



**NEWHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board  
March 10, 2020  
6:00 P.M. Closed Executive Session  
7:00 P.M. Regular Public Session**

**MINUTES**

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

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

Cabinet Members present: Jamison, Morse, Pelzel and Persaud

There were no public comments on Closed Session items.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:02 P.M.

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

Mid-year Superintendent Goals update

Board members returned to Public Session at 7:13 P.M.

The Board president announced that the following actions were taken in Closed Session:

On a motion of Board member Walters, seconded by Board member Smith, and a vote of 5-0, the Board took action directing the superintendent or designee to notify employees UU5425791 and XG8177446 that they are released from their present administrative position effective at the conclusion of the current school year pursuant to EC 44929.21 and 44954.

The roll call vote was as follows:

- Smith – Aye
- Walters – Aye
- Talley – Aye
- Rose – Aye
- Solomon – Aye

On a motion of Board member Walters, seconded by Board member Talley, and a vote of 5-0, the Board took action directing the superintendent or designee to notify employee KP4264427 that they are released from their present district position effective at the conclusion of the current school year pursuant to EC 44929.21 and 44954, and re-assigned for the 2020-2021 school year.

The roll call vote was as follows:

- Smith – Aye
- Walters – Aye

Talley – Aye  
Rose – Aye  
Solomon – Aye

Principal Chad Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance

**PLEDGE**

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

**AGENDA**

Approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 25, 2020  
M/S/C – (Rose/Talley)  
Vote: 4-1-0

**MINUTES**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS**

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- Board members are pleased and impressed with the District’s Facilities Master Plan consultants and the process thus far;
- Board members attended the Beginners Music Showcase hosted at Wiley Canyon and were inspired with our students’ enthusiasm;
- Board members thanked Pico Canyon Teacher Melanie Musella for the invitation to observe an Orton Gillingham lesson in the classroom;
- Board President Solomon will be heading to Sacramento next Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> for the annual KHTS Road Trip;
- Superintendent Pelzel announced that the District Safety and Health Parent Engagement Night will be postponed and rescheduled to Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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School Psychologist Karen Lee addressed the Board about her concerns with Item 15.4.1: Approving Resolution #19/20- 19 – Reduction of Work Year/Work Days for NSD Psychologists.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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None.

**PUBLIC INTEREST**

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Stevenson Ranch Elementary Principal Chad Rose recently piloted a Saturday School program in an effort to improve student attendance and academic achievement. Mr. Rose shared with Board members the advantageous and successes of providing students an opportunity to make-up absence dates. To date, Stevenson Ranch Elementary has hosted 2 Saturday schools with a 3<sup>rd</sup> already calendared.

Cabinet members will further discuss the possibility of expanding this program to other sites.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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**Business Services**

Approved purchase orders through #20-00997; B warrants 20071584 – 20077478; all payroll warrants issued through March 9, 2020; 531.34 substitute teachers hours for February 2020.

**B WARRANTS**

Approved Gift Report #19/20-12

**GIFT REPORT**

**Human Resources**

Approved Personnel Report #19/20-14 with amendment to approve leave of absence for employee Carole Pina.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

Approved items on the Consent Calendar with amendment to item 14.4.1: Personnel Report #19/20-14

M/S/C – (Talley/Smith)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Smith – Aye

Walters – Aye

Talley – Aye

Rose – Aye

Solomon – 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**

**Student Support Services**

BP and AR 5131.2: Bullying will be brought to the March 24<sup>th</sup> Governing Board meeting for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Board members directed staff to seek legal opinion from District counsel on updating the verbiage included in both policies.

**BP / AR 5131.2:  
BULLYING**

**Business Services**

Newhall Family Theatre Manager Tom Lund updated the Board on the Theatre’s progress over the last year. Mr. Lund’s presentation included District and community usage, the Raising the Curtain Foundation’s ongoing efforts, and improvements to the theatre and neighboring annex building. Mr. Lund also shared his progress on the development of an online video series geared to generate student interest in the arts and gain exposure for the theatre.

**NFT THEATRE  
UPDATE**

Approved the Second Interim Budget Report for 2019/2020. Board members directed staff to research pricing for the District’s insurance carrier and determine if a new RFP may be necessary at this point in time.

**SECOND INTERIM  
BUDGET REPORT**

M/S/C – (Walters/Rose)

Vote: 5-0

**Administrative Services**

The District is facing a \$2.4 million dollar deficit heading into the budget planning phase for the 2020/2021 school year. Superintendent Pelzel provided an overview of Plan B considerations District staff developed in order to meet its budgetary guidelines in the upcoming years. Plan B allows for budget planning with as much transparency as

**PLAN B DISCUSSIONS**

possible. The District is committed to keeping the cuts as far away from the classroom as possible.

The District’s Health and Safety Plan event scheduled at the Newhall Family Theatre on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 has been rescheduled to Monday, May 18, 2020 due to inclement weather and as a precautionary measure.

**NSD HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN UPDATE**

Mr. Pelzel shared an electronic survey created by the District that captures all ideas generated from the February 4<sup>th</sup> Board Safety Study Session. Ideas were lumped into 3 major pillars: Social and Emotional Health, Policies and Procedures, and External/Internal Physical Plant. The survey will be shared with all NSD families to help identify the top 3 priorities per pillar. The District plans to collect input mid-March through mid-April, then start developing a plan of priorities. Information will be made available to the Board in May. Copies of the survey will also be available on paper for sites to distribute.

Approved Resolution #19/20-18 regarding a Board member’s absence at the February 25, 2020 meeting  
M/S/C – (Rose/Smith)  
Vote: 4-1-0

**RESOLUTION #19/20-18**

**Human Resources**

Approved Resolution #19/20-19 regarding a reduction of work year/work days for NSD Psychologists  
M/S/C – (Walters/Rose)  
Vote: 5-0

**RESOLUTION #19/20-19**

**SECOND CLOSED SESSION**

The Board resumed Closed Session to complete previously stated Closed Session items.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Mrs. Solomon adjourned the meeting at 9:50 P.M.

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

Developer Fee Report

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2020 at 6:00 P. M. 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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