



**NEWHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 Regular Meeting of the Governing Board  
 September 29, 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 6:01 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 and Solomon

Board Members absent: Talley and Walters

Cabinet Members present: Jamison, Montemayor, Pelzel and Staszewski

There were no public comments on Closed Session items.

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

Board Member Talley joined at 6:10 P.M. due to technical issues

Board Member Walters joined at 6:20 P.M. due to technical issues

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: Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Conference with Legal Counsel: Anticipated Litigation: Government Code Sections 54954.5(c) and 54956.9(d)(2) and (4) and (e)(1): Two Possible Cases

Superintendent Evaluation

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Board members returned to Public Session at 7:00 P.M.

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

Board Member Talley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PLEDGE**

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

**AGENDA**

Approved the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of September 1, 2020  
M/S/C – (Rose/Walters)  
Vote: 5-0  
Roll call vote:  
Rose – Aye  
Smith – Aye  
Solomon – Aye  
Talley – Aye  
Walters – Aye

**MINUTES**

Approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 15, 2020 with corrections requested by Board members  
M/S/C – (Talley/Smith)  
Vote: 5-0  
Roll call vote:  
Rose – Aye  
Smith – Aye  
Solomon – Aye  
Talley – Aye  
Walters – Aye

Approved the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of September 17, 2020 with corrections requested by Board members  
M/S/C – (Smith/Talley)  
Vote: 5-0  
Roll call vote:  
Rose – Aye  
Smith – Aye  
Solomon – Aye  
Talley – Aye  
Walters – Aye

Approved the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of September 18, 2020 with corrections requested by Board members  
M/S/C – (Rose/Walters)  
Vote: 5-0  
Roll call vote:  
Rose – Aye  
Smith – Aye  
Solomon – Aye  
Talley – Aye  
Walters – Aye

Approved the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of September 21, 2020  
M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)

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

Approved the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of September 22, 2020  
M/S/C – (Talley/Smith)

Vote: 4-0-1  
Roll call vote:  
Rose – Abstain  
Smith – Aye  
Solomon – Aye  
Talley – Aye  
Walters – Aye

Approved the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of September 23, 2020 with corrections requested by Board members

M/S/C – (Rose/Walters)

Vote: 4-0-1  
Roll call vote:  
Rose – Aye  
Smith – Aye  
Solomon – Aye  
Talley – Abstain  
Walters – Aye

Approved the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of September 25, 2020

M/S/C – (Rose/Smith)

Vote: 3-0-2  
Roll call vote:  
Rose – Aye  
Smith – Aye  
Solomon – Aye  
Talley – Abstain  
Walters – Abstain

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS**

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- Board members wished fellow Board member Isaiah Talley a happy birthday;
- Superintendent Pelzel commended Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sheri Staszewski, I.T. Manager Ken McGaffee and the I.T. team for the work done to get the District back up and running after the recent ransomware incident;
- Superintendent Pelzel thanked Board members for taking time out of their schedules to attend several Special Board meetings in last week.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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District teacher Caryn O’Neill expressed to the Board her concerns and frustrations on the processes and procedures currently in place for the Distance Learning Academies.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**PUBLIC INTEREST**

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Business Services**

Approved purchase orders through #M21-001; B warrants 20126358 - 20128911; all payroll warrants issued through September 28, 2020.

Approved Gift Report #20/21-5

**Human Resources**

Approved Personnel Report #20/21-6

Approved items on the Consent Calendar

M/S/C – (Walters/Smith)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

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**

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sheri Staszewski updated the Board on year-to-date funding and expenditures related to COVID-19. With expenditure deadlines approaching, District staff discussions are under way to determine the best course to expend funds.

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sheri Staszewski presented the Santa Clarita Valey School Food Services Agency (SCVSFSA) 2019-2020 Annual Report. Considering the affects COVID-19 had on meal distribution services, the District's

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**PUBLIC INTEREST**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**B WARRANTS**

**GIFT REPORT**

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

**COVID-19 FUNDING & EXPENDITURE UPDATE**

**SCVSFSA ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20**

ending fund balance did not include a loss. SCVSFSA has also reported significant growth in meal distributions over the recent months, especially at our Title 1 sites.

Board members commended SCVSFSA staff for continuing to provide meals to all children 18 years and younger.

Authorized staff to proceed procuring additional network equipment up to \$100K to improve District systems in light of the recent cyber security attack that transpired.  
M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)

**ADDITIONAL  
NETWORK  
EQUIPMENT**

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

Approved Quality Rating and Improvement System Block Grants for Newhall Elementary, McGrath Elementary, and Peachland Elementary State Preschools

**PRE-K BLOCK  
GRANTS**

M/S/C – (Rose/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

American Business Solutions (AMS) representative Omar Nesheiwat addressed the Board over concerns with the District’s recent copier lease and maintenance proposal and bid process. Mr. Nesheiwat requested the Board allow AMS the opportunity to propose a like-for-like comparison and bid.

**IMAGE 2000 COPIER  
LEASE &  
MAINTENANCE  
SERVICE**

Board members discussed in length options that are in the best interest of the District, including cost savings and practices districts must follow for the proposal process.

Approved copier lease and maintenance services with Image 2000. Board members directed staff to ensure the contract includes a clause that allows the District to terminate for cause if specified services are not met.

M/S/C – (Walters/Rose)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

**Curriculum/Instructional Services**

Approved the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for 2020-21, including recommendations from LACOE integrated in the plan

**2020-21 LEARNING  
CONTINUITY &  
ATTENDANCE PLAN**

M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

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

BP and AR 6112: School Day will be brought back to the October 13, 2020 Board meeting for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

**BP/AR 6112: SCHOOL DAY**

**Human Resources**

Approved revised substitute teacher/supplementary salary schedule during COVID 19/Distance Learning. Board members recommended staff utilize COVID-19 related budgets to fund the difference in costs.

**SUBSTITUTE SALARY SCHEDULE DURING COVID-19**

M/S/C – (Rose/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

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

**Administrative Services**

Superintendent Pelzel shared that L.A. County Board Supervisors approved a motion by Supervisor Kathryn Barger that will enable elementary school districts to begin applying for waivers to reopen grades TK – 2 in schools, regardless of tiered status for the county. Mr. Pelzel also asked Board members to consider in-person small cohorts in targeted programs like the SHINE, Severe SDC and Dual Language Immersion programs.

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

Superintendent Pelzel will also send out a Distance Learning feedback parent survey the week of October 9<sup>th</sup> and share the results at the October 21<sup>st</sup> District Parent Engagement Night. Board members directed Superintendent Pelzel to include a question on parent support in the survey.

Board members agreed for the District to move forward with in-person small cohort instruction and take necessary steps to apply for waivers for all sites immediately.

Approved Resolution #20/21-9: Declaring October 11 -17, 2020 as “Week of the School Administrator”. Board members were invited to join the October 9<sup>th</sup> Admin Collaborative to commend staff.

**RESOLUTION #20/21-9: “WEEK OF SCHOOL AMDINISTRATOR”**

M/S/C – (Talley/Smith)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

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

Approved adoption of the District's draft response to the Civil Grand Jury Report "A Diet for Landfills: Cutting Down on Food Waste" sent to all Los Angeles County School Districts **CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT**

M/S/C – (Talley/Smith)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

Approved and waived second and third readings of BP 0420.42: Charter Schools

**BP 0420.42:  
CHARTER SCHOOLS**

M/S/C – (Walters/Rose)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

Approved and waived second and third readings of BP 0420.43: Charter School Revocation

**BP 0420.42:  
CHARTER SCHOOL  
REVOCATION**

M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

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

SIM-PBK Facilities Master Plan Presentation  
FMO Summer Project Presentation

**ADJOURNMENT**


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Board President Solomon adjourned the meeting at 9:47 P.M.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for October 13, 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.



Secretary to the Board



Clerk of the Board

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