

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Smith 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

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 6:02 PM.

1. **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. 2023040654
2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957): Appointment of Principals
3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957): Appointment of Assistant Principal
4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee- Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint of an Employee
5. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations - Negotiator for the District Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
6. Superintendent Evaluation: End-of-Year Superintendent Update

E. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Board members returned to Regular Session at 7:06 PM.

F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

In closed session, the Board approved a settlement agreement in OAH Special Education Due Process Case No. 2023040654, pursuant to which the District, without admission of fault, previously agreed to fund and provide specified educational services in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00, in consideration of a release of claims against the District. The roll call vote was as follows:

M/S/C - (Solomon/Haddoak)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

In closed session with a vote of 5 - 0, the Governing Board approved the appointment of Ms. Traci Curtis to the position of Principal at McGrath Elementary effective July 1, 2023.

In closed session with a vote of 5 - 0, the Governing Board approved the appointment of Ms. Melissa Wilson to the position of Principal at Valencia Valley Elementary effective July 1, 2023.

In closed session with a vote of 5 - 0, the Governing Board approved the appointment of Ms. Tania Espinoza Beltran to the position of Assistant Principal at McGrath Elementary effective July 1, 2023.

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Wiley Canyon Elementary student Josleen Ornelas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved.

M/S/C- (Robert/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 23, 2023

Minutes approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Robert)

Vote: 5 – 0

J. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board member Solomon attended Newhall Elementary's 3rd grade production of the Santa Clarita Musical and shared what a wonderful performance the students put on;
- Board members Solomon, Robert and Haddoak attended the SCV PTA Council Installation dinner and were pleased to share several NSD staff members and parents were honored for their service;
- Board members shared their experiences attending 6th grade promotions last Thursday, June 8th;
- Board member Solomon congratulated staff for finishing the school year on a great note and thanked everyone for supporting and giving their best to students;
- Board President Smith attended the Meadows Elementary 5th grade production of Miracle in Philadelphia and thanked all who were involved in putting the event together;
- Superintendent Hernandez wished outgoing Valencia Valley Principal Amy Gaudette and McGrath Assistant Principal Claudia Siques the best in their next endeavors, and congratulated outgoing McGrath Principal Jennifer Boone on her retirement;
- Superintendent Hernandez acknowledged staff members who are continuing to work and collaborate over the Summer break in preparation for the new year;
- Board member Solomon shared the Newhall Family Theatre's Raising the Curtain Foundation is working hard to attract volunteers and new board members. Mrs. Solomon also shared that the Foundation is looking to honor individuals in the Santa Clarita Valley with backgrounds in arts education. Finally, Mrs. Solomon acknowledged Theatre Manager Tom Lund for doing an excellent job maintaining the Theatre. Anyone interested in using the Theatre as a venue for a future event can contact Mr. Lund directly.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

L. PUBLIC INTEREST

1. Consideration of Approving Stevenson Ranch Elementary School's Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)

Stevenson Ranch Elementary Principal Diana Stenroos, Assistant Principal Erica Camara, Learning Support Teacher Michelle Gaisford, and student Zoe Greif presented.

Approved the 2023/2024 Single Plan for Student Achievement for Stevenson Ranch Elementary School.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0

2. Consideration of Approving Wiley Canyon Elementary School's Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)

Wiley Canyon Elementary Principal Marguerite Armstrong, Assistant Principal Sarah Johnson, Learning Support Teacher Janel Motter, WIN Teacher Sarah Garate, Intervention Teacher Jeri Ball, PTA Parent Representative Rosana Valadez, and students Josleen Ornelas and Grace Delgado presented.

Approved the 2023/2024 Single Plan for Student Achievement for Wiley Canyon School.

M/S/C- (Haddoak/Robert)

Vote: 5 – 0

Board President Smith called a short recess at 8:13 PM

Open Session resumed at 8:20 PM

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.

M/S/C - (Solomon/Talley)

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 #22/23-16

iii. Consideration of Approving District Recurring Contracts

4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources

i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #22/23-22

5. Consent Calendar - Curriculum/Instructional Services

i. Consideration of Approving Learning Without Tears Onsite Workshop

ii. Consideration of Approving an Agreement with Conscious Discipline Teacher Training

N. STAFF REPORTS

Board President Smith motioned to move up Item N.4.i: Consideration of Approving Updates to the 2023-2024 SCV SELPA Community Advisory Committee Representative for Newhall School District on the agenda.

Motion approved.
M/S/C- (Solomon/Haddoak)
Vote: 5 – 0

Consideration of Approving Updates to the 2023-2024 SCV SELPA Community Advisory Committee Representative for Newhall School District.

Item approved.
M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)
Vote: 5 – 0

1. Staff Reports- Human Resources

i. Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) Presentation

LST Teacher and NTA President Melanie Musella, Pico Canyon Teacher Jessica Greene Smisko, Old Orchard DLI Teacher Christine Worby, and Pico Canyon Principal Michele Krantz presented various levels of support to teachers who may be new to NSD, volunteer to enter the program, or per the Collective Bargaining Agreement have an area of focus. It allows exemplary NSD teachers to assist participating teachers in growing their capacity in a safe, confidential environment.

In response to Board member questions, the group addressed questions regarding the differences between the PAR program and a teacher evaluation.

ii. Consideration of Approving New Certificated Management Position and Salary Schedule for Educational Technology and Special Programs Coordinator

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Amanda Montemayor shared there is a need for support with the District's Educational Technology programs, as well as for training staff, running and analyzing data reports, and coordination support for the Extended Learning Opportunities Programs.

Clarification made on the funding source for the position, which is to be funded out of Learning Recovery funds.

Item approved with amendments to the Definition section of the job description.
M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)
Vote: 5 – 0

iii. Consideration of Approving Declaration of Need for 2023/2024

Item approved.
M/S/C- (Talley/Haddoak)
Vote: 5 – 0

iv. Consideration of Approving Contract with Lifetouch for Photography Services in the 2023-2024 School Year

Item approved.
M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)
Vote: 5 – 0

2. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services

i. Consideration of Adopting the Amplify Science Curriculum for Grades K - 6

Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Kate Peattie shared there is a need for a curriculum that aligns with standards, is engaging to students, and is easy to navigate for teachers. Teachers piloted two science curriculums this spring, Houghton Mifflin Dimensions and Amplify Science. Based on feedback from the Science Collaborative and the piloting teachers, the recommendation is to adopt

Amplify Science in grades K-6.

Staff feedback indicates the program is user-friendly for individuals in all teaching levels.

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Robert/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0

ii. Consideration of Declaring Science Instructional Materials Obsolete

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Talley/Robert)

Vote: 5 – 0

iii. Conduct a Public Hearing for the 2023/2024 Local Control Accountability Plan of the Newhall School District

Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Kate Peattie shared an overview of the 2023-2024 LCAP's adoption timeline, the eight state priority standards, and the four goals.

Board member Robert recommended sites use their school websites to promote LCAP meetings in the future.

The Board conducted a Public Hearing regarding the 2022/2023 Local Control Accountability Plan.

Public hearing opened at 9:40 PM by Board President Smith

The Board did not receive any public comments.

Public hearing closed at 9:41 PM by Board President Smith

iv. Consideration of Approving Instructional Services Board Policies - First Reading

Administrative Regulation 5113 approved and waived additional readings.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5– 0

Administrative Regulation 6115 approved and waived additional readings.

M/S/C- (Robert/Talley)

Vote: 5– 0

Board Policy 6177 approved with Options 2 and recommended edits, and waived additional readings.

M/S/C- (Talley/Solomon)

Vote: 5– 0

v. California State Preschool Program (CSPP) Self Evaluation

Each year, California State Preschool Program (CSPP) contractors are required to complete a Program Self Evaluation (PSE) and submit it to the Governing Board. For the 2022–23 fiscal year, the PSE is in a survey form. The survey identifies how programs met or did not meet the contract terms and conditions of the CSPP contract. The Newhall State Preschool Program met all terms and conditions for the 2022-23 school year.

3. Staff Reports- Business Services

i. Conduct a Public Hearing Regarding the 2023/2024 Budget of the Newhall School District

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Arik Avanesyans presented the 2023-2024 budget based upon information in the Local Control Accountability Plan, budget guidelines adopted by the Board, and the latest information about the State budget contained in the Governor's May Revise.

The Board conducted a Public Hearing regarding the 2023/2024 Budget of the Newhall School District.

Public hearing opened at 10:05 PM by Board President Smith
The Board did not receive any public comments.
Public hearing closed at 10:05 PM by Board President Smith

ii. Consideration of Approving Old Orchard Handball Court Mural Project

Item approved.
M/S/C - (Talley/Robert)
Vote: 5 – 0

iii. Consideration of Approving Resolution #22/23-27: Dockweiler Extension; Intention to Grant "Right of Way" (ROW) to City

Item approved.
M/S/C - (Talley/Solomon)
Vote: 5 – 0

iv. Consideration of Approving Consulting Contract with Eide Bailly for Business Office

Eide Bailly will provide consulting services to assist the business office. They will assist in the completion of the required forms for federal and state financial reporting program compliance, accounting for restricted programs, construction/fixed assets, cash flow, multi-year projections, collective bargaining negotiations, and general business staff training.

Item approved.
M/S/C - (Robert/Talley)
Vote: 5 – 0

v. Consideration of Approving the Santa Clarita Valley Consortium Teacher Induction Program's Memorandum of Understanding

Discussions held to clarify costs and stipends.

Item approved.
M/S/C - (Talley/Haddoak)
Vote: 5 – 0

4. Staff Reports- Student Support Services

- i. Consideration of Approving Updates to the 2023-2024 SCV SELPA Community Advisory Committee Representative for Newhall School District**
Per previous notes, item moved up.

5. Staff Reports-Administrative Services

- i. Consideration of Approving Administrative Services Board Policy - Second Reading**
Board Bylaw 9320 approved and waived additional readings.
M/S/C - (Solomon/Talley)
Vote: 5 – 0

- ii. Consideration of Approving Renewal and Changes to Assistant Superintendent Contract - Catherine Peattie**

Item approved.
M/S/C - (Solomon/Robert)
Vote: 5 – 0

O. AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

- Board Bylaw 9323

P. ADJOURN TO CONTINUATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Board members resumed Closed Session at 10:20 PM to discuss previously stated closed session items.

Q. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Board Members returned to Public Session at 11:01 PM.

R. REPORT OUT OF SECOND CLOSED SESSION

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

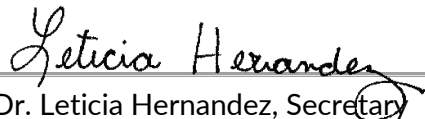
S. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:01 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2023. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



Isaiah Talley, Governing Board Clerk



Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary