

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Rose called the Regular meeting of the Governing Board to order at 6:00 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

1. **Donna Rose, Ernesto Smith, Suzan Solomon, Isaiah Talley, Brian Walters**

Board Members Rose, Solomon and Talley were present.

Board Members Smith and Walters were absent.

All Executive 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 6:01 PM.

Board Member Walters arrived at 6:04 PM.

1. **Conference with legal counsel: existing litigation Government Code sections 54954.5 (c) and 54956.9 (d)(1): Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 21CHCV00803**
2. **1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9: Potential Litigation - Case #18/19-04**
3. **Conference with legal counsel—existing litigation (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of case: OAH Special Education Due Process Case No. 2022020207**
4. **Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee- Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release of an Employee**
5. **Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations - Negotiator for the District Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources**

E. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Board members returned to Public Session at 7:00 PM.

F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Board President Rose announced that in closed session, the Board approved a settlement agreement in OAH Special Education Due Process Case No. 2022020207, pursuant to which the District, without admission of fault, has agreed to fund and provide 1:1 educational services in the areas of academic tutoring and speech and language, and reimburse attorney's fees in an amount not to exceed \$4,800, in consideration of a release of claims against the District. The roll call vote was as follows:

Vote: 4 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Absent

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Newhall Family Theatre Manager Tom Lund led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved with amended Personnel Report #21/22-18.

M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 4 - 0

(Smith absent)

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2022

Minutes approved.

M/S/C- (Talley/Walters)

Vote: 4 - 0

(Smith absent)

2. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 14, 2022

Minutes approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 4 - 0

(Smith absent)

J. GOVERNING BOARD AND EXECUTIVE CABINET ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board members Solomon and Rose visited preschools this past week and shared how wonderful it was observing teaching and learning in the classrooms;
- Board President Rose reminded the public to take the superintendent search online survey before the Friday, April 29th deadline at 4:00pm. Links and more information available on the NSD website;
- Superintendent Pelzel announced that all 10 NSD schools and the District were awarded the 2022 California Pivotal Practice (CAPP) Award. The CAPP program celebrate districts and schools that have completed an online application highlighting an innovative practice that was implemented during the 2020–21 school year, when California required schools to offer distance learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Congratulations to our 10 schools, the District, William S Hart Union High School District, Golden Valley High School, and La Mesa Junior High School, the only recipients in the Santa Clarita Valley;
- Board Member Walters expressed his excitement for the upcoming Open House events scheduled next week at all sites in person;
- Board Member Solomon thanked District and school staff for their efforts submitting the requirements for the CAPP award eligibility. Mrs. Solomon shared that this recognition is reflective of the deep commitment everyone has in their role creating the best learning and working environment possible.

K. PUBLIC INTEREST

1. Architect Update on Elementary School #11 Design

LPA Managing Director Steven Key provided an overview on the design of the new elementary school, including updates on the site master plan, budget and future cost estimates, and scope direction.

In response to Board member questions, Mr. Key confirmed the developer will not be building the school, but will be funding it. Escalation in the budget estimates were determined through a 3rd party estimator, taking into consideration the current market escalation.

LPA's next steps include conversations on construction methods, building materials, wind energy advantages and the safest path of travel.

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

M. CORRESPONDENCE

1. LACOE 2021-22 Second Interim Report Letter

LACOE's Second Interim report letter confirmed a positive certification.

N. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Removal of Items From the Consent Calendar

Item N.4.i: Personnel Report #21/22-18 removed for separate consideration.

2. Consideration of Approving Items on the Consent Calendar

Consent calendar approved with amended Personnel Report #21/22-18 for separate consideration.

M/S/C - (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 4 – 0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Absent

Solomon- Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters - Aye

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Amanda Montemayor announced that current Director of Instruction, Assessment and Accountability, Kate Peattie, has been selected as the next Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services for the District. Congratulations to Ms. Peattie!

Amended Personnel Report #21/22-18 approved.

M/S/C - (Solomon/Walters)

Vote: 4 – 0

3. Consent Calendar- Business Services

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

ii. Consideration of Approving Recurring Contract

4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources

i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #21/22-18

5. Consent Calendar - Curriculum/Instructional Services

i. Consideration of Approving Old Orchard Elementary Counselor Staff to Attend the American School Counselor Association Conference in Austin, TX July 9-12, 2022

ii. Consideration of Approving IMSE Comprehensive Orton-Gillingham Plus Contract Agreement for Teacher Trainings Scheduled on July 25-29, 2022

6. Consent Calendar- Administrative Services

- i. **Consideration of Approving Annual 6th Grade Student Pool Parties for Old Orchard, Peachland, Wiley Canyon, and Valencia Valley**

O. STAFF REPORTS

1. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services

- i. **Presentation of RTI Reading Intervention Program at Old Orchard Elementary**
Old Orchard Elementary Principal Daria Ramirez and site intervention staff provided an update on their intervention progress, as well as, the work of teams and the student outcomes as a result of their intervention cycles. Old Orchard is a unique site as it provides supports in both English and Spanish for its Dual Language Immersion (DLI) students. Old Orchard honored a student for his efforts and progress this year.

