

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: Rachelle Haddoak, Donna Robert, Ernesto Smith, Suzan Solomon, Isaiah Talley

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

Board member Solomon joined remotely from Hyatt Place Tampa Downtown, 325 N. Florida Ave, Tampa, FL 33602

Cabinet members Avanesyans, Hernandez, and Peattie were present.

Cabinet member Montemayor was absent.

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. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (one potential case)
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**

E. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

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

F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

In closed session, the Board approved a final settlement agreement in potential litigation pursuant to which the District, without admission of fault, has agreed to fund and provide specified educational service, and to reimburse attorneys fees collectively not to exceed \$18,307.50, in consideration of a release of claims against the District. The roll call vote was as follows:

M/S/C - (Robert/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley – Aye

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Oak Hills Elementary Lily Farah led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 13, 2023

Minutes approved.

M/S/C- (Robert/Haddoak)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

J. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board member Solomon wished NSD's school staff and families a great summer while District staff continues to prepare for the upcoming new year;
- Superintendent Hernandez welcomed newly appointed Valencia Valley Principal Melissa Wilson and McGrath Elementary Principal Traci Curtis to the NSD team;
- Board member Robert is looking forward to the District participating in the annual SCV 4th of July parade. This will be the first year NSD participates!

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

L. PUBLIC INTEREST

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

Oak Hills Elementary Principal Jarrod Henry, Assistant Principal Sheri Zamperin, and student Lily Farah presented.

Approved the 2023/2024 Single Plan for Student Achievement for Oak Hills Elementary School.

M/S/C- (Talley/Robert)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

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

Peachland Elementary Principal Katrina Stroh, Assistant Principal Sarah Johnson, 5th grade teacher Ashlee Richardi and student Jayla Jackson presented.

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

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

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 - (Talley/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 #22/23-17

iii. Consideration of Approving Salvage Report

iv. Consideration of Approving District Recurring Contract

4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources

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

5. Consent Calendar - Curriculum/Instructional Services

i. Consideration of Approving MOUs for Newhall School District Certified Be GLAD Trainers

N. STAFF REPORTS

1. Staff Reports- Student Support Services

i. Consideration of Approving Student Support Services Board Policies - First Reading
Administrative Regulation 5131.41 approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Robert)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Approved waiving additional readings for AR 5131.41.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Robert)

Vote: 5 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Administrative Regulation 5144 approved and waived additional readings.

M/S/C- (Robert/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Administrative Regulation 5144.1 approved with amendments and waived additional readings.

M/S/C- (Talley/Robert)

Vote: 5 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Administrative Regulation 5144.2 approved and waived additional readings.

M/S/C- (Talley/Haddoak)

Vote: 5 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

2. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services

i. Consideration of Approving the Local Performance Indicators

Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Kate Peattie shared the District is required to measure and report on the progress for the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) priority areas 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7. Findings will be uploaded to the California Dashboard when access becomes available later in the year.

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Robert/Solomon)

Vote: 5 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon - Aye
Talley - Aye

ii. Consideration of Approving the 2023-24 Local Control Accountability Plan

The Local Control Accountability Plan was reviewed in a public hearing held at the June 13, 2023 Governing Board meeting.

Item approved.
M/S/C - (Haddoak/Talley)
Vote: 5 – 0
Roll call vote:
Haddoak - Aye
Robert - Aye
Smith – Aye
Solomon - Aye
Talley - Aye

iii. Consideration of Approving Facilities Use Agreement with Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center

The District will host a staff welcome-back meeting on August 7, 2023. Since all District staff is invited, there is a need for a space large enough to accommodate all attendees.

Item approved.
M/S/C - (Talley/Robert)
Vote: 5 – 0
Roll call vote:
Haddoak - Aye
Robert - Aye
Smith – Aye
Solomon - Aye
Talley - Aye

iv. Consideration of Approving Purchase of Benchmark Phonics

Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Kate Peattie shared that Benchmark Phonics is a new program based on the latest science of reading research. The program will be integrated with the District's current Benchmark Advance and Benchmark Adelante English Language Arts curriculum, and will be used in grades K - 5.

Item approved.
M/S/C - (Solomon/Talley)
Vote: 5 – 0
Roll call vote:
Haddoak - Aye
Robert - Aye
Smith – Aye
Solomon - Aye
Talley - Aye

v. Consideration of Approving the Orenda Education Professional Development Proposal

Dr. Carlye Marousek, Senior Research Fellow for Orenda Education provided an overview of the District's results and trends from the recent baseline systems study. Based on the results, the District will continue professional learning for all administrators, and teachers throughout the 2023-24 school year at the following

sites; Newhall, McGrath, Wiley Canyon, and Peachland. It is understood that the learning will be replicated at the remaining school sites.

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Robert/Haddoak)

Vote: 5 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

vi. Consideration of Approving Resolution #22/23-29: Transitional Kindergarten Teacher Certification

Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Kate Peattie shared that the Universal Transitional Kindergarten ("UPK" or "TK") program is not considered a preschool program and must be taught by an educator with a multiple subject credential. The Resolution describes the criteria expected by the Newhall School District to meet teaching requirements.

