

## MEETING MINUTES

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

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

Board member Haddoak was absent.

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 7:05 PM.

**F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

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

**G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Superintendent Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Agenda approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 4 – 0

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2024

Minutes approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 4 – 0

**J. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Board President Solomon welcomed the District community back to school and shared it has been wonderful to see children and staff engaged. Mrs. Solomon complimented teachers and staff for their patience and understanding at the beginning of the year and looks forward to future site visits;
- Superintendent Hernandez thanked all classified and certificated staff for a smooth start to the new year. The District is happy to welcome about 6,000 students to the 2024-2025 school year.

**K. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

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

Congratulations to English Language Accountability Assistant Maria Martinez, who was nominated by her District Office peers as the Newhall School District's Classified Employee of the Month.

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

No items removed.

**2. Consideration of Approving Items on the Consent Calendar**

Consent Calendar approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 4 – 0

Roll call vote:

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 District Recurring Contracts****4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources****i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #24/25-03****N. STAFF REPORTS****1. Staff Reports- Student Support Services****i. Consideration of Approving Student Support Services Board Policy - First Reading**

Board Policy 6164.2 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 4 - 0

**2. Staff Reports- Business Services****i. Presentation of Facilities Department Summer Projects**

Director of Facilities, Maintenance, & Operations Fred Palmer shared an overview of the projects completed over the summer including staff training, installing new HVAC units at Stevenson Ranch and Old Orchard, annual inspections, asphalt repairs at Pico Canyon, new preschool playgrounds at Newhall and Peachland, and tree trimming throughout the District. Mr. Palmer also shared that staff were able to complete 703 work orders over the summer.

**ii. Consideration of Approving Purchase of New Trailer for Grounds**

Purchasing a new trailer is necessary for daily productivity and crucial for the safety of employees and the community we serve.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 4 – 0

**iii. Consideration of Approving Purchase of Two Riding Mowers**

To maintain daily productivity, it is essential to purchase new mowers.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 4 – 0

**iv. Consideration of Granting Permission to go to Bid for Audio/Visual Systems**

All of the Newhall School District's Multipurpose Rooms need Audio/Visual Equipment replacement or upgrades.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 4 – 0

**v. Consideration of Approving Relocation of Fence at Old Orchard**

The fence line, as currently constructed, does not provide an adequate playground for students of Old Orchard Elementary. In addition, the school's emergency supply bin falls outside the fence line, necessitating staff to cross the gate to access the bin.

For years, the city has used the District's portion of the land for recreational field use and the District is ready to reclaim its property for student use.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 4 – 0

**vi. Consideration of Approving Purchase of New Lunch Tables for Old Orchard and Wiley Canyon**

Due to their age and frequent failures, the tables at Old Orchard and Wiley Canyon pose a significant safety hazard, with the potential to cause injury to employees and students. Replacing them is necessary to ensure a safe and functional environment.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 4 – 0

**vii. Consideration of Approving Business Services Board Policies- First Reading**

Board Policy 7214 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 4 - 0

Administrative Regulation 7214 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 4 - 0

**3. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services****i. Presentation of Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Addendum**

Director of Instruction, Assessment, & Accountability Chad Rose shared the addendum is an update of the previously Board-approved LCAP Federal Addendum from 2019. This revised version reflects the Newhall School District's 2024-2027 Local Control Accountability Plan changes.

Addendum approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith  
Vote: 4 – 0

**ii. Preliminary State Testing Results for the 2023-2024 School Year**

Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services Kate Peattie presented the preliminary summary data from the 2023-2024 school year and the ongoing actions to address all students' needs in the current school year. Public school students across California take a series of state assessments annually to measure academic progress.

**4. Staff Reports-Administrative Services**

**i. Discussion on Board Bylaw 9323: Meeting Conduct**

Board President Solomon proposed the Board consider changing individual public comment time during Board meetings from two to three minutes. Board members also discussed increasing the total public comment time from twenty to twenty-one minutes.

Board President Solomon entertained a motion to change Board Policy 9323 to reflect individual public speaker time as 3 minutes, total public speaker time as 21 minutes, and waive additional readings.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 4 - 0

Board President Solomon asked the Board members to consider reinstating the practice of public speakers yielding time for flexibility. Board members will revisit the topic at a future Board meeting.

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

Board Bylaw 9220 will be brought back for second reading.

Board Bylaw 9223 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 4 - 0

**5. Staff Reports- Human Resources**

**i. Consideration of Accepting Newhall Employee Support Professionals (NESP) Proposal for 2024/2025 Negotiations**

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 4 – 0

**ii. Consideration of Accepting Newhall Teachers' Association (NTA) Proposal for 2024/2025 Negotiations**

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 4 – 0

**iii. Consideration of Accepting the Newhall School District (NSD) 2024/2025 Contract Proposal for Newhall Employee Support Professionals (NESP)**

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 4 – 0

iv. **Consideration of Accepting the Newhall School District (NSD) 2024/2025 Contract Proposal for Newhall Teachers' Association (NTA)**

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 4 – 0

v. **Consideration of Approving Emerson College Clinical Affiliation Agreement**

Emerson College is seeking approval to provide clinical experience in the counseling program. A NSD counselor would supervise students in the program during their clinical learning experience.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 4 – 0

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

- Governing Board Workshops

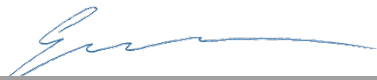
**P. ADJOURN TO SECOND CLOSED SESSION**

Second Closed Session was not held.

**Q. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Solomon adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2024. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



Ernesto Smith, Governing Board Clerk



Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary