



Regular Board Meeting Agenda  
via Zoom Teleconference  
7/20/2021 06:00 PM  
Newhall School District  
25375 Orchard Village Rd., #200  
Valencia, CA 91355

## Meeting Minutes

### A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Walters called the Regular meeting of the Governing Board to order at 6:02 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 6:03 P.M.

1. Conference With Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation: DPP # 2-16746552 & DPP # 2-169494281: Government Code sections 54954.5(c) & 54956.9 (d)(1)
2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee- Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release of an Employee
3. 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 7:05 P.M.

### F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

President Walters announced that on motion of Board Member Solomon, seconded by Board Member Talley, the Board voted unanimously to direct legal counsel to provide defense in case nos. : DPP#2-16746552 DPP # 2-169494281.

### G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Parent Martha Aguilera led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

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 June 22, 2021**

Minutes approved.

M/S/C- (Rose/Solomon)

Vote: 4 – 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Abstain

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

**J. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- President Walters was pleased with the recent NSD article published in CalMatters focusing on cybersecurity and ransomware attacks;
- Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Amanda Montemayor introduced the following newly promoted staff:
  - Jayne Perez, Assistant Principal for Old Orchard Elementary School
  - Dr. Stacy Williamson, Principal for Wiley Canyon Elementary School
  - Chad Rose, Learning Recovery and Instructional Technology Support Administrator
  - Kate Peattie, Director of Instruction, Assessment and Accountability
- Superintendent Pelzel thanked the teachers and staff who supported the LEAP and ESY programs;
- Superintendent Pelzel shared that the District just received its CAASPP data and is very proud of the teachers and students based on the results. Thank you to all District's staff and parents for supporting the work. More information will be shared at a future Board meeting.

**K. CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. Call for Nominees to Serve on the 2021-2022 Executive Board for the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association (LACSTA)**

Board members unanimously agreed to select Board Member Solomon to serve on the 2021-2022 Executive Board for the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association (LACSTA).

**2. Annual Report on Debt Issuance**

As required by Board Policy 3470: Debt Issuance and Management, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sheri Staszewski reported on the District's current debt issuance. The District currently has two outstanding issuances, one of which is to be paid off in the coming months.

Board members commended Ms. Staszewski for a job well done on the report provided.

**L. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**M. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. Removal of Items From the Consent Calendar**

No items removed.

**2. Consideration of Approving Items on the Consent Calendar**

Consent Calendar approved.

M/S/C- (Talley/Solomon)

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 #21/22-1

iii. Consideration of Approving Recurring Contracts

**4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources**

i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #21/22-01

**N. STAFF REPORTS****1. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services****i. Consideration of Approving Meadows Elementary Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)**

Approved the 2021-2022 Single Plan for Student Achievement for Meadows Elementary School

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 a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Newhall School District and Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE)**

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Rose)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

**iii. Consideration of Approval for Benchmark Phonics Intervention Kits**

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Rose/Talley)

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

**iv. First Reading of New Board Policy 6142.92: Mathematics Instruction**

Policy approved and waived additional readings.

M/S/C- (Smith/Solomon)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

**v. First Reading of New Board Policy 6142.93: Science Instruction**

Policy approved with amendments and waived additional readings.

M/S/C- (Rose/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

**vi. Consideration of Declaring Board Policy 6118: Weather-Related Schedules Obsolete**

Policy declared obsolete.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Smith)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

**2. Staff Reports- Business Services**

**i. Presentation and Consideration of Approving CSBA's GAMUT Policy Plus and Policy Manual Development Contracts**

CSBA representatives Andrea Johnson and Greg Francis provided an overview on the benefits of combining the GAMUT Policy Plus platform with Agenda Online.

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Rose/Smith)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

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

**ii. Consideration of Approving the Purchase of Classroom Audio System Parts**

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

**iii. Consideration of Approving the Purchase of Furniture and Supplies for SDC Preschool at Peachland**

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

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

**i. Third and Final Reading of New Board Policy and Revised Administrative Regulation 5111.1: Criteria for Residency**

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

**ii. First Reading of Revised Administrative Regulation 5112.2: Exclusions from Attendance Policy approved and waived additional readings.**

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

**iii. First Reading of Revised Board Policy 5116: School Attendance Boundaries**

Policy approved with amendments and waived additional readings.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Smith)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

**4. Staff Reports- Human Resources****i. Consideration of Approving 2021/2022 Newhall School District Calendar**

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Talley/Solomon)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

**ii. Consideration of Approving New Certificated Job Description - Independent Home Study Elementary Classroom Teacher**

Item approved with revisions.

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 Student Teacher Agreement with the University of St. Augustine**

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Smith/Solomon)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

**5. Staff Reports-Administrative Services****i. Review and Discussion of Governance Handbook**

Although Governance Handbook updates are typically completed at the end-of-year Organizational meeting, Board members reviewed and discussed proposed changes.

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

**ii. Consideration of Adopting Board Resolution 21/22-01: Request to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for the Expedient Revision of Face Covering Guidance for Schools and School-Based Programs**

At the request of Board President Walters, Superintendent Pelzel presented the Board with a Resolution encouraging the CDPH to change their guidance and give authority to school districts to make decisions regarding mask requirements for students and staff.

The following individuals addressed the Board in support of the Resolution and allowing parents to make the decision on whether their children should wear facial coverings:

Heather Wheatley  
 Laura Desesa  
 Sarah Scopio  
 Lisa Howard  
 Suverna Em  
 Martha Aguilera  
 Liz McCloud  
 Jennifer Hughes

After much discussion, Board members agreed the District should move forward with approval of the Resolution and its advocacy to make mask wearing optional. Board members also agreed to have staff consult with legal counsel to develop protocols around exemptions and enforcement. The protocols will be reviewed at a future meeting.

Resolution approved with amendments. Staff to send out a copy of the executed Resolution to its local elected officials.

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

**iii. Consideration of Declaring Board Policy 1310: Relations Between Public and School Personnel and Board Policy 1311: Political Activities of School Employees Obsolete Policies declared obsolete.**

M/S/C- (Talley/Rose)

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

**iv. Discussion on Nominations for 2021 CSBA Legislative Awards Program**

Board member Solomon nominated Senator Henry Stern for CSBAS's Special Recognition Award

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

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

**v. Consideration of Approving the Williams Quarterly Summary Report**

Item approved.  
M/S/C- (Talley/Rose)

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

**vi. Consideration of Approving Resolution #21/22-02 Regarding the Absence of Board Member Smith at the June 22, 2021 Board Meeting**

Item approved.  
M/S/C- (Talley/Solomon)

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

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

- Redistricting based on upcoming Census numbers
- LEAP program summary
- CAASPP Testing Data

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



Board members resumed Closed Session at 10:04 P.M. to discuss previously stated closed session items.

**Q. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

Board Members returned to Public Session at 11:25 P.M.

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

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

**S. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Walters adjourned the meeting at 11:25 P.M.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2021. Closed Session begins at 6:00 P.M. Open Session begins at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom teleconference.



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Board Clerk



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Secretary