

Regular Board Meeting 03/11/2025 06:00 PM Newhall School District 25375 Orchard Village Road Valencia, CA 91355

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

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

Board member Haddoak was absent.

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. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee- Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint of an Employee

E. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

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

F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

There were no public comments.

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board member Sue Solomon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Solomon

Vote: 4 - 0

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 25, 2025

Minutes approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Solomon

Vote: 4 - 0

J. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Governing Board held a moment of silence for Pico Canyon teacher Jamie Hallden, former Valencia Valley Principal Geraldene Morey, and former Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Beverly Knutson who recently passed;
- Board members shared the events they attended during the last few weeks, including Read Across America at sites, school walk-throughs and after school events, the beginners music concerts, and an Orenda Education conference in San Diego, CA;
- Board member Solomon shared that the SCV Trustees Association held a meeting on February 24, 2025, during which guest speakers Jack O'Connell and Caitlin Jung, Partners for Capitol Advisors, shared the latest news affecting school districts, including budget updates. Board members also had the opportunity to meet with Assemblywoman Schiavo and Senator Valladares;

- Board President Smith expressed his excitement to see the 6th grade DLI students at Old
 Orchard Elementary recognized as the first graduating class of the Newhall School District's
 Dual Language Immersion Program;
- Superintendent Hernandez thanked the Music Department for hosting fantastic, successful beginner music concerts;
- Superintendent Hernandez congratulated McGrath Elementary for a well-organized Bingo for Books night;
- Board President Smith thanked the school PTA/PTOs for the generous school donations;
- Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Amanda Montemayor introduced newly hired Assistant Director of Student Support Services Mayra Nunez to the Governing Board.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

L. PUBLIC INTEREST

1. Recognition of 2025 Teacher Tribute Honorees

Congratulations to the District's 2025 Teacher Tribute honorees. The SCV Education Foundation will recognize honorees on Thursday, April 24th at the College of the Canyon Performing Arts Center.

Teacher Honoree	Site
Carrie Franz	McGrath
Jennifer Veen	Meadows
Denise Sudik	Newhall
Kerry Flynn	Oak Hills
Sarah Romero	Old Orchard
Jason James	Peachland
Sonja Dameron	Pico Canyon
Jackie Willen	Stevenson Ranch
Kelly Stewart	Valencia Valley
Theresa Sommers	Wiley Canyon

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: 4 – 0 Roll call vote: 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 #24/25-5

4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources

i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #24/25-15

N. STAFF REPORTS

1. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services

i. Consideration of Approving Newhall Elementary School's Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)

Newhall Elementary School's SPSA has been developed by the staff and approved by the School Site Council.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 4 - 0

ii. Consideration of Approving Valencia Valley Elementary School's Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)

Valencia Valley Elementary School's SPSA has been developed by the staff and approved by the School Site Council.

Item approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 4 - 0

iii. Consideration of Approving the Think Together (Orenda) Educational Partnership Plan for 2025-2026

This plan continues the initiative to accelerate the learning outcomes of all students. It includes professional learning for District administrators, site administrators, and teachers throughout the school year.

Item approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 4 - 0

2. Staff Reports- Business Services

 i. Consideration of Accepting the Fall 2024-2025 Student Population Report from Davis Demographics

Board member Haddoak arrived at 8:15 PM.

David Kaitz, VP and senior Project Manager of MGT, formerly Davis Demographics, provided an Annual Enrollment Projection Report. The report provides a basis for developing the District's annual budget and Multi-Year Projections (MYP). It also serves as an important planning tool for instructional programs and facilities planning.

Item accepted.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 - 0

Board President Smith moved up Items N.2.ii: Chromebook Purchase and N.2.iii.: Spectrum Contract.

ii. Consideration of Approving Chromebook Purchase for Device Refresh

The District recommends that the Board approve the purchase of 1100 Chromebooks with a Google license. This purchase will help replace aging student devices with new Chromebooks, focusing on a 6-year replacement cycle.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 4 - 1 - 0 (Robert abstain)

iii. Consideration of Approving Contracts with Spectrum for Wide Area Network (WAN) and Internet Service

The Newhall School District's existing Wide Area Network (WAN) and Internet Services contracts will expire on June 30, 2025. It is recommended that the Board award Spectrum contracts for both WAN and Internet Services.

Item approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 - 0

iv. Consideration of Approving Second Interim Budget Report for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025

The Second Interim Budget Report provides an update on the district's overall financial condition as of January 31, 2025. It updates the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget to reflect revenue and expenditure changes since the First Interim report.

Item approved.

Motion: / Seconded:

Vote: 5 - 0

3. Staff Reports- Human Resources

i. Consideration of Approving Human Resources Board Policies - First Reading Admin Regulation 1312.4 approved with suggested edits and waived additional readings.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 - 0

Exhibit 1312.4-(1) approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 - 0

Exhibit 1312.4-(2) approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Solomon

Vote: 5 - 0

Board Policy 4040 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 - 0

Exhibit 4040-(1) approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 - 0

O. AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

- Staff to provide the Governing Board via Friday Facts Valencia Valley's number of 6th grade students who have not mastered basic math skills
- Update from Five Points on new developments

P. ADJOURN TO SECOND CLOSED SESSION

Second closed session was not held.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:31 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2025. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.

Rachelle Haddoak, Governing Board Clerk

Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary