

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. ROLL CALL: Rachelle 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 6:02 PM.

1. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.9: Potential Litigation: Case 23-24-10
2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee- Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint of an Employee
3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations - Negotiator for the District Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Superintendent 2023-2024 Mid-Year Evaluation

E. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Board members returned to Regular Session at 7:02 PM.

F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Board President Solomon announced that no action was taken in Closed Session.

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Peachland Elementary student Robyn Farley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved removing Item O.2.i. - Playworks Recess Reboot and Consultation Contract.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2024
Minutes approved.
Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert
Vote: 5 – 0

J. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board member Robert is looking forward to the upcoming Governing Board school site visits this spring;
- Board President Solomon attended the CA State PTA Legislative Conference in Sacramento where attendees had an opportunity to meet with multiple legislators to discuss several items, including updates on recent education budget changes;

- Board President Solomon shared a spring safari will be scheduled soon to visit legislature offices and discuss policy change. Stay tuned for more information;
- Board member Haddoak shared the Student Support Services Department will host its next Special Education Advisory Council Meeting this Thursday, January 25th at 5:30 PM in the Governing Board Room. This week's topic will be "Preparing to Transition Children to Middle School";
- Board members thanked the Peachland Elementary 5th graders for the beautiful artwork displayed in the Board Room;
- Superintendent Hernandez congratulated the 123 English Learner students throughout the District who were reclassified and recognized during last week's Reclassification Ceremony. District staff are very proud of their efforts and achievements;
- Superintendent Hernandez thanked the students, parents and District counselors present for attending today's meeting;
- Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Amanda Montemayor introduced newly appointed Director of Business and Fiscal Services Valerie Gockel. Welcome to the NSD team Valerie!

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

L. CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Letter from Los Angeles County of Education (LACOE) regarding First Interim Certification**
Pursuant to Education Code (EC) Section 42131, the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools (County Superintendent) has completed its review of the District's 2023-24 First Interim Report. LACOE concurs the District's positive certification.

M. PUBLIC INTEREST

1. **Recognition of the California State PTA Reflections Student Winners**
The National PTA Reflections Program is an arts recognition and achievement program for students. The Reflections Program provides opportunities for students to express themselves creatively, while increasing community awareness of the importance of the arts in education. This year's theme was "I am Hopeful Because..."

The Newhall School District Governing Board were delighted to recognize the students who submitted entries and placed in their categories at the SCV Council PTA level. Council PTA Reflections Chair Carolyn Veis was also recognized for supporting students and the program.

2. **Consideration of Approving Resolution #23/24-12 Recognizing February 5-9, 2024, as National School Counseling Week: "School Counseling: Standard-Based, Student Focused"**
National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have on helping students achieve school success. The Governing Board proudly recognized the commitment school counselors make to students, schools, and the community.

On behalf of the Governing Board, Director of Student Support Services Gina Ramallo read aloud Resolution #23/24-12: Recognizing February 5 - 9, 2024, as National School Counseling Week.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye
Smith - Aye
Solomon - Aye
Talley - Aye

3. Recognition of Classified Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Old Orchard Elementary School's Support Technician Melissa Lee, who was nominated by her peers as the Newhall School District's Classified Employee of the Month.

N. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Removal of Items From the Consent Calendar

No items were removed.

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 #23/24-10

iii. Consideration of Approving District Recurring Contracts

4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources

i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #23/24-12

O. STAFF REPORTS

1. Staff Reports- Student Support Services

i. Presentation: Special Education Program Review

Executive Director of Student Support Services Gina Ramallo presented an overview of the Special Education program review process and results, including goals and next steps towards improving programs in the Newhall School District.

In response to Board member questions, Ms. Ramallo shared there are plans to tour other district sites and observe student inclusion models.

ii. Consideration of Approving Board Certified Behavior Analysts Attendance to California Association for Behavior Analysis Conference

Attendance at the annual conference will help our Board Certified Behavior Analysts to embrace challenges, expand their learning, and continue to make a difference for the students of Newhall School District.

Item approved.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 5 – 0

2. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services**i. Consideration of Approving Attendance to the California Association of Bilingual Education (CABE) Conference in Anaheim, California for Newhall Elementary Staff and Parents**

The CABE conference offers multiple workshops related to English Language Development and presents an opportunity for the Newhall Elementary parents to bolster their leadership skills and actively engage in the community's educational journey. It will also empower parents, teachers, and administration to continue to shape students' success by fostering a strong, inclusive, and supportive educational environment.

Item approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 – 0

ii. Consideration of Approving Newhall Elementary School's 3rd Grade Field Trip to Valley Trails Ranch Camp

Valley Trails Ranch Camping Conference Center offers a hands-on experience enabling students to delve into the rich history of the Chumash tribe. This trip aims to supplement classroom teachings by providing an experiential understanding, fostering a deeper connection and broader perspective on the subject.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 – 0

iii. 2023 California Dashboard Presentation

Director of Instruction, Assessment, and Accountability Chad Rose shared the results of the 2022/2023 state testing and local indicators results from the 2023 California Dashboard.

The Board requested staff share specific student results in comparison to previous years. The Board also requested staff share the individual indicator charts.

iv. Presentation of the 2023 School Accountability Report Cards (SARC)

State law requires that schools that receive state funding must prepare and distribute a SARC. The report card provides parents and the community with important information about each school.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

v. Consideration of Approving Instructional Services Board Policies- First Reading Board Policy 6162.5 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 - 0

Board Policy 6154

Initial vote was recorded as 5 – 0, but the item will be brought back for re-vote at the next Board meeting.

3. Staff Reports- Business Services

i. **Consideration of Approving Purchase of SMART Boards and Height Adjustable Mounts**

The new interactive panels will be replacing old SMART Boards with projectors in designated classrooms across the District.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

4. **Staff Reports-Administrative Services**

i. **Consideration of Approving Resolution #23/24-13 and Resolution #23/24-14 Regarding the Absence of Board Member Talley at the December 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting and Annual Organizational Board Meeting**

Items approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 – 0

ii. **Consideration of Approving Resolution #23/24-15 Regarding the Absence of Board Member Haddoak at the January 9, 2024 Board Meeting**

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1 (A/N/A)

iii. **Consideration of Approving Resolution #23/24-16: Certification of Signatures for the Period of January 10, 2024 through December 10, 2024**

Item approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 – 0

5. **Staff Reports- Human Resources**

i. **Consideration of Approving Annual Team Lead Stipend for One School Psychologist and One Occupational Therapist**

The NTA collective bargaining agreement (CBA) compensates a majority of its leads however, School Psychologists and Occupational Therapists are not covered by a CBA. Student Support Services would like to compensate accordingly the team lead for School Psychologists and team lead for Occupational Therapists in amounts similar to the CBA language for team leads out of MediCal program funds.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 – 0

ii. **Consideration of Approving Human Resources Board Policies - First Reading**
Regulation 4217.3 will be brought back for second reading.

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

Reminder: NSD's Open House is scheduled on Tuesday, February 6th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Oak Hills Elementary.

Q. **ADJOURN TO SECOND CLOSED SESSION**

Board members resumed Closed Session at 9:16 PM to discuss previously stated closed session items.

R. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Board Members returned to Public Session at 10:30 PM.

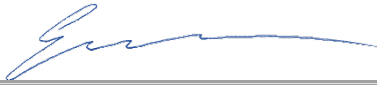
S. REPORT OUT OF SECOND CLOSED SESSION

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

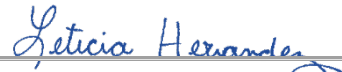
T. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Solomon adjourned the meeting at 10:31 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2024. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



Ernesto Smith, Governing Board Clerk



Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary