



**Regular Board Meeting Agenda via Zoom  
Teleconference**

**12/15/2020 06:30 PM**

Newhall School District  
25375 Orchard Village Rd., #200  
Valencia, CA 91355

**Meeting Minutes**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular meeting of the Governing Board was called to order at 6:56 P.M. by Board President Walters.

**B. ROLL CALL**

1. Donna Rose, Ernesto Smith, Suzan Solomon, Isaiah Talley, Brian Walters  
All Board Members were present.  
All Cabinet Members were present.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

There were no public comments.

**D. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:58 P.M.

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee- Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release of an Employee
2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations - Negotiator for the District  
Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

**E. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION**

Board members returned to Public Session at 7:18 P.M.

**F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Board President Walters announced that no action was taken in Closed Session.

**G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board Member Solomon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Agenda approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Smith)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2020

Minutes approved.  
 M/S/C- (Talley/Smith)  
 Vote: 5 - 0  
 Roll call vote:  
 Rose - Aye  
 Smith - Aye  
 Solomon - Aye  
 Talley - Aye  
 Walters - Aye

2. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 4, 2020

Minutes approved.  
 M/S/C- (Talley/Rose)  
 Vote: 5 - 0  
 Roll call vote:  
 Rose - Aye  
 Smith - Aye  
 Solomon - Aye  
 Talley - Aye  
 Walters - Aye

3. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 10, 2020

Minutes approved.  
 M/S/C- (Smith/Solomon)  
 Vote: 5 - 0  
 Roll call vote:  
 Rose - Aye  
 Smith - Aye  
 Solomon - Aye  
 Talley - Aye  
 Walters - Aye

**J. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Board Members and Superintendent Pelzel participated in the virtual CSBA Annual Conference;
- Board Member Solomon wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season;
- Board President Walters thanked teachers and staff for persevering during a difficult year;
- Superintendent Pelzel thanked Girl Scouts Troop 2472 for collecting and donating 55 bags of food for NSD families;
- Superintendent Pelzel visited the SDC launch of small cohorts at Oak Hills and Valencia Valley schools, as well as, the Peachland SDC Preschool program. It's exciting to see children on our campuses;
- NSD will host its first virtual art and music holiday show this Thursday, December 17th, which includes a compilation of chorus groups performing musical numbers and a showcase of student artwork from the first trimester.

**K. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Naela Saras shared her concerns over the District reopening schools for grades TK - 2 on January 11, 2021. Ms. Saras requested the Board consider delaying acting on the District's waiver due to worsening COVID-19 conditions and a surge of cases in the community.

**L. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. CDE LCAP Approval Letter  
Newhall School District has met the requirements for an approved local educational agency (LEA) Plan as defined in California's approved ESSA State Plan.
2. Letter from CSBA Calling for Nominations for CSBA Delegate Assembly.  
Board members nominated Wm. S Hart USD Board Member Cherise Moore and NSD Board Member Ernesto Smith as candidates for the CSBA Delegate Assembly.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Smith)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

**M. PUBLIC INTEREST**

1. Childcare Partnerships Recognition  
Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sheri Staszewski recognized the District's five childcare providers for their unwavering partnership and outstanding commitment to NSD students during an unprecedented health crisis. Childcare providers include:

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Representative</u></b>	<b><u>Site(s) Servicing</u></b>
YMCA	Rebecca Kelly	Meadows, Wiley
Blue Sky Kids	Sandra Denkovski	Peachland
Sunshine	Michael Mehl	Oak Hills, Pico, Stevenson Ranch, Valencia Valley
Peak Programs	Scott Bartholomew	Oak Hills
Boys & Girls Club	Matt Nelson	McGrath, Newhall

**N. CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Removal of Items From the Consent Calendar  
No items were removed.
2. Consideration of Approving Items on the Consent Calendar  
Items approved.  
M/S/C- (Smith/Talley)  
Vote: 5 - 0  
Roll call vote:  
Rose - Aye  
Smith - Aye  
Solomon - Aye  
Talley - Aye  
Walters - Aye
3. Consent Calendar- Business Services
  - i. Consideration of Approving Purchase Orders, B Warrants and Payroll Warrants
  - ii. Consideration of Approving Gift Report #20/21-10
  - iii. Consideration of Approving Salvage Report

- iv. **Consideration of Approving Renewal of the School Employers Association of California (SEAC) Annual Membership for 2020-21**
- 4. **Consent Calendar- Human Resources**
  - i. **Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #20/21-11**
- 5. **Consent Calendar- Student Support Services**
  - i. **Consideration of Approving Amendment to the 2020-2021 Master Contract with Inclusive Education and Community Partnership (IECP)**

## O. STAFF REPORTS

### 1. Staff Reports-Administrative Services

#### i. **Presentation on Vital Intervention and Directional Alternatives (VIDA) Program and Consideration of Hosting the Program at Oak Hills**

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Captain Justin Diaz and Deputies Tim Ferrone and Sarah Templeton provided the Board with an overview of the VIDA Academy. VIDA is a referral-based, 16-week program for males and females. Its goal is to help guide young individuals who may be struggling with non-criminal issues via 9 core components.

Superintendent Pelzel shared that after review of all campuses, Oak Hills Elementary has the best layout to accommodate the program.

Board members requested Deputies provide the same presentation to the District's PTA and Site Councils as they feel it is important the community be informed of what the program offers.

Approved use of Oak Hills facility to host the VIDA Program beginning in January 2021

M/S/C- (Solomon/Smith)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

#### ii. **COVID-19 Update and Board Discussion**

Superintendent Pelzel provided an update on the latest COVID-19 related case numbers throughout the District and status of small cohorts. Currently, there are significant rising cases throughout the County, but Dr. Ferrer will not require or recommend schools close if a waiver is already in place. The latest numbers do show that cases in children are increasing. While a vaccine has been approved and ready for distribution, it will only be available for adults at this time. School staff may not have access to the vaccine until late spring or summer.

Mr. Pelzel also shared feedback from recent staff and parent surveys on the reopening of schools. After consideration of survey results and several other factors, Mr. Pelzel recommended the Board consider a staggered return to school for grades

TK - 2 beginning January 19, 2021.

Members of the public commented on their support to return to school as soon as possible. Board members were also asked to consider whether the decision to return to school could be considered for individual sites, rather than as a District.

After much discussion and deliberation, the majority of Board Members agreed to move the Hybrid Model for grades TK - 2 to a non-staggered date of January 19, 2021. The January 19th date is 2 weeks after the New Year holiday to accommodate any potential illnesses.

Board members requested access to any District surveys moving forward prior to publishing. Board members also requested weekly COVID updates via Friday Facts

Superintendent Pelzel commended all NSD teachers for their efforts and the work put in to provide quality distance learning.

Approved moving forward with the District's Hybrid Model for grades TK - 2 to begin on January 19, 2020

M/S/C- (Solomon/Smith)

Vote: 4-1

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Nay

Walters - Aye

**iii. CSBA Debrief**

Board members shared their takeaways from the different sessions offered throughout the annual conference.

Board President Walters encouraged fellow members to share any other topics that come to mind via Friday Facts.

**iv. Consideration of Approving Board Bylaws 9323.2: Actions by the Board and Exhibits 1 and 2 - 2nd Reading**

Approved and waived 3rd and final reading

M/S/C- (Talley/Smith)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

**2. Staff Reports- Business Services**

**i. Consideration of Approving First Interim Budget Report for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year**

Approved First Interim Report for 2020-21

M/S/C- (Smith/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0  
Roll call vote:  
Rose - Aye  
Smith - Aye  
Solomon - Aye  
Talley - Aye  
Walters - Aye

**ii. Consideration of Approving the 2020-21 Local Control and Accountability Plan's Budget Overview for Parents FY 2020-21**

Item approved.  
M/S/C- (Rose/Solomon)  
Vote: 5 - 0  
Roll call vote:  
Rose - Aye  
Smith - Aye  
Solomon - Aye  
Talley - Aye  
Walters - Aye

**iii. Consideration of Approving Amplified IT's Google For Education Audit of the G-Suite Domain**

Item approved.  
M/S/C- (Solomon/Smith)  
Vote: 5 - 0  
Roll call vote:  
Rose - Aye  
Smith - Aye  
Solomon - Aye  
Talley - Aye  
Walters - Aye

**iv. Consideration of Approving Agreement to COVID-19 Related School Closures in FY 2020-21 with Storer Transportation School and Contract Service**

Item approved.  
M/S/C- (Rose/Solomon)  
Vote: 5 - 0  
Roll call vote:  
Rose - Aye  
Smith - Aye  
Solomon - Aye  
Talley - Aye  
Walters - Aye

**3. Staff Reports- Student Support Services**

**i. Consideration of Approving and Ratifying 2020-2021 Master Contract with Coutin School (Non-Public School)**

Item approved.  
M/S/C- (Talley/Smith)  
Vote: 5 - 0  
Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye  
Smith - Aye  
Solomon - Aye  
Talley - Aye  
Walters - Aye

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

**i. Consideration of Approving the Nearpod Contract**

Board members requested feedback once teachers begin using the program.

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Smith)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

**ii. Consideration of Approving Updated Guidelines for Flyer Distribution**

Board members requested staff provide an update on the new guidelines at the next PTA/PTO Presidents' meeting.

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

**iii. Consideration of approving the AERIES Online Registration Module**

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Talley/Smith)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

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

- Discussion and Review of School Effectiveness Questions
- Discussion to participate in CA School Funding Coalition
- Annual NSD Governance Calendar
- Childcare Contract Amendments

**Q. ADJOURN TO CONTINUATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Board members resumed Closed Session at 10:23 P.M. to discuss previously stated closed session items.

**R. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

Board Members returned to Public Session at 11:59 P.M.

**S. REPORT OUT OF SECOND CLOSED SESSION**

Board President Walters announced that no actions was taken in second Closed Session.

**T. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Walters adjourned the meeting at 11:59 P.M.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2021. Closed Session begins at 6:00 P.M. and Open Session begins at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held via Zoom teleconference



Board Clerk



Secretary