

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Board members Robert, Smith, and Solomon were present.

Board members Haddoak and Talley were 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 6:03 PM.

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations - Negotiator for the District Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
2. 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 7:01 PM.

F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Board President Solomon announced that in Closed Session, in a vote of 3 - 0, the Governing Board approved the termination of employee #QP2591244.

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pico Canyon student Ruby Jiang led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 3 - 0

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2024

Minutes approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 3 - 0

J. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board member Robert shared that the recent Parent Resource Fair had a successful turnout and parents were provided with great information and resources;
- Board member Smith attended one of the recent music concerts hosted at Wiley Canyon and shared it was a well-attended event;
- Board President Solomon attended the recent honors orchestra and choir concert hosted at the Newhall Family Theatre. Student performances were outstanding and it was nice to see how well-attended the event was considering it was hosted on a Saturday. Thank you to the District's music teachers for a wonderful job;
- Superintendent Hernandez recognized the following retirees for the 2023/2024 year:
 - Angela Allen - Elementary Classroom Teacher

- Jeri Ball – Intervention/WIN Teacher
- Kristin Camacho – Elementary Classroom Teacher
- Jenifer Costin – School Health Assistant
- Lovee Findon – Support Technician, Technology Services
- Traci Strahan – Instructional Asst., Extensive Support Needs

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

L. CORRESPONDENCE

1. LACOE Letter: Third Quarter 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Results of Site Visits, Reviews, and Uniform Complaint Data

California Education Code (EC) Section 1240 requires the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) to visit schools and identify whether schools meet all requirements identified in EC 1240(c)(2)(H) pursuant to the Williams Settlement.

The Newhall School District met all requirements for the 2023-2024 third quarter.

M. PUBLIC INTEREST

1. Recognition of Classified Employees of the Month

Congratulations to Valencia Valley Elementary School's Office Manager Lorri Bond and Wiley Canyon Elementary School's Night Custodian Lorraine Lopez, who were nominated by their peers as the Newhall School District's Classified Employees of the Month.

2. Recognition of Pico Canyon Elementary Student Ruby Jiang

The Governing Board recognized Pico Canyon fifth grade student Ruby Jiang for writing, illustrating, and publishing two books. Ruby also signed copies of her books at a school fundraiser and donated all proceeds back to Pico Canyon Elementary.

Ruby shared a summary of both her books and announced she is donating four copies of each book to every school in the Newhall School District.

N. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Removal of Items From the Consent Calendar

Item N.4.i. - Personnel Report #23/24-20 removed.

2. Consideration of Approving Items on the Consent Calendar

Consent Calendar approved with removal of Item N.4.i - Personnel Report #23/24-20.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 3 - 0

Roll call vote:

Robert - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

3. Consent Calendar- Business Services

i. Consideration of Approving Purchase Orders, B Warrants and Payroll Warrants

ii. Consideration of Approving Gift Report #23/24-18

iii. Consideration of Approving District Recurring Contracts

4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources

i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #23/24-20

- 5. **Consent Calendar - Curriculum/Instructional Services**
 - i. **Consideration of Approving Travel and Related Expenses to CALSA Summer Institute in San Diego, CA for Wiley Canyon Elementary Principal**

O. STAFF REPORTS

1. Staff Reports- Student Support Services

- i. **Consideration of Approving Service Agreement with 2Teach Global LLC**
2Teach Global LLC provides educational consulting on practical and research-based strategies for inclusive classroom structures and will provide 14 days of professional development, planning, and coaching to ensure that teachers, staff, and administrators are better equipped to address the needs of NSD's diverse student population.

Item approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 3 – 0

2. 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: Solomon / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 3 – 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: Robert / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 3 – 0

- iii. **Consideration of Approving Report of the Preschool Program Administrator Self-Evaluation**
The California Department of Education's Early Education Division requires contractors to identify program strengths, and areas needing improvement and establish goals for the coming year. The results are analyzed to generate the Program Self Evaluation, which is utilized in the program planning for the coming year.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 3 – 0

- iv. **Consideration of Approving Updates to the Newhall School District State Preschool 2024 Handbook**

The Newhall District State Preschool Handbook was last updated in June 2022. Changes to the State Preschool Handbook were made based on new regulations by the California Department of Education.

Item approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 3 – 0

v. Consideration of Approving Contract with Los Angeles County Office of Education PBIS Unit Training for Expanded Learning Opportunity Program Staff

The Los Angeles County Office of Education’s PBIS unit offers a 3-hour workshop for staff focusing on topics that are relevant to the needs of our ELOP vendor staff and will support students' positive ELOP experience.

Item approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 3 – 0

vi. Consideration of Approving Theater Residency Contract with Chameleons Mime Theatre

As part of the school plan for the Arts and Music in Schools funding (Proposition 28), Newhall, Peachland, Stevenson Ranch, and Pico Canyon identified theater residencies for select grade levels. The Chameleons Mime Theatre Company will provide 8-week theater workshops that engage students in theater arts concepts for identified classrooms at the above-mentioned schools.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 3 – 0

vii. Consideration of Approving 2024 Summer Woodcraft Rangers ELOP Enrichment Contract for Newhall and Peachland Elementary Schools

Woodcraft Rangers will provide summer enrichment services for two school sites, Peachland and Newhall, alongside current providers, Sandsar and RISE. Each site will have three programs.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 3 – 0

viii. Consideration of Approving 2024-25 Listenwise Contract

Listenwise is an online program that provides thousands of 3-6 minute podcasts for grades 2-6. The program includes standards-aligned lessons and quizzes that support the content areas of English Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, and English Language Development.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 3 – 0

3. Staff Reports-Administrative Services

i. 2023-2024 Santa Clarita Valley Public Safety Annual Security Report

Daniel Rodriguez, Owner of SCVPS presented an annual security report for the 2023-2024 school year.

Board member Talley arrived at 8:49 PM.

Board President Solomon moved to re-include Item N.4.i. - Personnel Report Item 23/24-20 to the Agenda for consideration.

Item approved.
Motion: Robert/Seconded: Talley
Vote: 3 - 0 - 1
(Smith: Abstain)

- ii. **Discussion on Continuing to Hold a Virtual Option for Governing Board Meetings**
Superintendent Hernandez shared attendee numbers for the past five months and shared the cost for additional tech support per meeting.

Board members shared their perspectives on continuing to hold the virtual option and the consensus was to continue providing a virtual option. Discussions will be revisited in 2025.

4. Staff Reports- Business Services

- i. **Consideration of Awarding Asphalt Work at Pico Canyon Elementary to Century Paving, Inc.**

Item approved.
Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith
Vote: 4 - 0

- ii. **Consideration of Approving Purchase of COLBi- Quality Bidders' Online Pre-Qualification and Vetting Services**

The Board requested staff bring back the item for consideration once further clarification is provided.

- iii. **Consideration of Approving Business Services Board Policies- First Reading**

Board Policy 0470 approved for deletion and waived additional readings.
Motion: Smith / Seconded: Talley
Vote: 4 - 0

Board Policy 3516 approved and waived additional readings.
Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley
Vote: 4 - 0

Administrative Regulation 3516 approved and waived additional readings.
Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley
Vote: 4 - 0

Board Policy 3550 approved and waived additional readings.
Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith
Vote: 4 - 0

Administrative Regulation 3550 approved with suggested edits and waived additional readings.
Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley
Vote: 4 - 0

Board Policy 3553 approved and waived additional readings.
Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith
Vote: 4 - 0

Administrative Regulation 3553 approved and waived additional readings.
Motion: Smith / Seconded: Talley
Vote: 4 - 0

5. Staff Reports- Human Resources

i. Consideration of Approving Agreement with Pictures with Class by Barksdale

Pictures with Class by Barksdale will provide school and staff pictures as well as staff identification badges.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 4 – 0

ii. Consideration of Approving Reclassification Study with School Services of California

School Services of California will perform a reclassification study for one classified position in the District.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 4 – 0

P. AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

- 2024-25 LCAP and Budget

Q. ADJOURN TO SECOND CLOSED SESSION

Second Closed Session was not held.

R. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Solomon adjourned the meeting at 9:51 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2024. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



Ernesto Smith, Governing Board Clerk



Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary