Regular Board Meeting 07/18/2023 06:00 PM Newhall School District 25375 Orchard Village Road Valencia, CA 91355

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Smith called the Regular meeting of the Governing Board to order at 6:00 PM.

B. ROLL CALL: Rachelle Haddoak, Donna Robert, Ernesto Smith, Suzan Solomon, Isaiah Talley Board members Haddoak, Robert, Smith, Solomon and Talley were present.

All 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 6:01 PM.

- 1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Appointment of Assistant Principal
- 2. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.9: Potential Litigation: Case 23/24-01
- 3. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.9: Potential Litigation: Case 23/24-02
- 4. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.9: Existing Litigation Case #16/17-4
- 5. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.9: Potential Litigation: Case 22/23-05
- 6. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9: Existing Litigation: Case #18/19-04
- 7. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.9: Potential Litigation Case 22/23-07
- 8. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee- Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint of an Employee
- 9. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations Negotiator for the District Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
- 10. Superintendent Evaluation: End-of-Year Superintendent Update

E. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

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

F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

In Closed Session with a vote of 5 - 0, the Governing Board approved the appointment of Mrs. Daniela Barajas to the position of Assistant Principal at Pico Canyon Elementary.

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

McGrath Principal Traci Curtis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 - 0

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 27, 2023

Minutes approved.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Solomon

Vote: 5 - 0

J. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board member Solomon expressed her excitement about the start of the new year and looks forward to new goals, new challenges and new faces!
- Board member Solomon commended the Extended School Year (ESY) staff members for a successful program;
- Board members Robert and Smith enjoyed participating in the 4th of July parade and thanked all participants. Board members also thanked Executive Assistant Rosana Valadez for organizing the District's participation;
- Board member Solomon shared a tribute honoring former NSD administrator Betty Granger; Mrs. Granger served in public education for almost 50 years and will be remembered fondly;
- Board member Solomon also paid tribute to former District teacher Marian Morrey. Ms. Morrey will be missed;
- Superintendent Hernandez thanked the ESY staff for successfully serving 120 students over the 6-week extended year summer program;
- Executive Assistant Rosana Valadez thanked the Governing Board and Superintendent Hernandez for their willingness to participate in the City's 4th of July parade for the first time in District history. Mrs. Valadez also thanked staff members and students who participated;
- Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Amanda Montemayor welcomed newly appointed McGrath Assistant Principal Tania Espinoza-Beltran to the NSD team!

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brandon and Lauren Stuart submitted a written comment requesting the Board consider additional security measures for schools.

L. PUBLIC INTEREST

1. 2022-2023 Santa Clarita Valley Public Safety Annual Security Report

Daniel Rodriguez of Santa Clarita Valley Public Safety provided an overview of site safety hazards, trespassing incidents, parking violations, graffiti incidents, and other service calls. Mr. Rodriguez also shared security recommendations for Board consideration.

Board members expressed concerns over the number of safety hazard/maintenance incidents for the year. Moving forward, the Board requests a quarterly safety report to include a comprehensive safety report. Board members also requested Mr. Rodriguez provide a report for the incidents included in today's presentation.

Board members expressed the importance of families understanding the range of services provided by Santa Clarita Valley Public Safety and directed staff to share information with the school community via the website.

2. Debt Policy Update Presentation

Chris Hiatt, Director of Kegent, LLC. shared an annual report covering a summary of the District's outstanding bonds as required by Board policy 3470. Ms. Hiatt's presentation also included information on a potential future bond measure.

M. 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: Robert / 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 #23/24-1
- iii. Consideration of Approving District Recurring Contracts

4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources

i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #23/24-01

N. STAFF REPORTS

1. Staff Reports- Student Support Services

i. Consideration of Approving Student Support Services Board Policies - First Reading Board Policy 6173 approved with suggested edits.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5-0

Motion to waive additional readings for Board Policy 6173.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5-0

Administrative Regulation 6173 approved with suggested edits and waived additional readings.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5-0

Board Policy 6173.1 approved with suggested edits and waived additional readings.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5-0

Rescind the previous two motions for Board Policy 6173 and a new motion made to approve Board Policy without edits 6173 and waive additional readings.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5-0

Administrative Regulation 6173.1 approved with suggested edits and waived additional readings.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5-0

2. Staff Reports-Administrative Services

i. Review and Discussion of Governance Handbook

Per Governance protocols, the Board reviewed the Governance Handbook to provide clear guidance and direction for the Governing Board, Superintendent and Community.

The Governance Handbook was approved with suggested edits.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5-0

ii. Consideration of Approving Governing Board Resolution #23/24-01: Many People One Nation

The Newhall School District prides itself on its efforts to strive for equity-driven results while celebrating and embracing the differences in its students, staff, families, and community. The Resolution calls out the historical journey of the Country and the various monthly designations that are recognized throughout the year.

Item approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 - 0

iii. Consideration of Approving the Williams Quarterly Summary Report

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 - 0

3. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services

i. Consideration of Approving a Contract with Capturing Kids' Hearts® for Newhall Elementary Staff Professional Development

Capturing Kids' Hearts will allow Newhall Elementary staff to receive additional instruction that will prepare them to grow their understanding, assist, and support peers in the implementation of the Capturing Kids' Hearts® (CKH) process.

Item approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 - 0

ii. Consideration of Purchasing the Amplify Science Spanish Curriculum for the Dual Language Immersion Program

The Amplify Science Spanish curriculum will support the Dual Language Immersion Program at Old Orchard.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 - 0

iii. Consideration of Approving the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) Software License Agreement for Preschool

The CDE requires that preschools administer the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) to all preschool children. This licensing agreement allows the District preschools to use the DRDP online program to administer this assessment.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 - 0

4. Staff Reports- Business Services

i. Ratification of Agreement with the City of Santa Clarita for the Use of the Newhall Family Theatre 2022-2025

The agreement with the City of Santa Clarita was not brought to the Governing Board for approval prior to execution.

Board members requested staff explore options of depositing the funds into an interest-bearing account.

Item approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 - 0

O. AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

Consideration of Mellady Marketing campaign for the 2023-24 year

P. ADJOURN TO CONTINUATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Board members resumed Closed Session at 9:20 PM to discuss previously stated closed session items.

Q. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Board Members returned to Public Session at 10:38 PM.

R. REPORT OUT OF SECOND CLOSED SESSION

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

S. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:38 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2023. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.

Isaiah Talley, Governing Board Clerk

Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary