

Meeting Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. ROLL CALL

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

Board Members Rose, Smith, Solomon and Talley were present.

Board Member Walters was absent

All Executive Cabinet Members were present.

Board member Walters arrived at 6:10 PM.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no public comments.

D. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

1. Superintendent Evaluation: 2021-2022 Mid-Year Superintendent Goals Update

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

3. 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 7:09 PM.

F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Board President Rose announced that the Board took no action in Closed Session, but the Governing Board would need to go into a 2nd Closed Session.

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

34th District PTA Secretary Heather Ippolito led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2022

Minutes approved with amendments as stated.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

J. GOVERNING BOARD AND EXECUTIVE CABINET ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board member Solomon participated in Wiley Canyon's District Support Staff meeting and shared her appreciation for the discussions held between site and district staff on strategies to improve student learning. Mrs. Solomon will also attend the Newhall meeting on February 23rd and the McGrath meeting on February 24th;

- Board members Rose and Solomon visited Old Orchard Elementary and were impressed with the DLI program's progression. They also visited Stevenson Ranch Elementary and thanked teachers and students for the warm welcome. Mrs. Rose commented on Stevenson Ranch's well-organized runners club program for students.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NTA Co-President Hillary Hall addressed her concerns and frustrations with the Board over actions taken by some members who removed their masks during the last meeting. Ms. Hall shared breaking state and county mandates when in an elected position could result in negative perceptions and feelings from families.

District parents Falon Koontz, Lisa Howard and Martha Aguilera expressed their concerns and frustrations with the County's continued masking mandates.

District parents Adriana Conrad and Suverna Mistry also addressed the Board with concerns over masking mandates and requested the Board add an item to the next agenda discussing masking mandate practices that would allow for a student-focused, inclusive policy and accommodate children in the classroom in other ways. Their theme was "educate" not "eliminate".

L. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

M. PUBLIC INTEREST

1. Consideration of Approving Resolution No. 21/22-17: Celebrating 125th Anniversary of PTA and Recognition of Newhall School District's 8 PTAs

On the 125th Anniversary of the Parent Teacher Association, Board member Solomon commended the 9 NSD PTAs, SCV Council PTA and 34th District PTA for promoting, advocating and enriching the lives of children, families and educators across the Santa Clarita Valley.

Fellow Board members also expressed their gratefulness to all PTAs for their continued support and efforts.

Santa Clarita Valley Council PTA member Leslie Powell thanked the Newhall School District Governing Board for their collaboration and for celebrating this momentous anniversary via Resolution #21/22-17.

Resolution approved, designating and recognizing February 17th as California State PTA Day.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Walters)

Vote: 5 - 0

2. Update Regarding 2021/2022 District Marketing Campaign and Considerations for the Remainder of the Campaign

Jill Mellady of Mellady Marketing provided a campaign update, including new and future advertising initiatives targeting families who are moving to the new Five Points development and the Santa Clarita Valley.

After sharing promotional materials for the new campaign, Board members provided suggestions on language to include.

In response to Board member questions, Ms. Mellady shared that costs for the new campaign are included in the District's approved contract. Mellady will also look into resuming advertising in movie theaters and begin capturing QR code impressions moving

forward.

Board members were appreciative of Ms. Mellady's ideas and efforts to capture new leads.

N. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Removal of Items From the Consent Calendar

No items removed.

2. Consideration of Approving Items on the Consent Calendar

M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)

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 #21/22-11

4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources

i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #21/22-14

O. STAFF REPORTS

1. Staff Reports- Student Support Services

i. Consideration of Approving 2021-2022 Contract with Care Solace for Mental Health Resources Assistance for District Families

Executive Director of Student Support Services Gina Ramallo provided an overview of the services included in the contract. Care Solace will assist District families and staff in accessing mental healthcare resources. The Care Solace online platform enables the agency to work with District families and staff to connect with local mental healthcare resources on their behalf, including, but not limited to, setting up appointments directly with service providers.

Board members expressed their enthusiasm and support for these much-needed services.

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Solomon)

Vote: 5 - 0

ii. Consideration of Approving First Reading of Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6164.4: Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education

Policies approved with amendments to the Administrative Regulation and waived additional readings.

M/S/C- (Walters/Solomon)

Vote: 5 - 0

2. Staff Reports- Business Services

i. IBM Security Review Presentation

Director of Technology Ken McGaffee presented the process and results of the IBM Grant and security review, including an initial security assessment, public IP port testing, identification of possible improvement areas and data breach statistics.

Board members thanked Mr. McGaffee for the informative presentation and requested he return to a future meeting with concrete recommendations.

ii. Long Range Technology Planning and Budget Discussion

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sheri Staszewski and Director of Technology Ken McGaffee presented a long range of technology items to consider in the budget planning process, including student devices, network switches, wireless network equipment, classroom technology and servers. Cabinet members have engaged in conversations on long-term strategic plans to maintain student and classroom needs and the financial impact for future years.

Discussions held on solutions for aging student devices and classroom interactive panels.

Board members recommended staff include the replacement of 1000 Chromebooks in its current and future budget planning and to move forward with applications for e-rate funding.

iii. Consideration of Approving First Reading of Revised Board Policy 3540: Transportation

Policy approved and waived additional readings.
M/S/C- (Walters/Solomon)
Vote: 5 – 0

iv. Consideration of Declaring Board Policy AR 3540: Transportation Obsolete

Policy declared obsolete.
M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)
Vote: 5 – 0

3. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services

i. Mid-year LCAP Report

As required by Section 124(e) of Assembly Bill 130, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Dee Jamison presented on the annual update of the 2021–22 LCAP and budget overview. Mrs. Jamison's presentation included the supplement for the annual update, all available mid-year outcome data related to metrics identified, and mid-year expenditure and implementation data on all actions identified.

Board members commended Mrs. Jamison for a comprehensive presentation.

ii. Consideration of Approving Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6112: School Day

Policies approved and waived additional readings.
M/S/C- (Waters/Smith)
Vote: 5 – 0

- iii. **Consideration of Approving Revised Board Policy 6170.1: Transitional Kindergarten**
Policy approved and waived additional readings.
M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)
Vote: 5 – 0

4. **Staff Reports-Administrative Services**

- i. **Consideration of Approving Board Policy 0420.42: Charter School Renewal - First Reading**
Policy approved and waived additional readings.
M/S/C- (Walters/Smith)
Vote: 5 – 0

- ii. **Discussion and Approval of 2021-2022 School Effectiveness Survey Questions - First Reading**
Superintendent Pelzel and Board members held discussions on recommendations for the 2021-22 survey questions and agreed on language for the final draft.

Sites will be directed to push out the survey to families the week of Open House in May.

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

5. **Staff Reports- Human Resources**

- i. **Consideration of Revising Safety Supervisor Salary Schedule**
Board members recommended staff look into creative ways to promote these hard-to-fill positions.

Board members acknowledged that this position has historically been challenging to fill.

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

- ii. **Consideration of Adoption Board Policy 4114: Transfers**
Policy approved with amendments and waived additional readings.
M/S/C- (Walters/Solomon)
Vote: 5 – 0

- iii. **Consideration of Adopting Board Policy 4159/4259/4359: Employee Assistance Programs - First Reading**
Policy approved with amendment and waived additional readings.
M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)
Vote: 5 – 0

- iv. **Consideration of Restoring the School Psychologists Work Calendar to a Total of 205 Days by Adding an Additional Five (5) Days**
Item approved.
M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)
Vote: 5 – 0

v. **Consideration of Restoring Occupational Therapists Work Calendar to 205 Days by Adding An Additional Five (5) Days.**

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Smith)

Vote: 5 – 0

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

- Board members briefly discussed the topic of exploring an opportunity to educate rather than eliminate, should mandates not change and if needed.
- A formal Board meeting will not be required should protocol language change to a mask optional protocol based on the current protocols adopted on July 29, 2021. The District can move forward communicating to families immediately.
- Superintendent Pelzel asked to provide current masking policies via Friday Facts.

Q. **ADJOURN TO CONTINUATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Board members recessed at 10:04 PM

Board members resumed Closed Session at 10:22 PM to discuss previously stated closed session items.

R. **RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

Board Members returned to Public Session at 10:23 PM.

S. **REPORT OUT OF SECOND CLOSED SESSION**

Board President Rose announced that in Closed Session there was a motion by Board member Walters and seconded by Board member Talley with a 5-0 vote to direct the Superintendent or designee to release employee ending with last digits #588 effective July 1, 2022.

T. **ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Rose adjourned the meeting at 10:23 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2022. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



Board Clerk



Secretary