

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: Rachele Haddoak, Donna Robert, Ernesto Smith, Suzan Solomon, Isaiah Talley

Board members Haddoak, Robert, Solomon, Smith, 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 22/23-02
2. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1): Existing Litigation: Case #24STCV13540 / 23/24-13
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 7:05 PM.

F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Board President Smith announced that in closed session, the Board took action to hire Mayra Nunez as Assistant Director of Student Support Services effective March 1, 2025. 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

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Old Orchard sixth grade students Richard Baker and Peyton Worby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2025

Minutes approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Solomon

Vote: 5 – 0

J. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board members attended districtwide PTA/PTO events over the last few weeks, including site visits. Board member Robert shared she was impressed with students staying on task and maintaining consistency;
- Last night, the SCV Trustees Association held its meeting where Trustees and Superintendents gathered to share updates. Guest speakers Jack O'Connell and Caitlin Jung, Partners for Capitol Advisors, shared the latest news impacting school districts, including budget updates;
- Four of the five Board members will be attending the Orenda Spring Intensive this week;
- Superintendent Hernandez thanked Old Orchard Office Manager Bertha Conte-Ramirez for decorating the MPR in honor of the 6th grade DLI student recognition;
- Superintendent Hernandez thanked Wm. S. Hart USD Assistant Superintendent of Education Services Vince Ferry for attending tonight's meeting;
- Superintendent Hernandez thanked the parents in attendance for participating in honoring their 6th grade students;
- Superintendent Hernandez thanked Dr. Raul Maldonado for honoring the 6th grade students promoting from the Dual Language Immersion Program this year. It is an honor to have Dr. Maldonado present.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

L. PUBLIC INTEREST

1. Recognition of Classified Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Night Custodian Martha Sifuentes who was nominated by her peers as the Peachland Elementary Classified Employee of the Month.

2. Recognition of Old Orchard Elementary's Dual Language Immersion 6th Grade Students by California Association for Bilingual Education President Dr. Raúl Maldonado

The Governing Board, Superintendent Hernandez, and California Association for Bilingual Education President Dr. Raúl Maldonado recognized the sixth-grade students in Old Orchard Elementary School's Dual Language Immersion Program.

As the first group of 6th grade students to promote from the Dual Language Immersion Program in the Newhall School District, they have set a remarkable example for others and have shown the power of bilingualism and biliteracy in opening doors to endless opportunities. Their hard work and commitment to learning two languages will continue to serve them well in all their future endeavors.

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: Solomon / Seconded: Talley

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 #24/25-14**

N. STAFF REPORTS

1. **Staff Reports- Student Support Services**
 - i. **Consideration of Approving Student Support Services Board Policy - Second Reading**
Admin Regulation 5144.1 approved with suggested edits and waived final reading.
Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley
Vote: 5 - 0
 - ii. **Consideration of Approving Attendance to 2025 California CEC's Bridge to Belonging: Inclusive Education Conference**
The conference will offer 20 practical, hands-on sessions, presented by speakers from 2Teach Global and CA CEC, designed to provide attendees with proven strategies for making inclusion work.

Item approved.
Motion: Robert / Seconded: Solomon
Vote: 5 - 0
2. **Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services**
 - i. **Consideration of Approving BMX Assembly at McGrath Elementary**
The assembly aligns with the District's commitment to social-emotional learning and will feature engaging performances from professional BMX riders while delivering important messages.

Item approved.
Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Talley
Vote: 5 - 0
 - ii. **California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Growth Model Presentation**
Director of Instruction, Assessment, and Accountability Chad Rose presented an overview of the CAASPP growth model and highlighted the results for the Newhall School District. Mr. Rose also reviewed key findings and discussed their implications for student learning and instructional strategies.
 - iii. **Student Survey on School Climate Presentation**
Director of Instruction, Assessment, and Accountability Chad Rose shared schools would like to conduct an annual survey for students in grades 2 through 6 to gather feedback on school climate and the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) program. This survey will help the PBIS team assess student perceptions, measure changes over time, and identify areas for improvement.

The item will be brought back to a future Board meeting for further review of questions and response options.

iv. Consideration of Approving a Proof of Concept Memorandum of Understanding with Linklt!

The product may improve upon our current system. Staff requests a more in-depth pilot of their program to explore testing data systems and reports.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 - 0

v. Consideration of Approving Instructional Services Board Policies - First Reading

Board Policy 6163.4 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 - 0

Exhibit 6163.4 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 - 0

3. Staff Reports- Human Resources

i. Consideration of Approving the 2025/2026 Parent Calendar for the Newhall School District

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 - 0

4. Staff Reports- Administrative Services

i. Discussion on Continuing to Hold a Virtual Option for Governing Board Meetings

Staff and the Governing Board discussed continuing to hold a virtual meeting option for Governing Board meetings moving forward. After discussing average attendance and costs versus demand, Board member Solomon moved to discontinue the Zoom virtual option for Newhall School District Governing Board meetings effective March 1, 2025.

Item approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 - 0

ii. Presentation on English Language Arts Cycle Assessment Process

Superintendent Hernandez and Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Kate Peattie shared the English Language Arts Cycle Assessments process in the 2024-2025 school year.

Board member Solomon shared her appreciation and gratitude to all participating staff for the work.

O. AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

None.


P. ADJOURN TO SECOND CLOSED SESSION

Second closed session was not held.

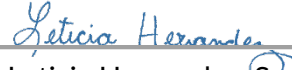
Q. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:48 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2025. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



Rachelle Haddoak, Governing Board Clerk



Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary