

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Solomon called the Regular meeting of the Governing Board to order at 6:02 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 6:03 PM.

1. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.9: Potential Litigation: Case 23/24-14
2. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.9: Potential Litigation: Case 24/25-01
3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee- Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint of an Employee
4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations - Negotiator for the District Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
5. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Superintendent - 2023-2024 School Year
6. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Superintendent Goals: 2024-2025 School Year

E. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Board members returned to Regular Session at 7:09 PM.

F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Rachelle Haddoak led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 5 – 0

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 25, 2024

Minutes approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 – 0

J. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board member Smith wished everyone an enjoyable summer;
- Board member Talley announced he is seeking reelection to the Newhall School District Board, Trustee Area 4, in the November 5th election;

- Board member Robert walked through the Old Orchard classrooms under renovation due to last year's fire;
- Superintendent Hernandez visited the Extended School Year program and shared students were very excited to play in the newly installed inclusive playground. Stay tuned for information on an upcoming ribbon cutting ceremony;
- Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Amanda Montemayor introduced newly appointed Pico Canyon Assistant Principal Emily Coyne.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

L. PUBLIC INTEREST**1. Recognition of Classified Employees of the Month**

Congratulations to District Tech Frank Madrigal who was nominated by his peers as the Newhall School District's Classified Employee of the Month.

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.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert

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 #24/25-1****iii. Consideration of Approving District Recurring Contracts****4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources****i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #24/25-01****N. STAFF REPORTS****1. Staff Reports- Student Support Services****i. Presentation: Supporting Students Who Experience Homelessness**

Director of Student Support Services Gina Ramallo presented an overview of how the District supports students who experience homelessness, while implementing the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

2. Staff Reports-Administrative Services**i. Review and Discussion of Governance Handbook**

The Governing Board reviewed the draft of the 2024-2025 Governance Handbook to provide clear guidance and direction for the Governing Board, Superintendent and Community.

Item approved with suggested edits.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 – 0

ii. Consideration of Approving Governing Board Resolution #24/25-01: Many People One Nation

Board members held discussions on the language included in the resolution and agreed to bring back the item with additional edits.

iii. Consideration of Approving Board President Solomon's Attendance to the 2024 California Latino School Boards Association Unity Conference

Educational leaders throughout the state will discover how communities, educators, and leaders can equip students with the skills and support they need to succeed, while embracing their heritage and intergenerational knowledge, advocating for equity, and strengthening our bonds for a better.

Item approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

iv. Consideration of Approving the Williams Quarterly Summary Report

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 5 – 0

3. Staff Reports- Business Services

i. Consideration of Approving the Saugus Union School District's Employee Loaning Agreement

In light of the Director of Business Services vacancy, the administrative tasks have been divided among the Business Services administrators. The District is embarking on multiple public works projects and the workload will be beyond the capacity of internal staff. Saugus Union School District will make available their internal Project Managers in partnership with Newhall staff.

Item approved.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 5 – 0

4. Staff Reports- Human Resources

i. Consideration of Approving California Lutheran University Internship Contract

This partnership would provide clinical experience for students in the counseling program. A NSD counselor would supervise students in the program during their clinical learning experience.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 5 – 0

ii. Consideration of Approving Temporary Pay Rate for Credentialed Certificated Long Term Substitute Special Education Classroom Teachers and Substitute Speech and Language Pathologists

For the 2024-2025 school year, the District will pay fully credentialed substitute Special Education teachers and substitute Speech Language Pathologists a substitute rate of \$300 per day when they are on a long-term assignment.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert
Vote: 5 – 0

- iii. **Consideration of Approving Human Resources Board Policies - First Reading**
Board Policy 4218 approved and waived additional readings.
Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith
Vote: 5 - 0

Administration Regulation 4218 approved and waived additional readings.
Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Talley
Vote: 5 - 0

- iv. **Consideration of Approving New Classified Job Description and Salary Schedule for Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant**
This is a new position for the District and the Newhall Educational Support Professionals were consulted throughout the process.

Item approved.
Motion: Robert / Seconded: Smith
Vote: 5 – 0

5. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services

- i. **Consideration of Approving Instructional Services Board Policies - First Reading**
Board Policy 6115 approved with suggested edits and waived additional readings.
Motion: Robert / Seconded: Haddoak
Vote: 5 - 0

Administrative Regulation 6115 approved and waived additional readings.
Motion: Robert / Seconded: Haddoak
Vote: 5 - 0

O. AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

None.

P. ADJOURN TO SECOND CLOSED SESSION

Second Closed Session was not held.


Q. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Solomon adjourned the meeting at 8:23 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for August 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