

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Solomon called the Regular meeting of the Governing Board to order at 6:02 PM.

B. ROLL CALL: Rachele Haddoak, Donna Robert, Ernesto Smith, Suzan Solomon, Isaiah Talley

Board members Haddoak, Robert, Smith, Solomon, and Talley were present.

Cabinet members Avanesyans, Montemayor, Peattie, and Hernandez 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 PM.

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

2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations - Negotiator for the District Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

E. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Board members returned to Regular Session at 7:06 PM.

F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Suzan Solomon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 – 0

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 9, 2024

Minutes approved.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 4 – 0 – 1

J. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board member Robert attended school events hosted by Peachland, Meadows and Pico Canyon Elementary Schools and shared it was nice to see families enjoying themselves among their school communities;
- Board member Haddoak attended the recent SELPA meeting;
- Board member Haddoak invited the public to attend the upcoming Family Resource Fair on May 16, 2024, from 3:30 – 5:00 PM at Wiley Canyon Elementary;
- Board President Solomon shared the SCV Trustees Association will be meeting on April 29th in Castaic. New legislation on inclusion models will be an item of discussion;
- Board member Robert shared she recently attended the Los Angeles County Trustees meeting and shared there are new requirements for Board members to take an ethics course bi-annually;
- Dr. Hernandez welcomed administrators, teachers, and parents in attendance.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

District parents Rose Lee and Robert Reyes addressed the Board over their concerns about inequities in the District's Universal PreKindergarten ("UPK") guidelines and children who miss the cutoff for UPK due to their birthdates.

L. CORRESPONDENCE**1. Second Interim Certification Letter from LACOE**

The Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools reviewed Newhall School District's Second Interim Report and gave the District a positive certification.

M. PUBLIC INTEREST**1. Recognition of Classified Employee of the Month**

Congratulations to Stevenson Ranch Elementary School's Behavior Support Specialist Kimberly Allen, who was nominated by her peers as the Newhall School District's Classified Employee of the Month.

2. Be GLAD Presentation

GLAD or Guided Language Acquisition Design is a teaching model that uses specific strategies to develop language acquisition and literacy. The District's eight classroom teachers who are certified Be GLAD trainers described GLAD, the history of GLAD in the District, and the plan for professional development for teachers to use these strategies.

N. CONSENT CALENDAR**1. Removal of Items From the Consent Calendar**

No items were removed.

2. Consideration of Approving Items on the Consent Calendar

Consent Calendar approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

3. Consent Calendar- Business Services

i. Consideration of Approving Purchase Orders, B Warrants and Payroll Warrants

ii. Consideration of Approving Gift Report #23/24-16

iii. Consideration of Approving District Recurring Contracts

4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources

i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #23/24-18

O. STAFF REPORTS**1. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services**

i. Consideration of Approving Dr. J. Michael McGrath Elementary School's Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)

McGrath Elementary School's SPSA has been developed by the staff and approved by the School Site Council.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 – 0

ii. **Consideration of Approving Oak Hills Elementary School's Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)**

Oak Hills Elementary School's SPSA has been developed by the staff and approved by the School Site Council.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 5 – 0

iii. **Consideration of Approving Wiley Canyon Elementary School's Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)**

Wiley Canyon Elementary School's SPSA has been developed by the staff and approved by the School Site Council.

Item approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 5 – 0

iv. **Presentation of CA Proposition 28 Art and Music K-12 Education Funding Initiative**

Proposition 28 was passed by voters to provide ongoing, additional funding for the arts. The funds are allocated to school sites to increase current arts education spending by supplementing district-provided arts programming. Director of Instruction, Assessment, & Accountability Chad Rose gave an overview of site plans and how those plans add to our existing arts education programs.

v. **Consideration of Approving Instructional Services Board Policies - First Reading**

Administrative Regulation 5148.3 approved with suggested edits and waived additional readings.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 - 0

Board Policy 6170.1 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 - 0

Although the vote was unanimous, the Board held a lengthy conversation about the state's Universal PreKindergarten ("UPK" aka TK) mandates on school districts.

2. **Staff Reports- Business Services**

i. **Consideration of Approving McGrath Handball Court Mural Project**

The proposed design highlights the school-wide expectations: be safe, be responsible, be respectful. These messages support the PBIS program implementation and serve as reminders to students as they enjoy their free play.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 – 0

ii. **Consideration of Approving Construction of a Garden on Meadows Elementary School Campus**

The garden would consist of six raised garden beds, seating, tables and other items necessary to maintain a garden. This project will not require any change to the hard-

scape of the campus.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 – 0

iii. Consideration of Approving Pico Canyon Handball Court Mural Project

The proposed design highlights the school-wide expectations: be safe, be responsible, be respectful. These messages support the PBIS program implementation and serve as reminders to students as they enjoy their free play.

Item approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

3. Staff Reports- Student Support Services

i. Consideration of Approving Resolution #23/24-19 Recognizing May 8, 2024 as National School Nurse Day

National School Nurse Day will be celebrated on May 8, 2024, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of professional school nurses.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 5 – 0

ii. Consideration of Approving Los Angeles County Plan for Expelled Students

The County Superintendent of School, in conjunction with school districts within the County, must develop a plan for providing education services to expelled students. The Los Angeles County Office of Education developed a plan, which provides a basic overview of how these mandates have been addressed in Los Angeles County to ensure the needs of all expelled students are addressed.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 5 – 0

iii. Consideration of Approving 2023-2024 Personal Services Contract with Dana Chidekel, Ph.D., A Psychological Corporation

Item approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

4. Staff Reports-Administrative Services

i. Consideration of Approving Travel and Related Expenses to CALSA Summer Institute in San Diego, California for Newhall Elementary Principal

The Institute provides a platform for principals to identify and address barriers hindering academic success and the social-emotional well-being of all students, particularly our Latino youth.

Offer to other site administrators.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

ii. **Consideration of Approving Resolution #23/24-20 Declaring May 6 - 10, 2024 as "Teacher Appreciation Week"**

In honor of our dedicated teachers, the Governing Board recognized its outstanding teachers and declared May 6 - 10, 2024 as "Teacher Appreciation Week".

Item approved.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 – 0

iii. **Consideration of Approving Annual 6th Grade End-of-Year Pool Parties for Newhall, Old Orchard, Peachland, Wiley Canyon, and Valencia Valley Schools**

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

iv. **Board and Cabinet Member Attendance at June 6, 2024 6th Grade Promotions**

Board and Cabinet Members agreed to the following assignments:

Site	Time	Location	Board/Cabinet Member
McGrath	11:00 AM	Newhall Family Theatre	Suzan Solomon, Ernesto Smith, Isaiah Talley
Meadows	8:15 AM	Meadows Park	Ernesto Smith
Newhall	8:30 AM	Newhall Family Theatre	Kate Peattie
Oak Hills	8:30 AM	MPR	Arik Avanesyans
Old Orchard	8:30 AM	MPR	Rachelle Haddoak
Peachland	8:30 AM	Upper Field	Suzan Solomon
Pico Canyon	8:30 AM	Blacktops	Chad Rose
Stevenson Ranch	8:30 AM	Rancho Pico Junior High	Amanda Montemayor, Isaiah Talley
Valencia Valley	8:30 AM	Playground	Gina Ramallo
Wiley Canyon	8:45 AM	MPR	Dr. Leticia Hernandez

v. **Consideration of Approving Resolution #23/24-21 Regarding the Absence of Board Member Solomon at the April 9, 2024 Board Meeting**

Item approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 4 – 0 - 1

vi. **Consideration of Approving Administrative Services Board Policies - First Reading**

Board Bylaw 9320 approved with suggested edits and waived additional readings.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 - 0

Board Bylaw 9323.2 approved with suggested edits and waived additional readings.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 5 - 0

Exhibit (1) 9323.2 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 - 0

5. **Staff Reports- Human Resources**

i. **Consideration of Approving Hope International University Agreement**

Hope International University seeks to provide teaching experience through practice teaching in schools and classes of the District under the direct supervision and

instruction of employees of the District.

Item approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

P. AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

None.

Q. ADJOURN TO SECOND CLOSED SESSION

Second Closed Session was not held.


R. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Solomon adjourned the meeting at 10:41 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2024. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM.
Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



Ernesto Smith, Governing Board Clerk



Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary