

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: Public Employee- Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint of an Employee

2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations - Negotiator for the District Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

E. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Board members returned to Regular Session at 7:04 PM.

F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Newhall Elementary School Teacher George Chavez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 – 0

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2024

Minutes approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

J. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board members shared they had enjoyable experiences reading to students throughout the District during Read Across America week;
- Board members attended the beginner orchestra concerts hosted at Wiley Canyon;
- Board member Haddoak invited the public to attend the next Special Education Advisory Council Meeting on Thursday, March 15th at 5:30 PM in the Governing Board Room where the topic of helping students with organizational skills will be discussed;
- Board member Haddoak invited the public to attend the upcoming Family Resource Fair hosted at Wiley Canyon Elementary on May 16th at 5:30 PM;
- Board members attended the international nights hosted at Stevenson Ranch and Pico Canyon Elementary Schools and shared they enjoyed the events and seeing the diversity amongst the communities;

- Board members Smith and Solomon attended the Oak Hills and Valencia Valley site visits with Dr. Hernandez;
- Board President Solomon attended a few of the recent Orenda professional development events for teachers and shared it was insightful seeing teachers plan and collaborate;
- Board President Solomon shared the District recently accepted the Leroy F. Greene Award for Design and Planning at the annual Coalition for Adequate School Housing (CASH) Conference. The award recognizes excellence in school facilities design and was granted to both the District and architectural firm LPA for designing School #11 as a net-zero energy school. Mrs. Solomon and Director of Facilities, Maintenance, & Operations Fred Palmer were present to accept the award in Sacramento on behalf of NSD;
- Dr. Hernandez congratulated the 2024 Teacher Tribute honorees and their guests for attending the Board meeting;
- Dr. Hernandez gave a shout-out to McGrath Elementary for the recent Bingo for Books event held for its families. The event was a huge success thanks to staff;
- Board President Solomon gave a shout-out to Facilities staff member Gilbert Aguayo who also serves regularly as a substitute custodian for District events. Mr. Aguayo is there every step of the way, is accessible, and always anticipates needs for all events he covers. He represents the best of the best!

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

L. PUBLIC INTEREST

1. Recognition of 2024 Teacher Tribute Honorees

The Governing Board and Dr. Hernandez congratulated and expressed their appreciation for the following 2024 Teacher Tribute honorees:

Teacher Honoree	Site
Maria Cardia	McGrath
Kristy Burkey	Meadows
George Chavez II	Newhall
Jannelle Grover	Oak Hills
Julianne Liles	Old Orchard
Chelsea O'Donoghue	Peachland
Mary Lee	Pico Canyon
Belinda Zdawczyk	Stevenson Ranch
Kelli Koogler	Valencia Valley
Marla Adelman	Wiley Canyon

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: 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 #23/24-13**
 - iii. **Consideration of Approving the Salvage Report**
 - iv. **Consideration of Approving District Recurring Contracts**
4. **Consent Calendar- Human Resources**
 - i. **Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #23/24-15**

N. STAFF REPORTS

1. **Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services**
 - i. **Newhall Creek Community Watershed Education and Restoration Project**

Lynne Plambeck from the Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment shared a grant was awarded for a watershed education and restoration project, which would include participation from students from McGrath, and Newhall Elementary Schools during their state-funded after-school program, RISE. Due to school closures, the project was not implemented. Funding for the project has recently been restored. However, due to funding delays, a timeline has yet to be determined.
 - ii. **Consideration of Approving David Prather Personal Service Contract for Kennedy Arts Workshop Professional Development**

Mr. Prather will conduct two professional development sessions for teachers on March 14, 2024, at Newhall Elementary and March 21, 2024, at McGrath Elementary. Presentations will demonstrate theatrical techniques that can be utilized in the classroom to enhance Language Arts and Literacy. Each session will begin with a demonstration with students from the respective schools, followed by a session with attending teachers.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 5 – 0

2. **Staff Reports- Student Support Services**
 - i. **Consideration of Approving Student Support Services Board Policies - First Reading**

Board Policy 6142.8 approved and waived additional readings.
Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley
Vote: 5 - 0

Regulation 6142.8 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 5 - 0

3. **Staff Reports- Business Services**
 - i. **Consideration of Approving Wiley Canyon Handball Court Mural Project**

The administration at Wiley Canyon would like to utilize the space on the handball courts in the primary and upper playgrounds to promote school wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program expectations.
Item approved.
Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Talley
Vote: 5 – 0

ii. **Consideration of Approving Second Interim Budget Report for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

The Second Interim Budget Report provides an update on the overall financial condition of the District as of January 31, 2024. Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Arik Avanesyans' presentation included an overview of the state budget, the general fund, components of the ending fund balance, other funds and pandemic funds, and next steps.

The District is reporting that the budget is "positive" and will meet its financial obligations for the current fiscal year and two subsequent fiscal years.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 – 0

iii. **Consideration of Approving Business Services Board Policies- First Reading**

Board Policy 3400 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 5 – 0

Regulation 3400 approved with suggested edits and waived additional readings.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 – 0

4. **Staff Reports- Human Resources**

i. **Consideration of Approving Revised Elementary Classroom Teacher Job Description**

Changes in this job description reflect additional early childhood education requirements for teachers in UPK/TK classes as well as revisions that reflect current teaching practices.

Item approved with suggested edits.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

ii. **Consideration of Approving a Contract Extension for Arik Avanesyans, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services**

Mr. Avanesyans was hired on a one-year contract. The new contract extends his employment for three (3) more years through June 30, 2027.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 – 0

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

- Brainstorm how to better fund education

P. **ADJOURN TO SECOND CLOSED SESSION**

Second Closed Session was not held.

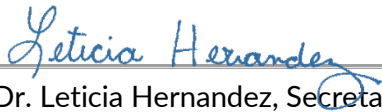
Q. **ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Solomon adjourned the meeting at 8:51 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2024. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



Ernesto Smith, Governing Board Clerk



Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary