

## MEETING MINUTES

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### 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, Solomon, 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 6:04 PM

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of section 54956.9) OAH Special Education Due Process Case NO. 2024090009
2. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.9: Potential Litigation: Case 22/23-02
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.9: Potential Litigation Case #24/25-03
4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee- Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint of an Employee
5. 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 7:07 PM.

### F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

In closed session, the Board approved a settlement agreement in OAH Special Education Due Process Case No. 2024090009, pursuant to which the District, without admission of fault, has agreed to fund and provide specified educational services and reasonable attorneys fees collectively not to exceed \$27,600.00, in consideration of a release of claims against the District. The roll call vote was as follows:

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 4 - 0

Roll call vote:

Robert - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

### G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director of Instruction, Assessment, & Accountability Chad Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Agenda approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 4 – 0

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 8, 2024**

Minutes approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 4 – 0

**J. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Board members Robert, Solomon and Talley attended the Orenda Education retreat last week and shared it was very informational. They feel motivated and look forward to seeing how the District will work and closing the achievement gap;
- Board member Robert enjoyed recent site visits to Meadows and Wiley Canyon Schools;
- Board member Robert visited all site administrators in honor of Week of the School Administrator;
- Board member Smith's family is excited to attend this Friday's Fall Festival at Meadows Elementary. Several sites are hosting fall events this Friday;
- Board President Solomon visited classrooms at Wiley Canyon School;
- Board President Solomon visited Newhall Elementary to check out the newly painted handball courts and shared the designs lift the school's pride and spirit;
- Board President Solomon shared she was invited to Peachland Elementary for an assembly about American heroes and was part of an unforgettable experience where the school coordinated with a military dad who surprised his son after being deployed for over a year! It was a very special moment.

**K. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**L. CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. Letter on Election of Members to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization**

Board members reached a consensus to vote electronically and elect the following three members to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization:

- John Nunez - First Supervisorial District (Incumbent)
- Donald LaPlante - Fourth Supervisorial District (Incumbent)
- Cherise Moore - Fifth Supervisorial District (Incumbent)

**2. 2023-24 Unaudited Actuals Letter from LACOE**

Pursuant to Education Code (EC) Sections 1240(b) and 42100, the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools has completed our review of the Newhall School District's Unaudited Actuals for fiscal year 2023-24, and the financial information has been forwarded to the California Department of Education.

**M. PUBLIC INTEREST**

**1. Recognition of Safety Grant from Assemblywoman Pilar Schiavo**

Assemblywoman Schiavo has made community safety a priority by bringing essential resources to the District and funding key safety and infrastructure improvements across schools. The Newhall School District has received nearly \$4m in grant funding to help keep kids safe by upgrading things like security cameras, the public address system, and classroom safety features.

Board members expressed how meaningful the grant funds are to students, families, staff, and the community.

#### 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.  
Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith  
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 District Recurring Contracts**
4. **Consent Calendar- Human Resources**
  - i. **Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #24/25-07**
5. **Consent Calendar- Student Support Services**
  - i. **Consideration of Approving Amended School Counselors Attendance to the 2024 California Association of School Counselors Conference**

#### O. STAFF REPORTS

1. **Staff Reports- Student Support Services**
  - i. **Consideration of Approving Resolution #24/25-06 Declaring November 4-8, 2024 as "National School Psychology Awareness Week"**  
Executive Director of Student Support Services Gina Ramallo read the Resolution aloud in honor of the District's School Psychologists.  
  
Board members praised the District's School Psychologists for the work they do throughout the school year.  
  
Item approved.  
Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley  
Vote: 4 – 0
2. **Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services**
  - i. **Consideration of Approving Contract With RISE to Provide Two Parent Education Nights**  
One primary focus of our Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) is parent engagement and education. Rise School Programs has developed a parent-education program designed to support ongoing learning for parents. Night 1 will focus on the impact of technology on children and night 2 will focus on strategies to support verbal language and literacy habits at home.  
  
Item approved.  
Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley  
Vote: 4 – 0

**ii. Consideration of Approving Instructional Services Board Policy - First Reading**

Board Policy 6000 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 4 – 0

Board Policy 6177 approved with option 2 on page 2 and option 1 on page 4, and waived additional readings.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 4 – 0

**3. Staff Reports- Human Resources**

**i. Consideration of Approving California State University at Channel Islands Agreement**

The District shall provide fieldwork practice for students in the School Counseling Credential Program through experience in schools and classes. A credentialed counselor selected by the District will supervise candidates.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 4 – 0

**ii. Consideration of Approving Revised Certificated Job Description from Special Day Class Teacher - Severe to Education Specialist: Extensive Support Needs Teacher**

The California Commission on Teaching Credentialing recently changed the title of this credential from Moderate to Severe to Extensive Support Needs. The District has updated the job description by removing old, outdated terms to reflect current special education terminology.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 4 – 0

**4. Staff Reports - Business Services**

**i. Consideration of Approving Agreement with Actuarial Retirement Consulting, LLC (Awen ARC) for Valuation and Disclosure Reports**

Under GASB 75, a full actuarial report is required at least once every two years to comply with the requirements for fiscal year-end reporting in the District's notes to financial statements.

Awen ARC will prepare a full actuarial valuation report as of June 30, 2024, as well as disclosure reports for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, and June 30, 2026.

Item approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 4 – 0

**P. AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

- Tour of the District Preschools
- Reminder: The annual State of District is next Tuesday, October 29th from 6:00 - 7:30 PM at Wiley Canyon School. A meal, childcare, transportation, and a student art lesson will be provided.

**Q. ADJOURN TO SECOND CLOSED SESSION**

Second Closed Session was not held.

**R. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Solomon adjourned the meeting at 7:43 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2024. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



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Ernesto Smith, Governing Board Clerk



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Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary