual basis to continue the District's partnership with SCVSFSA. The JPA is composed of four districts: Castaic, Newhall, Saugus and Sulphur Springs.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 5 – 0

2. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services

i. 2023-2024 Local Control Accountability Plan Mid-Year Monitoring Report

Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Kate Peattie provided a mid-year monitoring report in accordance with SB 114 (2023). The report included implementation of actions, the expenditures to date, and progress towards metrics.

ii. Consideration of Approving Instructional Services Board Policy

Board Policy 6154 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 - 0

3. Staff Reports- Human Resources

i. Consideration of Approving Side Letter of Agreement Between The Newhall School District and Newhall Educational Support Professionals - Old Classified Position

During the 2024-2025 school year, all California state preschools will be implementing a new observation-based assessment instrument called California Assessment Scoring System, (CLASS). In order for a preschool instructor or paraprofessional to use the assessment instrument, all members must be trained.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 5 – 0

ii. Consideration of Approving a Personal Services Contract with Diana Williams, Retired Speech and Language Pathologist

There is currently a shortage of Speech Language Pathologists throughout the District. Ms. Williams will serve part-time over the next several months of the 2023-2024 school year as a mentor to new Speech Language Pathologists and provide services as needed.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 5 – 0

iii. Consideration of Approving Human Resources Board Policy - Second Reading

Board Policy 4217.3 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 - 0

4. Staff Reports-Administrative Services

i. 2024 CSBA Ballot for Delegate Assembly

Board members approved to cast votes for the 3 recommended candidates presented:

Julie Bookman - Eastside Union SD (incumbent)

Steven DeMarzio - Westside Union SD (incumbent)

Keith Giles - Lancaster SD (incumbent)

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 – 0

ii. Consideration of Approving Administrative Services Board Policies - First Reading

Board Bylaw 9321 approved with edit and waived additional readings.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 - 0

Board Exhibit 9321-1 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 - 0

Board Exhibit 9321-2 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

N. AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

- Report from Davis Demographics
- Teacher Tribute Honorees
- ACSA Administrator Honorees

O. ADJOURN TO SECOND CLOSED SESSION

Second Closed Session was not held.

P. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Solomon adjourned the meeting at 8:37 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2024. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



Ernesto Smith, Governing Board Clerk



Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary