The Regular meeting of the Governing Board was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mrs. Solomon.

Board Members Present: Rose, Smith, Solomon and Talley

Cabinet Members Present: Jamison, Morse, Pelzel and Persaud

There were no public comments on Closed Session items.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:05 P.M.

Mr. Walters arrived at 6:25 P.M.

ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Conference with legal counsel possible case: Government Code sections 54954.5 (c) & 54956.9 (d)(2) and (e)(1)

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957: Public Employee – possible employment/discipline/dismissal/release of an employee

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations – Negotiator for the District: Dr. Michelle Morse, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9: Potential Litigation – Case #18/19-04

Board members returned to Public Session at 7:10 P.M.

The Board president announced that no action was taken in Closed Session.

Principal Ken Hintz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approved Agenda
M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)
Vote: 5-0

Approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 22, 2019
M/S/C – (Smith/Rose)
Vote: 5-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

- Mr. Pelzel, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Solomon and Mr. Smith continued their ongoing Masters in Governance Board training;
NSD launched its “Kinder to College” partnership with College of the Canyons. Old Orchard and Peachland attended, and McGrath is scheduled to attend this week;

The District’s delegation of site representatives from Oak Hills, Pico Canyon and Stevenson Ranch will attend the 2019 National Blue Ribbon awards ceremony on November 14th and 15th in National Harbor, MD;

Board members thanked Pico Canyon for the art work displayed in the Board Room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

District teachers Hillary Hall and Melanie Musella addressed the Board members regarding the two recent non-working days some District staff were charged due to local wildfires.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from California School Boards Association Calling for Nominations to Delegate Assembly. Any individual who wishes to be nominated should submit the required paperwork to CSBA no later than Tuesday, January 7, 2020. Board members will address new nominees at a future meeting.

PUBLIC INTEREST

Mr. Pelzel presented an overview of the following 2019/2020 Superintendent Goals:

Goal 1 – Fostering relationships
Goal 2 – Building and strengthening trust
Goal 3 – Maintaining stability and high quality facilities
Goal 4 – Maintaining improvement across the District

The Board took action to approve the 2019/2020 Superintendent Goals.

M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)
Vote: 5-0

CONSENT CALENDAR

Business Services

Approved purchase orders 20-00659; B warrants 20026275 - 20031796; all payroll warrants issued through November 4, 2019

Approved Gift Report #19/20-5

Human Resources

Approved Personnel Report #19/20-07

Approved minimum wage increase for non-represented hourly employees

Approved Dr. Morse’s attendance to the American Speech Hearing Association (ASHA) National Convention
Student Support Services

Approved Amendment to School Wide Information System (SWIS) Suite License Agreement

Approved Amendment to Progressive Steps Personal Services Contract

Curriculum/Instructional Services

Approved Contract with SCV Performing Arts Center for 2nd Grade Dance Workshops at Newhall Elementary

Approved Wiley Canyon Elementary Field Trip to Robert J. Lagomarsino Visitors Center in Ventura, CA

Approved Contract with SCV Performing Arts Center for “Juan and John” Assembly at Old Orchard Elementary

Approved items on the Consent Calendar
M/S/C – (Rose/Smith)
Vote: 5-0
Roll call vote:
Smith – Aye
Talley – Aye
Rose - Aye
Solomon – Aye
Walters – Aye

Information concerning the Consent Items listed above has been forwarded to each Board Member prior to this meeting for their study. Unless a Board Member has a question concerning a particular item and asks it to be withdrawn from the Consent Calendar, the items are approved at one time by the Governing Board. The action by the Board in approving Consent Items is detailed in individual backup documents.

STAFF REPORTS

Business Services

Mr. Persaud shared an overview of vandalism that continues throughout District campuses, particularly those with open gates. Principals Gaudette, Stenroos, Fine and Hintz also spoke on the topic and shared their personal perspective and experiences. Principals stated their concerns and the difficulty of maintaining safe campuses at sites where gates remain open after hours.

Following a lengthy discussion, the Board reached consensus to give direction to lock gates at all sites effective Friday, November 8, 2019. The Board directed Business staff to notify all community HOAs and District families immediately. The Board also directed Business staff to provide an updated vandalism report in February 2020.
Approved 2019/2020 Comprehensive School Safety Plans for Oak Hills, Old Orchard, Peachland, Pico Canyon and Stevenson Ranch Elementary Schools. Board Member Walters requested the District explore a reliable back-up power source for sites that are frequently affected by power outages.
M/S/C – (Rose/Smith)
Vote: 5-0

Waived third reading and approved revised Board Policy 3290: Gifts, Grants and Bequests
M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)
Vote: 5-0

M/S/C – (Walters/Rose)
Vote: 5-0

Approved allowance of attendance due to emergency conditions for all Newhall School District schools. The District received communication from Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools, Debra Duardo which included resources and supports for districts affected by the recent wildfires.
M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)
Vote: 5-0

Approved Resolution #19/20-12 Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions for Preschool Programs
M/S/C – (Walters/Smith)
Vote: 5-0

Approved authorization of purchasing school site carpet under PC 20118 (Piggyback) on State of California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) No. 4-18-00-0085B for Old Orchard Elementary
M/S/C – (Rose/Talley)
Vote: 5-0

**Student Support Services**

Board members requested the District’s legal counsel review the policy prior to Board approval. BP 6173 will be brought back to the November 19th Board meeting for a third and final reading.

**Human Resources**

Approved revised job description and salary schedule for Payroll Supervisor effective November 5, 2019
M/S/C – (Walters/Rose)
Vote: 5-0

Approved 2018/2019 Salary Schedules for NSD Employees
M/S/C – (Talley/Smith)
Administrative Services

Approved the following as the District’s new Vision Statement:
“Empowering Every Child Every Day”
M/S/C- (Rose/Smith)
Vote: 5-0

Approved the following as the District’s Mission Statement:
“Newhall School District students will become global citizens who think critically, solve problems, embrace diversity in people and viewpoints, and have a passion for learning and the arts.”
M/S/C – (Walters/Smith)
Vote: 5-0

Approved the following as the District’s new Collective Commitments:
“The Newhall School District Community will:
• Collaborate and build on each other’s strengths
• Innovate for the future
• Persevere through new and challenging learning opportunities
• Excel and continuously strive for improvement”
M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)
Vote: 5-0

Teachers Hillary Hall and Melanie Musella addressed the Board on their opposition to rescind the current TK policy. Both shared the various concerns and hurdles teaching staff may encounter with a program that combines both Preschool and TK students.

The Board gave District staff direction to discuss with Capitol Advisors the possibility of providing advocacy on expanding services for students who miss the December 2nd TK cutoff date.

The Board asked District staff to explore innovative educational settings for children born after the December 2nd cutoff date, research any programs surrounding Districts may be providing, and explore the possibility of a full-day Preschool program at Peachland Elementary over the next couple of years.

Approved NSD’s 2020 Open House to be hosted by Wiley Canyon Elementary School on January 23, 2020. Discussions about the event’s structure will be held during the November 19th Board meeting.
M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)
Vote: 5-0

SECOND CLOSED SESSION

The Board resumed Closed Session to complete previously stated Closed Sessions items.
PUBLIC SESSION

The Board returned to Public Session and the Board president announced that no action was taken in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Solomon adjourned the meeting at 10:15 P.M.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

Comprehensive Site Safety Plans: McGrath, Meadows, Newhall, Valencia Valley, Wiley Canyon

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2019. Closed Session will begin at 6:00 P.M. and Public Session will begin at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Newhall School District Office, 25375 Orchard Village Road, Suite #200, Valencia, California.

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Secretary to the Board

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Clerk of the Board

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