Board members commended Ms. Ramirez and the Old Orchard staff for their passion and commitment and for helping develop bi-literacy and a social connection on both sides. It is wonderful seeing progression, enthusiasm, compassion and impact the DLI program has on its families.

Board Member Smith arrived at 8:06 PM

- ii. **Consideration of Approving Contract with Patty Maxfield for Facilitation of Leadership Growth Implementation 5D, 5D+, and Feedback Cycles**

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0

- iii. **Consideration of Authorizing Purchase of New Lighting Equipment for the Newhall Family Theatre from Acey Decy Lighting**

Theatre Manager Tom Lund asked to provide installation warranty details.

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Walters/Solomon)

Vote: 5 – 0

2. Staff Reports-Administrative Services

- i. **A2A Presentation and Consideration of Renewing Contract with School Innovations and Achievement for 2022-23 School Year**

Nick Gilstrap from School Innovations and Achievement ("A2A") provided the Board with an updated on the impact of A2A has had on districtwide attendance since implementation in December 2021, including attendance processes, important attendance data trends and metrics included in the LCAP.

Staff present in the audience shared overall positive feedback on the software and the numerous features offered.

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0

- ii. **Consideration of Approving Resolution #21/22-20 Declaring May 2 - 6, 2022 as "Teacher Appreciation Week"**

Board members commended teachers for all the work they accomplish throughout the school year. Teachers are constantly on the frontline and are the core of what makes NSD amazing. The Board feels exceptionally grateful for their efforts.

Item approved.
 M/S/C - (Solomon/Walters)
 Vote: 5 – 0

- iii. **Board and Cabinet Member Attendance at June 9, 2022 6th Grade Promotions**
 Board and Cabinet members agreed on the following schedule for Thursday, June 9, 2022:

Site	Time	Board/Cabinet Member
Meadows	8:15 AM	Ernesto Smith
Newhall	8:30 AM	Sue Solomon
Oak Hills	8:30 AM	Dee Jamison
Old Orchard	8:30 AM	Donna Rose
Peachland	8:30 AM	Isaiah Talley
Pico Canyon	8:00 AM	Amanda Montemayor
Stevenson Ranch (Held at Rancho Pico)	8:30 AM	Sheri Staszewski
Valencia Valley	8:30 AM	Jeff Pelzel
Wiley Canyon	8:30 AM	Brian Walters
McGrath	6:00 PM	Sue Solomon / Jeff Pelzel

3. Staff Reports- Human Resources

- i. **Presentation and Consideration of Approving Human Resources Restructure - Job Description and Salary Schedule Updates**

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Amanda Montemayor presented a proposed HR restructure that will help maximize efficiency and costs. Various members of the department will take on permanent job duties added to their job description from the one position that is being decreased. The redistribution of duties will include a 3% salary increase for those positions. The overall restructure will save the District at least \$33,000 annually.

Item approved.
 M/S/C - (Walters/Solomon)
 Vote: 5 – 0

- ii. **Consideration of Approval of Job Description: Coordinator of Student Support Services Edits**

As currently written, the position requirements include a Master’s Degree in specific areas and requires an education specialist credential. In an attempt to draw in a greater pool, the Master’s Degree requirement will be eliminated and a California General Education credential has been added to the job description for consideration.

Item approved.
 M/S/C - (Walters/Talley)
 Vote: 5 – 0

4. Staff Reports- Business Services

- i. **Discussion and Approval to Hold a Special Board Meeting on May 3 or 17, 2022 for the Selection of a Construction Management Firm**

Board members agreed to include the item on the scheduled May 10, 2022 regular meeting. Closed Session will begin at 6:00 PM, followed by Open

Session at 6:30 PM.

- ii. **Consideration of Approving Bus Painting Services, Marathon Industries, Inc.**
Item approved.
M/S/C - (Walters/Solomon)
Vote: 5 – 0

P. AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

- May 31, 2022: Special Board Meeting - 6:00 - 9:00 PM
- June 11, 2022: Special Board Meeting - 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM (tentative times)
- June 28, 2022: Regular Board Meeting to include final LCAP and adopted budget


Q. ADJOURN TO CONTINUATION OF CLOSED SESSION

There was no continuation of Closed Session.

R. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Rose adjourned the meeting at 9:06 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2022. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



Board Clerk



Secretary