



**Special Board Meeting Agenda  
via Zoom Teleconference  
03/26/2021 12:00 PM  
Newhall School District  
25375 Orchard Village Rd., #200  
Valencia, CA 91355**

**Meeting Minutes**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Walters called the Regular meeting of the Governing Board to order at 12:01 P.M.

**B. ROLL CALL**

1. Donna Rose, Ernesto Smith, Suzan Solomon, Isaiah Talley, Brian Walters  
Board Members Rose, Smith, Solomon and Walters were present.  
Board Member Talley was absent.  
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 12:02 P.M.

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

Board Member Talley arrived at 12:14 P.M.

**E. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION**

Board members returned to Public Session at 12:23 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**

District Nurse Sandi Gault 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**J. STAFF REPORTS**

**1. Staff Reports - Business Services**

**i. Consideration of Approving the Purchase of Student Desks from Virco Equipment for Educators**

After receiving updated guidance from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health regarding the placement of student desks in classrooms, District staff researched various single desk options. Three options were presented to site administrators for feedback on sizing, shape and storage. The option presented today was the most recommended by staff. Desks are expected to arrive in late May/early June and should be assembled and ready for student-use at the start of the 2021-2022 year.

In response to questions from members of the public, Superintendent Pelzel shared that the purchase of single desks will be a long-term solution and positions the District to have the flexibility it may need in the future.

Updates in the County's guidance with student desks now positions the District to safely reopen schools for full-time, in-person learning Monday-Friday. After much discussion with District departments and site administrators, Superintendent Pelzel recommended the District move forward with full-time, in-person learning effective Monday, April 19, 2021.

Board members unanimously agreed that the single desk option is good, forward-thinking investment for the District. Board members also agreed to move forward with full-time in-person instruction beginning April 19, 2021. Communication to go out to all District families later today.

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Walters adjourned the meeting at 12:55 P.M.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2021. Closed Session begins at 6:00 P.M. Open Session begins at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom teleconference.



Board Clerk



Secretary