

Meeting Minutes (Amended)

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Rose 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**
Board Members Rose, Smith, Solomon and Talley were present.
Board Member Walters called in.
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 6:02 PM.

- 1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee- Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release of an Employee**
- 2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations - Negotiator for the District Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources**
- 3. Superintendent Evaluation: 2021-2022 Mid-Year Superintendent Goals Update**

E. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Board members returned to Public Session at 7:08 PM.

F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Board President Rose announced that the Board took no action in Closed Session.

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Learning Recovery & Instructional Tech Support Administrator Chad Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved, with amendment to move up Item N.2.i as the first item under Staff Reports.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 4 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon- Aye

Talley - Aye

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 25, 2022**
Minutes approved.
M/S/C- (Solomon/Smith)
Vote: 4 - 0

J. GOVERNING BOARD AND EXECUTIVE CABINET ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board members Solomon and Rose will resume campus visits;
- Superintendent Pelzel acknowledged the sites that participated in this weekend's City of Santa Clarita Winter Olympics. The event was well attended;
- Superintendent Pelzel thanked those education partners who attended the recent LCAP feedback sessions. The last session will be held on Wednesday, February 9th at 6:30 PM via Zoom for those who were unable to attend previously;
- Superintendent Pelzel shared details on the 2022 California Pivotal Practice Award Program. The Award is being utilized in place of the California Distinguished Schools Program to celebrate districts and schools that had an innovative practice that was implemented during the 2020–21 school year;
- Superintendent Pelzel shared that Los Angeles Department of Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer will soon provide updates on outdoor masking requirements. Updates will be shared with all families and staff;
- Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Amanda Montemayor commended all of NSD's counselors in honor of National School Counselor Week;
- Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Amanda Montemayor congratulated the 3 teachers who were recently awarded grants from the SCV Education Foundation.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Parent Suverna Mistry shared her efforts to gather signatures from parents throughout the District for an optional mask and vaccination initiative. Signatures were presented at a County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors meeting and to Los Angeles Department of Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer. Ms. Mistry also asked the Board to continue to advocate for its students and to establish protocols on how to address bullying issues when masks become optional in schools.

L. CORRESPONDENCE**1. Call for Nominees to Serve on the 2022-2024 Executive Board for the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association (LACSTA)**

Board members agreed not to submit a nomination to the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association Executive Board (LACSTA) at this time.

Board Member Solomon shared that any fellow members interested in being considered for a nomination can work directly with the organization to submit the necessary paperwork.

2. 2022 CSBA Ballot for CSBA Delegate Assembly

Board members cast their ballot for Ernesto Smith for the 2022 CSBA Delegate Assembly.

M/S/C – (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 4 – 0

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/Talley)

Vote: 4 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon- Aye

Talley – Aye

3. **Consent Calendar- Business Services**
 - i. **Consideration of Approving Purchase Orders, B Warrants and Payroll Warrants**
4. **Consent Calendar- Human Resources**
 - i. **Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #21/22-13**

N. STAFF REPORTS

2. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services

i. Learning Recovery and Technology Update

(Board members previously took action to move the item first under Staff Reports.)

Learning Recovery and Technology Administrator Chad Rose shared an overview of his goals and some major accomplishments over the first half of the 2021-22 school year, supporting the use of technology as an integral component in student success.

Board members thanked Mr. Rose for championing his role and acknowledged his efforts to support staff and students. Inquiries were made on finding ways to identify more GATE students to expand the program.

Board member Walters arrived at 7:35

1. Staff Reports-Administrative Services

i. Board Discussion and Approval on Letter to Governor Newsom regarding NSD Resolution #21/22-11 and Mask Wearing

Board members thanked Sue Solomon for taking the lead on the 3 advocacy pieces related to COVID-19 practices included in the agenda.

On November 16, 2021, the Governing Board approved Resolution #21/22-11 asking Governor Newsom reconsider vaccine and masking mandates. The Governing Board did not receive a response.

