

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

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

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
3. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.9: Potential Litigation: Case 22/23-02

E. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Board members returned to Regular Session at 7:04 PM.

F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Suzan Solomon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Solomon

Vote: 5 – 0

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Annual Organizational Meeting of December 17, 2024
Minutes approved.
Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Haddoak
Vote: 5 – 0
2. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 17, 2024
Minutes approved.
Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley
Vote: 5 – 0

J. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board member Robert looks forward to upcoming District events, including Open House;
- Board member Solomon invited the public to the next SCV Trustees Association Meeting on Monday, January 27, 2025. NSD will host the meeting in the Governing Board Room;

however, the meeting may be postponed so that the meeting includes a budget update by Kevin Gordon from Capitol Advisors;

- Superintendent Hernandez welcomed the District community back;
- Superintendent Hernandez thanked Valencia Valley for the Kindergarten and 2nd grade artwork displayed in the Board Room;
- Superintendent Hernandez thanked first responders for helping keep the Santa Clarita Valley safe during these devastating wildfires.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

L. CORRESPONDENCE

1. LACOE Letter Regarding Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization - Election Results

The annual election for the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) members was held on November 18, 2024.

Board member Solomon shared that she is proud that fellow members Cherise Moore, John Nunez, and Donald LaPlante were re-elected. All three members are effective, and continuity within the committee is essential these days.

M. PUBLIC INTEREST

1. Consideration of Approving Resolution 24/25-13: Recognizing January as School Board Member Month

Dr. Hernandez thanked the Governing Board for their continued dedication to the District community and read the Resolution aloud.

Board member Solomon shared that serving the Newhall School District is an honor and privilege.

Board member Robert shared that education is her passion, and she looks forward to continuing to make an impact and help close the achievement gap.

N. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Removal of Items From the Consent Calendar

No items removed.

Board members were thankful to the PTA/PTOs and individuals for their generous donations towards the schools.

2. Consideration of Approving Items on the Consent Calendar

Consent Calendar approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

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 Gift Report #24/25-4

- iii. **Consideration of Approving District Recurring Contracts**
- iv. **Consideration of Approving the Salvage Report**
- v. **Consideration of Approving Adjustment to Peachland Elementary Lunch Bell Schedule**
- 4. **Consent Calendar- Human Resources**
 - i. **Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #24/25-11**

O. STAFF REPORTS

1. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services

i. Consideration of Approving Purchase and Installation of Projector in the Newhall Family Theater

Due to malfunctions, the Theatre needs a projector upgrade. A new, four-times stronger projector will be installed on the second floor of the original projection room.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

ii. 2024 California Dashboard Presentation

State testing results and local indicators are now available on the 2024 California Dashboard. Staff shared District results for the 2023-2024 school year.

iii. Presentation of the 2024 School Accountability Report Cards (SARC)

State law requires schools that receive state funding to prepare and distribute a School Accountability Report Card (SARC). The purpose of the report card is to provide parents and the community with important information about each school.

Item accepted.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 – 0

iv. Consideration of Approving First Start Music (Nathalia Palis) Contract For Assemblies at McGrath and Newhall Elementary Schools

Through this dynamic experience, students will sing, dance, and celebrate cultural diversity in a lively, multicultural environment in both Spanish and English.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 – 0

2. Staff Reports- Business Services

i. Consideration of Approving the GASB 75 Actuarial Valuation Report as of June 30, 2024

Under the provisions of GASB 75, the District is required to have made an actuarial valuation of its retiree health benefit program. This valuation must be made every year.

Item approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

ii. **Consideration of Approving Travel and Related Expenses to Transfinder's Annual Client Summit for Business Executive Administrative Assistant**

Given the District's recent investment in this software, attending the training will help maximize its potential and ensure a successful implementation in the fall.

Board members requested a follow-up report on the system at a future Board meeting.

Item approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

3. **Staff Reports-Administrative Services**

i. **Discussion on Attendance to 2025 Coast2Cost CSBA-ACSA Washington, D.C. Federal Advocacy Trip**

Coast2Coast provides district and county board members, superintendents, and other staffers an unparalleled opportunity to engage policymakers in the nation's capital.

The Governing Board initially discussed attendees during the December 10, 2024, meeting. After further discussion, the Governing Board unanimously agreed to send five Board members to the advocacy trip from April 28-30.

Item approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 – 0

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

Item approved.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Solomon

Vote: 5 – 0

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

Board Policy 1114 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 - 0

Administrative Regulation 1114 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 - 0

Board Bylaw 9010 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 - 0

Board Bylaw 9012 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 - 0

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

None.

Q. **ADJOURN TO SECOND CLOSED SESSION**

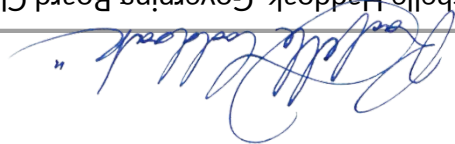
Second Closed Session was not held.

R. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2025. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.

Rachelle Haddoak, Governing Board Clerk



Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary

