

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. ROLL CALL

1. **Rachelle Haddoak, Donna Robert, Ernesto Smith, Suzan Solomon, Isaiah Talley**
All Board members were present.
All Cabinet members were present.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:01 PM.

D. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (one potential case - modification of existing settlement agreement in OAH Special Education Due Process Case No. 2021061019)
2. **Public Employee Appointment/Discussion; Position: Assistant Superintendent, Business Services (Government Code section 54957)**
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 of Human Resources**
5. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation: 2022-2023 Mid-Year Superintendent Goals Update**

E. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Board members returned to Regular Session at 7:07 PM.

F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

In closed session, the Board approved an amendment to settlement agreement in OAH Special Education Due Process Case No. 2021061019, pursuant to which the District, without admission of fault, previously agreed to fund and provide specified educational services, and to reimburse attorneys fees in an amount not to exceed \$16,125, in consideration of a release of claims against the District. The amendment to that agreement allows added flexibility for additional service providers and extends the usage end date. The roll call vote was as follows:

M/S/C - (Talley/Haddoak)

Vote: 5 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak – Aye

Robert – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

In closed session the Governing Board unanimously approved the recommendation of Arik Avanesyans as the new Assistant Superintendent of Business Services.

M/S/C - (Talley/Robert)
Vote: 5 – 0
Roll call vote:
Haddoak – Aye
Robert - Aye
Smith – Aye
Solomon - Aye
Talley - Aye

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director of Facilities Fred Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved,
M/S/C- (Solomon/Haddoak)
Vote: 5 – 0

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2023

Minutes approved.
M/S/C- (Haddoak/Robert)
Vote: 5 – 0

2. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Special Meeting - District Open House on February 7, 2023

Minutes approved.
M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)
Vote: 5 – 0

J. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board member Solomon wished all in attendance a Happy Valentine's Day;
- Board member Solomon shared that the Raising the Curtain Foundation is busy collaborating with the District on future events at the Newhall Family Theatre. The Theatre looks to have a busy year ahead hosting events for the District and the public. The Raising the Curtain Foundation is seeking volunteers and recommendations for a showcase fundraiser in October to support the District's arts program;
- Board member Haddoak attended an LCAP feedback session and was thrilled with the turnout;
- Board member Haddoak shared her experience touring Stevenson Ranch and Pico Canyon Elementary schools;
- Board member Robert attended two of the Open House breakout sessions and shared how remarkable the District's Music program is in supporting its students;
- Board President Smith attended McGrath's GATE Science Night and shared students participated in two experiments;
- Superintendent Hernandez thanked the parents and community members who attended the recent LCAP meetings;
- Superintendent Hernandez announced that Old Orchard Elementary Principal Daria Ramirez has been selected as the California Association of Bilingual Education's (CABE) Administrator of the Year! Ms. Ramirez will be honored by CABE in March;
- Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Amanda Montemayor introduced Cecilia Martinez Brugada as the new Assistant Director of Business Services;
- Board President Smith held a moment of silence in honor of former Stevenson Ranch Elementary Student Paul "PJ" Reynafarje who recently passed away.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

L. CORRESPONDENCE

1. 2023 CSBA Ballot for Delegate Assembly

Board members voted on the following individuals for the 2023 CSBA Ballot for Delegate Assembly: Cherise Moore, Christopher Trunkey, and Sharon Vega.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Robert)

Vote: 5 – 0

M. PUBLIC INTEREST

1. Pico Canyon Elementary Kindergarten Presentation

Pico Canyon Elementary Kindergarten Teachers Melissa Johnson and Karen Broadway addressed the Board about the benefits of maintaining the Pico Canyon Kindergarten program half day, including providing daily small individualized groups and focusing on individual student needs.

Pico Canyon Elementary Principal Michele Krantz presented the benefits of a half-day and full day kindergarten program. Mrs. Krantz shared that the state's new UPK program is a big motivator considering its requirements call for a full day program. While Pico Canyon students do maintain their educational pace and finish the same curriculum as their peers in the full-day programs, students in the half-day program fall short on the social-emotional aspect with their peers.

In response to Board member questions, Mrs. Krantz shared that families are inquiring more and more about a full day program and are transferring out to nearby schools as a result.

Board members requested staff collect additional data and include the item at the February 28, 2023 meeting for a vote.

2. Presentation of the Final 2021-2022 Audit Report By Eide Bailly, LLP

Scott Gustafsson, Partner, Eide Bailly LLP presented the final Newhall School District 2021-2022 Audit Report to the Governing Board.

N. 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.

M/S/C - (Talley/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 Gift Report #22/23-9

iii. **Consideration of Approving 2022-2023 District Recurring Contracts**

4. **Consent Calendar- Human Resources**

i. **Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #22/23-14**

O. **STAFF REPORTS**

1. **Staff Reports- Business Services**

i. **Facilities Presentation of Current and Anticipated Projects Presentation**

Director of Facilities Fred Palmer shared year-to-date and future projects throughout the District. Asphalt projects at 2 sites will be put out to bid for completion during the summer. Other, smaller projects will be costed to up to three vendors for best quotes.

Board members requested staff provide additional information on site marquees and the funding source.

ii. **Governor's January Budget Proposal Presentation**

Interim Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Donna Rose presented information on the Governor's January budget proposal for fiscal year 2023-2024, including funding factors, financial projections, and expectations for specific funding.

iii. **Consideration of Accepting the FY 2021-2022 Newhall School District Audit Report**

Item accepted.

M/S/C - (Robert/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0

2. **Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services**

i. **Consideration of Approving the 2023 Oksana Management Spring Break Enrichment Contract**

Director of Instruction, Assessment & Accountability Chad Rose shared feedback from the enrichment program offered to students over the winter break.

Mr. Rose also shared their plan for a similar spring break experience for students at McGrath, Newhall, Old Orchard, Peachland and Wiley Canyon. This school enrichment program will have the option to participate in a rotation of visual arts, STEM science, and physical fitness activities, taking place from April 3-7, 2023, from 8:30-12:30pm, for up to 375 students. Due to staff availability, the program will be provided for students that attend Old Orchard, Peachland, and Newhall. Students from McGrath and Wiley Canyon can also participate and will be offered transportation to an alternate site.

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Solomon/Robert)

Vote: 5 – 0

ii. **Consideration of Approving Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the 2022-2023 California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS)**

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Robert/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0

iii. **2022 California Dashboard Presentation**

Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Kate Peattie and Director of Instruction, Assessment & Accountability Chad Rose reviewed the District's state testing results and local indicators formatting, both available now on the 2022 California Dashboard. NSD reflects progress throughout all measures and outperforms the state's overall numbers.

Mrs. Peattie also shared that the CDE has determined the following four NSD sites as schools in need of Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) due to subgroup(s) of students consistently underperforming: McGrath, Newhall, Wiley Canyon and Peachland. These schools will be required to develop and implement a school-level plan to improve student outcomes.

3. Staff Reports-Administrative Services

i. Discussion on the Process for Approving Governing Board Policies

Board members and staff discussed proposed processes and agreed to have staff review policy recommendations, select options appropriate for NSD (when more than one option), and forward drafts to the Board for review prior to adding to an agenda. Board members can then discuss recommendations in a public meeting.

ii. Discussion on Governance Workshop

Superintendent Hernandez proposed a half-day morning workshop on a Saturday focusing on the Brown Act, rules and responsibilities, policy and procedure, and good governance. Discussions held on vendor services from the California School Boards Association (CSBA) versus Leadership Associates.

Dr. Hernandez to follow-up with additional info and proposed dates will follow.

iii. Consideration of Approving Resolution #22/23-16 Regarding the Absence of Board member Talley at the January 24, 2023 Board Meeting

Item approved.
M/S/C - (Robert/Haddoak)
Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

4. Staff Reports- Human Resources

i. Consideration of Approving National University Agreement

Item approved.
M/S/C - (Solomon/Haddoak)
Vote: 5 - 0

ii. Consideration of Approving the 2023/2024 Newhall School District Calendar

Item approved.
M/S/C - (Talley/Solomon)
Vote: 5 - 0

P. AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

- Mid-Year LCAP
- NTA Sunshining

Q. ADJOURN TO CONTINUATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Board members resumed Closed Session at 9:55 PM to discuss previously stated closed session items.

R. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Board Members returned to Public Session at 11:01 PM.

S. REPORT OUT OF SECOND CLOSED SESSION

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

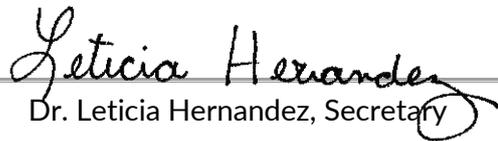
T. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:01 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2023. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM, followed by Open Session at 7:00 PM.



Isaiah Talley, Governing Board Clerk



Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary