

## Meeting Minutes

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### 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**  
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 6:03 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. **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. 2021061019**
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**

### E. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Board members returned to Public Session at 7:07 PM.

### F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

In closed session, the Board approved a settlement agreement in OAH Special Education Due Process Case No. 2021061019, pursuant to which the District, without admission of fault, has agreed to fund and provide specified educational services, and to reimburse attorney's fees in an amount not to exceed \$16,125, in consideration of a release of claims against the District. The roll call vote was as follows:

M/S/C - (Talley/Smith)

Vote: 4-0-1

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon- Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Abstain

### G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meadows Elementary Teacher Patricia Porter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved with removal of item M.1.iii: IBM Review Presentation

M/S/C - (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Annual Organizational Meeting of December 14, 2021**

Minutes approved.

M/S/C – (Solomon/Smith)

Vote: 5-0

**2. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2021**

Minutes approved.

M/S/C – (Solomon/Walters)

Vote: 5-0

**J. GOVERNING BOARD AND EXECUTIVE CABINET ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Board member Solomon visited two sites, including Newhall Elementary where she participated in the virtual PBIS assembly;
- Board member Walters commented staff on a good first day back on campuses after winter break;
- Superintendent Pelzel shared that information will be going out to families regarding the at-home student COVID tests by Friday;
- Superintendent Pelzel commended Assistant Director of Human Resources Ken Hintz and the District Nurses for the continued District support navigating COVID cases;
- Superintendent Pelzel recognized the Governing Board members via a Proclamation in honor of School Board appreciation month;
- Board members thanked staff for the recognition and the community for supporting their work; Wiley Canyon Elementary staff members thanked for the gift provided.

**K. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following District parents addressed the Board over concerns with new masking regulations. Requests were made to modify activities like P.E. until masking regulations become flexible.

- Suverna Mistry (Virtual)
- Marcia Gettings (Virtual)
- Ivan Pecel
- Breanne Demack

**L. 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- (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 Recurring Contract**

4. **Consent Calendar- Human Resources**

i. **Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #21/22-11**

M. **STAFF REPORTS**

1. **Staff Reports- Business Services**

i. **Consideration of Approving a PARS Supplementary Retirement Plan offer for Eligible District Classified, Confidential and Management Employees**

PARS Executive Vice President Dennis Yu presented an overview on a retirement incentive to eligible classified, confidential and management employees of the District.

Discussions held on payout percentages and whether or not the program will provide savings for the District.

Board members approved moving forward with offering a 60% level incentive to all eligible groups.

M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

ii. **Consideration of Accepting the FY 2020-2021 Newhall School District Audit Report and the Annual Financial Performance Audit for Measure E**

Eide Bailly Partner Scott Gustafsson shared that audits were conducted for the District and the Measure E Annual Financial Performance audit. As indicated in the reports, there were no internal control or compliance findings.

Approved 2020-2021 District audit report and Annual Financial Performance Audit for Measure E

M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

iii. **IBM Review Presentation**

Item removed from agenda.

iv. **Consideration of Approving the Architect Agreement with LPA, Inc.**

Item approved with an updated notice provision for electronic email if mutually agreed upon.

M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

v. **Consideration of Authorizing the Purchase of School Buses Under PC 20118 (Piggyback) and Government Code 6500 and 6502 on Waterford U.S.D Bid #01/17 – School Buses**

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Solomon)

Vote: 5 - 0

vi. **Consideration of Approving Bus Painting Services, Marathon Industries Inc.**

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

**2. Staff Reports-Administrative Services**

**i. Consideration of Approving the Williams Quarterly Summary Report**

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Solomon)

Vote: 5 - 0

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

- If necessary, further discussions on masking mandate implementation
- Follow-up on recent resolution to Governor Newsom regarding vaccine mandates and potential resolution on testing enforcements

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

Board members resumed Closed Session at 8:17 PM to discuss previously stated closed session items.

**P. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

Board Members returned to Public Session at 9:30 PM.

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

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

**R. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Rose adjourned the meeting at 9:31 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2022. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



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Board Clerk



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Secretary