Given the lack of knowledge for parents to make informed decisions, the Governing Board agreed that parents should have the right to choose whether their children should receive the COVID-19 vaccine, and that school districts should have local control to determine its Covid-19 Health Guidance, which includes masking.

Board members shared their concerns and disapproval of recent info released, allowing all but schools to go unmasked. They also expressed concerns with continued masking, including the adverse effect on children's health and social-emotional well-being.

Board members approved a follow-up letter to Governor Newsom and to actively participate in statewide discussion.

Board Member Walters motioned to enforce the indoor masking policy consistent with the behavior of Governor Newsom and Mayor Garcetti at the NFC Championship game. The motion died for lack of a second.

ii. Discussion and Approval of Letter from the Newhall School District Governing Board to Governor Newsom, Speaker of the House Rendon, President Pro Tempore Atkins, Senator Wilk, Senator Pan, and Honorable Assembly and Senate Member regarding Senate Bill 871 (Pan-D, Sacramento), Keep Schools Open Act

Senate Bill 871 calls for all students to vaccinate and no longer allows for exemptions based on personal and religious beliefs. This would include all school-required vaccinations, even for those parents who signed affidavits in 2016.

Board members agreed to approve a letter to Governor Newsom, Speaker of the House Rendon, President Pro Tempore Atkins, Senator Wilk, Senator Pan, and Honorable Assembly and Senate Member expressing their opposition to Senate Bill 871.

iii. Board Discussion and Direction on Preamble for Proposed Legislation Regarding Local Control on COVID-19 Policies and Practices

Board members engaged in discussions on proposed legislation they plan to share with Senator Wilk. The proposed language asks for school districts, county boards of education, and county superintendents of schools to have local control and autonomy to determine its own unique policies and practices related to COVID-19 including mask wearing policies based on local conditions and local indicators.

Board members agreed to have Board President Rose send copies of the three documents included in the agenda to surrounding districts, in an effort to gain momentum. Board members also agreed to attend future, potential meetings with elected officials.

Approved moving forward with the 3 correspondences included in Agenda Items N.1.i, N.1.ii and N.1.iii

M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon- Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters - Aye

iv. Consideration of Approving Board Policy 1313: Civility - First Reading

Policy adopted and waived second and third readings.

M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0

3. Staff Reports- Business Services

i. Davis Demographics Report Presentation

David Kaitz, Senior Project Manager for Davis Demographics presented an Annual Enrollment Projection Report. Reviewing this 7-year forecast in advance will support the development of assumptions for the 2nd Interim Budget Report in March.

Discussions held on what enrollment numbers would look like per site if the District were to alter boundary lines to remove bus routes.

Board members agreed to move forward with a board study session to address future planning and funding considerations. District staff will work with Mr. Kaitz to set up the session.

ii. **Discussion on the Draft of the Construction Management Services Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Agreement**

Over the next 10 years, the District is planning on building three (3) New Schools that incorporate non-traditional learning spaces and other education enhancing designs. The District needs to select a construction manager (CM) to provide services in connection with the planning, design, approval, construction, commissioning, and closeout of the project. The CM will shall represent the interests of the District throughout all phases of planning and construction.

In response to timeline questions, staff anticipates presenting candidates at a board meeting in the next 2 months.

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

4. **Staff Reports- Student Support Services**

i. **Consideration of Adopting Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5141.52: Suicide Prevention**

Policies adopted and waived second and third readings.
M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)
Vote: 5 - 0

5. **Staff Reports- Human Resources**

i. **Consideration of Approving Lead Psychologist Stipend for 2021/2022**

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

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

- Masking policies related to guidance

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

Board members resumed Closed Session at 9:39 PM to discuss previously stated closed session items.

Q. **RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

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

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

Board President Rose announced that the Board took no further in Closed Session.

S. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2022. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



Board Clerk



Secretary