



Regular Board Meeting Agenda
via Zoom Teleconference
6/8/2021 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 6:01 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 6:02 P.M.

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9: Potential Litigation - Case #18/19-04, Conference with Legal Counsel
2. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.9: Potential Litigation Case #20/21-04
3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations - Negotiator for the District Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
4. Superintendent Evaluation: End-of-Year Superintendent Update

E. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Board members returned to Public Session at 7:07 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

Susan Christopher from LOVE SCV led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved with amended Personnel Report #20/21-22.
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 May 25, 2021**

Minutes approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Rose)

Vote: 4 - 1

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Abstain

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

J. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board members Smith and Solomon thanked the music staff for a great job organizing the petting zoo video and orchestra showcase;
- Board member Solomon thanked all parents, school organizations and community volunteers for supporting NSD schools during a challenging year;
- SCV Council PTA recognized SCV area superintendents for their leadership and collaboration to ensure education was accessible for all students across SCV;
- Board President Walters commended Newhall and Old Old Orchard Elementary staff for welcoming LACOE Superintendent Dr. Duardo and highlighting their successes, including the use of technology in classrooms. LACOE featured a video on the visit this past week;
- Superintendent Pelzel thanked Executive Assistant Rosana Valadez for translating the District LCAP;
- Superintendent Pelzel thanked Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sheri Staszewski and Technology Manager Ken McGaffee for the work involved with the IBM grant; the grant will provide the District with great resources for future planning
- Board member Solomon and Superintendent Pelzel thanked all District staff for going above and beyond to support NSD students during a challenging year;
- The District's annual art show will be held virtually Wednesday evening. Link information was shared via ParentSquare. Thank you to Art Teachers John Fossa and Kim Ferguson for organizing the video;
- Board President Walters thanked all teachers for making an educational difference in such a short period of time;
- Board President Walters thanked the County for allowing for 6th grade promotions this year.

K. PUBLIC INTEREST**1. Recognition of District Community Partners**

Superintendent Pelzel and District McKinney-Vento/Foster Youth Liaison Gina Rodriguez recognized District community partners SCV Neighbors in Need, Love SCV and Feed SCV for their support of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program for the Newhall School District. Board members expressed their gratitude.

Superintendent Pelzel also recognized District Liaison Gina Rodriguez for the work in developing strong community collaborations to support the McKinney-Vento Program and her commitment to helping students improve their educational outcomes by removing barriers and building confidence.

Board members thanked the District's community partners and Ms. Rodriguez for the transformative work over the last few years.

2. **Special Recognition to Former Student Claire Walsh for NSD Music Petting Zoo Video Production**
Superintendent Pelzel and Orchestra Teacher Tara Speiser recognized former NSD student Claire Walsh for her outstanding work in creating the Newhall School District's first virtual "Petting Zoo" video as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award Service Project. Board members expressed their gratitude.
3. **NSD Music Makers PTA Donation**
Music Makers PTA (MMPTA) President Jaimee Tolentino presented the District with a contribution of \$10,000 for the District's music program.

Board members and Superintendent Pelzel expressed their gratitude.

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals expressed concerns about comments Board members made at a previous meeting regarding increasing instructional time and class sizes in the 2021-2022 school year:

Randy Hauss	Heather Wilson
Keith Kawamote	Kelly Berry
Melanie Musella	Caryn O'Neill
Alison O'Neill	Katie Harman
Gail Orsinello	Jessica Green-Smisko

Board President Walters clarified that Board members previously voted to move forward with a plan in the 2021-2022 school year that would not include extending instructional minutes.

Stevenson Ranch teacher Amy Freidin addressed the Board over concerns about TK staff involuntary transfers and encouraged the Board to consider setting a permanent TK hub at Stevenson Ranch Elementary School.

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 with amendment to Personnel Report #20/21-22.
Board members thanked the Wiley Canyon Education Foundation for the donation to fund a new school marquee.
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 #20/21-18
 - iii. Consideration of Approving 2021-2022 District Recurring Contracts
 - iv. Consideration of Approving Salvage Report

4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources

- i. Consideration of Approving Amended Personnel Report #20/21-22

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

Approved the 2021-2022 Single Plan for Student Achievement for J. Michael McGrath 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 Old Orchard Elementary Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)

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

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 the Newhall Elementary Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)

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

Board members requested Principal Tapia provide a link to the Cal Arts video and report back on how new strategies influence student outcomes.

M/S/C- (Rose/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

iv. Consideration of Approving Illuminate Education FastBridge Learning Contract for 2021-2022

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Smith/Rose)

Vote: 5 - 0

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

v. Conduct Public Hearing Regarding the 2021/2022 Local Control Accountability Plan of the Newhall School District

Superintendent Pelzel and Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Jamison shared an overview of the LCAP's adoption timeline, priorities and goals.

The Board conducted a Public Hearing regarding the 2021/2022 Local Control Accountability Plan.

Public hearing was opened at 9:54 P.M. by Board President Walters
 The Board did not receive any public comments.
 Public hearing was closed at 9:55 P.M. by Board President Walters

2. Staff Reports- Student Support Services

i. Consideration of Approving 2021-2022 NSD Representatives to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Representative list approved.
 Board members expressed their gratitude for those participating.
 M/S/C- (Rose/Solomon)
 Vote: 5 - 0
 Roll call vote:
 Rose - Aye
 Smith - Aye
 Solomon - Aye
 Talley - Aye
 Walters – Aye

ii. First Reading of Revised Board Policy 5111: Admission

The policy will be brought back for review at the June 22nd Board meeting.

iii. First Reading of New Board Policy and Revised Administrative Regulation 5111.1: Criteria for Residency

The policies will be brought back for review at the June 22nd Board meeting.

3. Staff Reports- Business Services

i. Conduct Public Hearing Regarding the 2021/2022 Budget of the Newhall School District

The Board conducted a Public Hearing regarding the 2021/2022 Budget of the Newhall School District.

Public hearing was opened at 9:58 P.M. by Board President Walters
 The Board did not receive any public comments.
 Public hearing was closed at 9:59 P.M. by Board President Walters

ii. Presentation of the Proposed Budget for 2021-2022

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sheri Staszewski presented the 2021-2022 budget based upon information in the Local Control Accountability Plan, budget guidelines adopted by the Board and the latest information about the State budget contained in the Governor's May Revise.

Board members thanked Ms. Staszewski and the Business staff providing an informative presentation.

- iii. **Consideration of Approving RISE Educational Services Summer 2021 Contract at Newhall and McGrath Elementary Schools**
 - Item approved.
 - M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)
 - Vote: 5 - 0
 - Roll call vote:
 - Rose - Aye
 - Smith - Aye
 - Solomon - Aye
 - Talley - Aye
 - Walters - Aye
 - iv. **Consideration of Authorizing the Purchase of Kitchen Equipment through Arrow Restaurant Equipment**
 - Item approved.
 - M/S/C- (Solomon/Rose)
 - Vote: 5 - 0
 - Roll call vote:
 - Rose - Aye
 - Smith - Aye
 - Solomon - Aye
 - Talley - Aye
 - Walters - Aye
4. **Staff Reports- Human Resources**
- i. **Consideration of Accepting the Newhall Educational Support Professionals (NESP) 2020-2021 Negotiations Proposal**
 - Item approved.
 - M/S/C- (Rose/Solomon)
 - Vote: 5 - 0
 - Roll call vote:
 - Rose - Aye
 - Smith - Aye
 - Solomon - Aye
 - Talley - Aye
 - Walters - Aye
 - ii. **Consideration of Accepting the Newhall School District (NSD) 2020-2021 Contract Proposal for Newhall Educational Support Professionals (NESP)**
 - 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 Approving Stipend to School Psychologists for 2020-2021**
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 Additional Psychologist Stipend for the LEAP to Learn Summer Program**
Item approved.
M/S/C- (Rose/Smith)
Vote: 5 - 0
Roll call vote:
Rose - Aye
Smith - Aye
Solomon - Aye
Talley - Aye
Walters – Aye

 - v. **Consideration of Approving Brandman University Contract**
Item approved.
M/S/C- (Solomon/Smith)
Vote: 5 - 0
Roll call vote:
Rose - Aye
Smith - Aye
Solomon - Aye
Talley - Aye
Walters – Aye
5. **Staff Reports-Administrative Services**
- i. **Consideration of Approving Contract Extension for Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources**
Item approved.
M/S/C- (Rose/Solomon)
Vote: 5 - 0
Roll call vote:
Rose - Aye
Smith - Aye
Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye
Walters – Aye

ii. Consideration of Approving Contract Extension for Sheri Staszewski, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

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 Resolution #20/21-24 Regarding the Absence of Board Member Solomon at the May 25, 2021 Board Meeting

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

- Transportation challenges
- CA Census
- Nominees for state and/or federal legislators for CSBA's Outstanding Legislator Award

P. ADJOURN TO CONTINUATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Board members resumed Closed Session at 10:37 P.M. to discuss previously stated closed session items.

Q. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Board Members returned to Public Session at 11:51 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 11:51 P.M.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for June 22, 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