

Meeting Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Walters called the Regular meeting of the Governing Board to order at 6:01 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

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

All Board Members were present.

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 6:02 PM.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION Case No. 2021070959

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

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

4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations - Negotiator for the District Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Sheri Staszewski, Assistant Superintendent Business Services

Board and Cabinet members recessed at 6:31 PM to conduct the annual Organizational Meeting scheduled at 6:30 PM.

E. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

The meeting reconvened to Regular Public Session at 7:07 PM with Donna Rose as the new Governing Board President and Ernesto Smith as the Governing Board Clerk.

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. 2021070959, 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, occupational therapy, and speech and language, and reimburse attorneys fees in an amount not to exceed \$6,750, in consideration of a release of claims against the District. The roll call vote was as follows:

M/S/C – (Rose/Solomon)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon- Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

Board President Rose also announced that in closed session the Board approved a settlement agreement to resolve a potential special education due process filing, 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 reimburse attorneys fees in an amount not to exceed \$3,250, in consideration of a release of claims against the District. The roll call vote was as follows:

M/S/C – (Solomon/Smith)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon- Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Newhall Elementary Principal Jackeline Tapia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved.

M/S/C – (Walters/Solomon)

Vote: 5-0

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2021

Minutes approved.

M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

J. GOVERNING BOARD AND EXECUTIVE CABINET ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board member Solomon participated in recent District Support Team Meetings and was pleased with the discussions and progress to date;
- The music staff was commended for celebrating student growth process throughout schools by using different approaches during the pandemic; staff was encouraged to listen to caroling performances by students;
- The Boys and Girls Club awarded NSD with the 2021 Samuel Dixon Legacy Award for its partnership to support student learning during the 2020 school year;
- Cabinet and Board members wished staff a wonderful and restful holiday break;
- Board member Solomon and Newhall Elementary administrators attended the Capturing Kids Hearts conference in Anaheim, CA and enjoyed the positivity aspect that is truly needed for children at this time.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS -

There were no public comments.

L. PUBLIC INTEREST

1. Raising the Curtain Foundation Update

Foundation President Carol Rock provided the Governing Board with an update on the efforts of the Foundation and the plans for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

2. Recognition of District Recipients of the 2021-22 Santa Clarita Valley Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Awards

Meadows Elementary Principal Janette Van Gelderen and Peachland Elementary Principal Diana Stenroos presented awards to the 2021-2022 Santa Clarita Valley Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) District nominees.

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.
M/S/C- (Solomon/Smith)
Vote: 5 - 0
Roll call vote:
Rose – Aye
Smith – Aye
Solomon- Aye
Talley – Aye
Walters – Aye
- 3. Consent Calendar- Business Services**
 - i. Consideration of Approving Purchase Orders, B Warrants and Payroll Warrants**
 - ii. Consideration of Approving Gift Report #21/22-9**
 - iii. Consideration of Approving the Salvage Report**
 - iv. Consideration of Approving Recurring Contract**
- 4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources**
 - i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #21/22-10**
- 5. Consent Calendar- Student Support Services**
 - i. Consideration of Approving Amended 2021-2022 Master Contract with S.T.A.R. Academy - Haynes Family of Programs**
- 6. Consent Calendar - Curriculum/Instructional Services**
 - i. Consideration of Approving Nearpod Premium Plus**
 - ii. Consideration of Approving the Ellevation Math Extension**
 - iii. Consideration of Approving the 2021 - 2022 California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) Memorandum of Understanding**
 - iv. Consideration of Approving Nearpod English Learner**

N. STAFF REPORTS

- 1. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services**
 - i. Presentation on Site Reading Intervention Programs (RTI) for Wiley Canyon Elementary and Newhall Elementary Schools**
Newhall and Wiley Canyon Elementary staff update the Board on the work of their Learning Support Teacher and RTI teams to improve student outcomes during their first few intervention cycles.

Board members and Superintendent Pelzel commended staff on the progress thus far

and shared how rewarding it is to see student succeed.

Board and Cabinet members took a recess at 8:19 PM.

Regular Public Session resumed at 8:23 PM.

- ii. **Consideration of approving the plan for Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Funds**
Item approved.
M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)
Vote: 5 - 0

2. Staff Reports- Business Services

- i. **Conduct Public Hearing Regarding the Preliminary Environmental Assessment for Proposed School Site in the Mission Village Portion of Newhall Ranch**
Board President Rose opened the public hearing at 8:24 P.M.

The Board did not receive any public comments.

Board President Rose closed the public hearing at 8:25 P.M.

- ii. **Consideration of Approving Resolution #21/22-13 Authorizing the Transmission to the Department of Toxic Substances Control of All Public Comments Received by the District In Regard to the Preliminary Endangerment Assessment for the Proposed School Site in the Mission Village Portion of Newhall Ranch**

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Solomon)

Vote: 5 - 0

- iii. **Consideration of Approving the Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) Supplementary Retirement Plan for Certificated Non-Management Employees**
Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sheri Staszewski shared that 24 out of 60 eligible individuals opted to participate in the program. This program will generate significant savings for the District.

PARS staff will return in January to share incentive options for the Board to consider for other employee groups.

Board members shared concerns over the historical knowledge that will be lost when numerous individuals with significant year of service retire simultaneously.

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Smith)

Vote: 5 - 0

- iv. **Consideration of Approving First Interim Budget Report for the 2021-22 Fiscal Year**
Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sheri Staszewski and Director of Fiscal Services Kevin Vensko provided an in-depth First Interim report to the Board.

Staff reminded the Board that while the budget projections look good, this does not include any negotiated salary increases for this year or future years.

Board members inquired on projections from new development home sales. Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sheri Staszewski shared that updated date should come in sometime in February.

Approved First Interim Report for 2020-21
M/S/C- (Talley/Smith)
Vote: 5 – 0

- v. **Conduct Public Hearing Regarding Five-Year Developer Fees**
Board President Rose opened the public hearing at 9:04 P.M.

The Board did not receive any public comments.

Board President Rose closed the public hearing at 9:04 P.M.

- vi. **Consideration of Approving Resolution #21/22-14 Annual and Five-Year Reportable Developer Fees Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

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

- vii. **Consideration of Approving a Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions, Form J-13A for McGrath, Newhall, Oak Hills, Old Orchard, Peachland, Pico Canyon, Stevenson Ranch, Valencia Valley, and Wiley Canyon Elementary**

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

- viii. **Annual Investment Report**

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sheri Staszewski shared that per Board Policy 3430 and Government Code 53646, the District shall annually provide the Governing Board the county's investment policy based on all surplus funds being invested with the county treasurer. 100% of NSD's funds are invested in the L.A. County Treasury.

3. Staff Reports- Student Support Services

- i. **Consideration of Approving Request to Purchase Equipment and Materials for Sensory Room at Pico Canyon Elementary**

In response to Board member inquiries, Executive Director Gina Ramallo shared that new equipment will be stored indoors in a designated classroom.

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

4. Staff Reports- Human Resources

- i. **Consideration of Approving UMASS Global Agreement**

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

- ii. **Consideration of Approving Revised Job Description for Coordinator of Student Support Services**

Item approved with grammatical amendments.
M/S/C- (Solomon/Smith)
Vote: 5 – 0

5. Staff Reports-Administrative Services

i. Consideration of Approving Resolution #21/22-15: Continuing Authority to Hold Virtual Meetings Pursuant to AB 361 and Allowing Virtual Public Comments

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Smith)

Vote: 5 – 0

ii. CSBA Conference Debrief

Board and Cabinet members shared information on the different workshops they attended at the CSBA Annual Education Conference in San Diego.

O. AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

- Marketing campaign discussions
- Consider writing a letter as a follow-up to Governor Newsom Resolution #21/22-11: Rescinding COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate
- ASCIP Know-Go program

P. ADJOURN TO CONTINUATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Board members resumed Closed Session at 9:46 P.M. to discuss previously stated closed session items.

Q. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Board Members returned to Public Session at 10:55 PM.

R. REPORT OUT OF SECOND CLOSED SESSION

Board President Rose announced that no actions were taken in second Closed Session.

S. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Rose adjourned the meeting at 10:56 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2022. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



Board Clerk



Secretary