

Meeting Minutes

Regular Board Meeting Agenda via Zoom Teleconference 4/27/2021 06:00 PM

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Walters called the Regular meeting of the Governing Board to order at 6:04 P.M.

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 6:04 P.M.

- 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 7:08 P.M.

F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Board President Walters announced that the Board took no action in Closed Session.

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Dee Jamison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved with amended Personnel Report #19.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2021

Minutes approved.

M/S/C- (Rose/Solomon)

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

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board members were excited for the return of full-time in-person instruction. Congratulations to families, staff and all others involved in the process;
- The next SCV Trustees Association meeting is scheduled on May 3rd at 6:30 P.M.
 Congressman Mike Garcia will provide federal updates on education, the area Commissioner
 from the California Redistricting Commission will provide an information-only presentation,
 and further discussions will be held on the COVID-19 video previously mentioned;
- The District received its official letter confirming approval of the J-13 waiver submitted for the instructional day lost as a result of the ransomware attack in 2020; Board members requested Superintendent Pelzel send a thank-you note to CA State Superintendent Tony Thurman and Kevin Gordon of Capitol Advisors for advocating for the District;
- Superintendent Pelzel commended Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Dee Jamison and Staff Development Administrator Kate Peattie for the extensive research related to upcoming state testing. A letter was sent to parents last week announcing the District will move forward with administering CAASPP testing for the purpose of informing the District's work;
- Superintendent Pelzel thanked the Governing Board for recently approving the Inquiry-Based Problem Solving training. Thank you to the staff members who participated in today's exercises and practiced the learning tools that will help problem-solve when approaching their work:
- This Friday, April 30th is the 2021 SCV Ed Foundation Teacher Tribute. Recipients will be honored via a "red carpet" ceremony hosted by Marstons in Valencia.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Oak Hills Elementary parents' Christina Bishara, Sarah Scopio, Elsa Finn and Janet Seres addressed the Board over the decision to layoff Science Lab Technicians and Curriculum Specialists. Parents requested the Board reconsider maintaining positions at sites as they feel STEM education is a crucial program and Board members have a duty to provide the best educational programs for all students.

L. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Second Interim Certification Letter from LACOE

Letter from Los Angeles County Office of Education regarding the Second Interim Report and the positive certification.

M. PUBLIC INTEREST

None.

N. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Removal of Items From the Consent Calendar

No items were removed from the Consent Calendar.

2. Consideration of Approving Items on the Consent Calendar

Consent Calendar approved with amended Personnel Report #19.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Rose)

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
- 4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources
 - i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #20/21-19
- O. STAFF REPORTS
 - 1. Staff Reports-Administrative Services
 - Consideration of Approving Second Reading of Board Bylaws 9121: Role of the Governing Board President, 9122: Role of the Governing Board Secretary, and 9123: Role of the Governing Board Clerk

Waived third and final reading and approved policies as amended.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Rose)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

ii. Consideration of Approving Second Reading of Board Bylaw 9321: Closed Session Purposes and Agendas

Policy approved and waived third and final reading.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Smith)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

iii. Consideration of Approving Resolution #20/21-19 declaring May 3 - 7, 2021 as "Teacher Appreciation Week"

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye Talley - Aye Walters - Aye

iv. Governing Board debrief of the April 21, 2021 NSD Virtual Open House

NSD held its first virtual Open House on April 21, 2021. Superintendent Pelzel commended all staff members who participated in the presentation and breakout sessions. All sessions are available for parents via the District's website.

Board members were pleased with the informative programming. In an effort to boost attendance, suggestions were made to reevaluate the targeted audience in the District's marketing campaign. It was also recommended the District consider creating video tours of all campuses.

v. Return to In-Person Board Meeting Discussion

As of June 15, 2021, the COVID-19 tiered system will no longer be enforced and inperson public meetings will be permitted. Should the District decide to move forward with in-person meetings the first available date would be June 22nd. Video streaming would be limited, unless it is decided to hold the meeting in a large MPR.

Board Members agreed it would be beneficial to include a virtual option when meetings return in person. In an effort to maintain increased public participation, staff was asked to research how to provide in-person meetings with a virtual option. A date for in-person meetings will be determined once more information is available.

2. Staff Reports- Business Services

 Consideration of Approving Partnering with CITE and the California Student Privacy Alliance (CSPA) Agreement

3-year option agreement approved.

M/S/C- (Rose/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

ii. Consideration of Approving Revised Bell Schedule for Valencia Valley and Wiley Canyon Elementary for the Remainder of 2020-2021 School Year

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Smith)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

3. Staff Reports- Human Resources

i. Consideration of Approving Extended School Year and LEAP Stipend for Administration

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Smith)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

4. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services

 For Consideration of Approving CORE Training PD for Administrators, Classroom Teachers, and Learning Support Teachers

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

ii. Consideration of Approving the 21-22 Accelerated Learning (STEMScopes) invoice

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

None.

Q. ADJOURN TO CONTINUATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Board members resumed Closed Session at 8:15 P.M. to discuss previously stated closed session items.

R. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Board Members returned to Public Session at 9:04 P.M.

S. REPORT OUT OF SECOND CLOSED SESSION

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

T. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Walters adjourned the meeting at 9:04 P.M.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2021. Closed Session begins at 6:00 P.M. Open Session begins at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom teleconference.

Board Clerk

Secretary