



**NEWHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Meeting of the Governing Board**  
**August 11, 2020**  
**6:00 P.M. Closed Executive Session**  
**7:00 P.M. Regular Public Session**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular meeting of the Governing Board was called to order at 6:02 P.M. by Board President Solomon. All Cabinet and Board members attended the meeting via Zoom teleconference to maximize public safety.

**ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Board Members present: Rose, Smith, Solomon, and Talley

Board Members absent: Walters

Cabinet Members present: Jamison, Montemayor, Pelzel and Staszewski

**CLOSED SESSION**

There were no public comments on Closed Session items.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:03 P.M.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9: Potential Litigation - Case #20/21-01

Agenda item 4.2: Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation. Consideration of approving a Final Settlement Agreement and General Release between Parents and the District in Student v. Newhall School District, OAH Case Nos. 2020030316 and 20200504

Agenda item 4.3: Pursuant to Government Code section 54954.5(c) – Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation. Consideration of approving a Final Settlement Agreement and General Release between Parents and the District in Student v. Newhall School District, OAH Case #2020020863

Agenda item 4.4: Pursuant to Government Code section 54954.5(c) – Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation. Consideration of approving a Final Settlement Agreement and General Release between Parents and the District in Student v. Newhall School District, OAH Case #2020060027

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations – Negotiator for the District: Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957: Public Employee – Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release of an Employee

Superintendent Evaluation: End-of-Year Superintendent Update was tabled to the July 28, 2020 Special Board Meeting

Board member Walters joined Closed Session at 6:35 P.M.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Board members returned to Public Session at 7:02 P.M.

Board President Solomon announced that the following action was taken in Closed Session:

Approved a Final Settlement Agreement and General Release between Parents and the District in Student v. Newhall School District, OAH Case Nos. 2020030316 and 20200504, pursuant to which the District has agreed to pay for tutoring and an Independent Education Evaluation and the student's parents have released claims against the District in exchange for the tutoring and IEE as specified in the Agreement and dismissal with prejudice of existing litigation.

M/S/C – (Rose/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

Approved a Final Settlement Agreement and General Release between Parents and the District in Student v. Newhall School District, OAH Case #2020020863, pursuant to which the District has agreed to pay for academic tutoring and an Independent Education Evaluation and the student's parents have released claims against the District, in exchange for the tutoring and IEE as specified in the Agreement and dismissal with prejudice of existing litigation.

M/S/C – (Rose/Smith)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

Approved a Final Settlement Agreement and General Release between Parents and the District in Student v. Newhall School District, OAH Case #2020060027, pursuant to which the District has agreed to pay for academic tutoring and an Independent Education Evaluation and the student's parents have released claims against the District, in exchange for the tutoring and IEE as specified in the Agreement and dismissal with prejudice of existing litigation.

M/S/C – (Talley/Smith)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

Board President Solomon led the Pledge of Allegiance

**PLEDGE**

Approved the Agenda

M/S/C – (Smith/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

**AGENDA**

Roll call vote:  
Rose – Aye  
Smith – Aye  
Solomon – Aye  
Talley – Aye  
Walters – Aye

Approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 28, 2020  
M/S/C – (Talley/Rose)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:  
Rose – Aye  
Smith – Aye  
Solomon – Aye  
Talley – Aye  
Walters – Aye

**MINUTES**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS**

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- Board members are excited for the start of the 2020-2021 school year and for teachers and students to finally meet;
- Board members thanked staff for their efforts in preparing for this unique school year;
- Superintendent Pelzel had an opportunity to visit the 10 school site and 3 Digital Learning Academies professional development trainings. Administrators are doing a great job leading staff conversations with positive energy;
- The District will push out a communication to all families on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> which includes an EKG-concept video created by Counselors Libby Carson and Lorena Ramos to help parents set the tone for the new school year.

**PUBLIC INTEREST**

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Approved the 2020/2021 Single Plan for Student Achievement for Oak Hills Elementary School

M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:  
Rose – Aye  
Smith – Aye  
Solomon – Aye  
Talley – Aye  
Walters – Aye

**OAK HILLS 2020-2021  
SPSA**

Approved the 2020/2021 Single Plan for Student Achievement for Stevenson Ranch Elementary School

M/S/C – (Walters/Smith)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:  
Rose – Aye  
Smith – Aye  
Solomon – Aye  
Talley – Aye  
Walters – Aye

**STEVENSON RANCH  
2020-2021 SPSA**

Executive Cabinet members presented a “Journey to the Start of the 2020-2021 School Year Overview.” The presentation included a timeline of events and summer efforts from all departments. Superintendent Pelzel thanked his Executive Cabinet, Site Administrators, NTA and NESP for their collaboration.

**2020-2021 SCHOOL  
YEAR OVERVIEW  
PRESENTATION**

Board members requested a progress report in October. They also requested Executive Cabinet record the presentation and post it on the website for the public to view.

**CORRESPONDENCE****CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS****PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR****CONSENT  
CALENDAR****Business Services**

Approved purchase orders through #21-00258; B warrants 20113936 - 20117673; all payroll warrants issued through August 10, 2020.

**B WARRANTS**

Approved Gift Report #20/21-2

**GIFT REPORT**

Approved Salvage Report

**SALVAGE REPORT****Human Resources**

Approved Personnel Report #20/21-3

**PERSONNEL  
REPORT****Student Support Services**

Approved 2020-2021 Personal Services Contract with Mind the Gap, Bridging Communication and More for speech services

**MIND THE GAP  
CONTRACT**

Approved 2020-2021 contract with Vision Screenings Services

**VISION SCREENING  
SERVICES  
CONTRACT**

Approved 2020-2021 Educational Service Agreement with Rise Interpreting for ASL interpretation services

**RISE INTERPRETING  
AGREEMENT**

Board member Rose departed the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

Approved items on the Consent Calendar

M/S/C – (Walters/Smith)

Vote: 4-0

Roll call vote:

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – 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**

Carla Callahan and Ian Pari, Engineers for the City of Santa Clarita shared status on the Dockweiler Drive extension project. Dockweiler Drive is a connection to Railroad Avenue. Benefits of the roadway extension include reduction in congestion and travel time improvement in and around Newhall Avenue. Improvements will include other nearby streets, including Placerita Canyon Road where our Facilities buildings are located. The current timeline for completion is 4 – 5 years.

### **DOCKWEILER ROAD EXPANSION PRESENTATION**

Approved 2020-2021 45-day budget revision

M/S/C – (Smith/Talley)

Vote: 4-0

Roll call vote:

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

### **2020-2021 45-DAY BUDGET REVISION**

Approved quality rating amendment for COVID-19 supply incentive

M/S/C – (Smith/Walters)

Vote: 4-0

Roll call vote:

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

### **QUALITY RATING AMENDMENT FOR COVID-19 SUPPLY INCENTIVE**

BP 0470: Covid-19 Mitigation Plan will be brought back to a later meeting for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

### **BP 0470: COVID-19 MITIGATION PLAN**

### **Administrative Services**

Superintendent Pelzel shared results from the District's Health and Safety Survey parents completed last March. The District's next step is addressing safety and health issues and follow-up will be discussed at a scheduled Board meeting in September.

### **NSD HEALTH & SAFETY UPDATE**

Approved new September Board meeting dates: September 15, 2020 and September 29, 2020

M/S/C – (Walters/Smith)

### **NEW SEPTEMBER 2020 BOARD MEETING DATES**

Vote: 4-0  
Roll call vote:  
Smith – Aye  
Solomon – Aye  
Talley – Aye  
Walters – Aye

Approved and waived 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings Resolution #20/21-5: Board Bylaw Exhibit 9270 – Conflict of Interest Code  
M/S/C – (Smith/Talley)

Vote: 4-0  
Roll call vote:  
Smith – Aye  
Solomon – Aye  
Talley – Aye  
Walters – Aye

**RESOLUTION  
#20/21-5: BB E 9270 –  
CONFLICT OF  
INTEREST CODE**

Approved Resolution #20/21-2: Declaring Emergency Conditions exist at Newhall School District and Offices with proposed language amendments  
M/S/C – (Talley/Smith)

Vote: 4-0  
Roll call vote:  
Smith – Aye  
Solomon – Aye  
Talley – Aye  
Walters – Aye

**RESOLUTION  
#20/21-2: DECLARING  
EMERGENCY  
CONDITIONS**

Approved additional days for the three Digital Learning Academy administrators  
M/S/C – (Walters/Smith)

Vote: 4-0  
Roll call vote:  
Smith – Aye  
Solomon – Aye  
Talley – Aye  
Walters – Aye

**ADDITIONAL DAYS  
FOR DLA ADMINIS**

CSBA announced that the 2020 annual conference will be held virtually only. Board members agreed to attend the virtual event.

**2020 CSBA  
CONFERENCE  
DISCUSSIONS**

### **Human Resources**

Approved and waived 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of BP, AR and E 1312.3: Uniform Complaint  
M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 4-0  
Roll call vote:  
Smith – Aye  
Solomon – Aye  
Talley – Aye  
Walters – Aye

**BP / AR / E 1312.3:  
UNIFORM  
COMPLAINT**

### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

Meadows and Pico Canyon Single School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSAs)

**SECOND CLOSED SESSION**

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

**SECOND PUBLIC SESSION**

Board Members returned to Public Session at 11:16 P.M.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Board President Solomon adjourned the meeting at 11:17 P.M.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2020. 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.

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Secretary to the Board

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Clerk of the Board

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