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Talley/Haddoak)

Vote: 5 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

3. Staff Reports- Business Services

i. Consideration of Approving the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Adopted Budget

The 2023-24 fiscal year adopted budget was reviewed in a public hearing held at the June 13, 2023 Governing Board meeting.

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Talley/Robert)

Vote: 5 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

ii. Consideration of Approving Authorization Allowing Assistant Superintendent, Business Services and Director of Fiscal Services to Make Inter-Fund Cash Transfers for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Arik Avanesyans shared that during normal business operations, there are certain routine inter-fund accounting activities that take place and necessitate the need for cash transfers. It is appropriate that the Board delegates the authority to process the routine inter-fund cash transfers.

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Robert/Haddoak)

Vote: 5 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

iii. Consideration of Adopting Resolution #22/23-28: Education Protection Account (EPA) FY 2023-2024

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Arik Avanesyans shared that the District's Governing Board is required to determine the use of the Education Protection Account (EPA) funds. Staff recommends that all funds be used for instructional purposes.

Item adopted.

M/S/C - (Solomon/Robert)

Vote: 5 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

iv. Consideration of Adopting Resolution #22/23-30: Education Protection Account (EPA) FY 2022-2023

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Arik Avanesyans shared that the District's Governing Board is required to determine the use of the Education Protection Account (EPA) funds. Staff recommends the District utilize all funds for instructional purposes.

A resolution had not been previously approved in the 2022-23 fiscal year.

Item adopted.

M/S/C - (Haddoak/Solomon)

Vote: 5 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

v. Consideration of Approving Resolution #22/23-31: Designating Certain General Funds as Committed Fund Balance for FY 23-24, FY 24-25 & FY 26-27

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Arik Avanesyans asked the Board to consider committing all reserves in excess of twice the economic uncertainty amount of 3% required by the State. Committed funds may be taken out of a committed status by a subsequent Board resolution, but until that time, the funds may only be expended for the purposes included in this Resolution. This action is a requirement for adopting the 2023-2024 budget.

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Haddoak/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

vi. Consideration of Approving Resolution #22/23-32: Temporary Inter-fund Cash Borrowing for FY 23-24

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Arik Avanesyans shared school districts are required to obtain annual Governing Board approval for fund cash transfers primarily for temporary borrowing between funds for cash flow purposes. This is a common practice for school districts.

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Talley/Robert)

Vote: 5 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

vii. Consideration of Approving Resolution #22/23-33: Approving Assignment of Delinquent Tax Receivables to the California Statewide Delinquent Tax Finance Authority

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Arik Avanesyans shared that the Resolution allows the District to continue to participate in the statewide Joint Powers Agreement ("JPA") where it receives a portion of delinquent tax receivables assigned to the JPA. This resolution authorizes participation through June 30, 2025.

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Robert/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

viii. Consideration of Adopting Resolution #22/23-34 and Approving Agreement Authorizing Grant of Right of Way to the City of Santa Clarita

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Arik Avanesyans shared that the District owns real property located within the City's boundaries. In order to construct the proposed improvements in the vicinity of District property, the City has requested that the District convey to the City a right of way over a portion of the property.

Item adopted.

M/S/C - (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0

Roll call vote:
Haddoak - Aye
Robert - Aye
Smith - Aye
Solomon - Aye
Talley - Aye

ix. Consideration of Approving Basic Life and Accidental Death & Dismemberment Benefits through The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Arik Avanesyans shared that the proposal will allow for continued coverage with Lincoln Life to provide Life and AD&D coverage for the District's employees.

Item approved.
M/S/C - (Talley/Haddoak)
Vote: 5 – 0
Roll call vote:
Haddoak - Aye
Robert - Aye
Smith - Aye
Solomon - Aye
Talley - Aye

4. Staff Reports-Administrative Services

i. Consideration of Approving Administrative Services Board Bylaw - First Reading

Board Bylaw 9323 approved and waived additional readings.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)
Vote: 5 – 0
Roll call vote:
Haddoak - Aye
Robert - Aye
Smith - Aye
Solomon - Aye
Talley - Aye

5. Staff Reports- Human Resources

i. Consideration of Approving the 2023/2024 Parent Calendar for McGrath and Newhall Schools

Superintendent Hernandez shared that McGrath and Newhall Elementary Schools participate in goal setting conferences in October instead of the traditional parent conferences in November, resulting in a slightly different calendar than the other eight schools.

Item approved.
M/S/C - (Robert/Haddoak)
Vote: 5 – 0
Roll call vote:
Haddoak - Aye
Robert - Aye
Smith - Aye
Solomon - Aye
Talley - Aye

O. AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

- Presentation by Daniel Rodriguez, Owner of SCV Public Safety

P. ADJOURN TO CONTINUATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Second closed session not held.

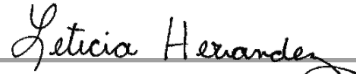
Q. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:23 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2023. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM.
Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



Isaiah Talley, Governing Board Clerk



Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary