

Regular Board Meeting 03/25/2025 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 6:03 PM.

- B. ROLL CALL: Rachelle Haddoak, Donna Robert, Ernesto Smith, Suzan Solomon, Isaiah Talley Board members Haddoak, Robert, Solomon, Smith, 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 6:04 PM.

- 1. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.9: Potential Litigation: Case# 24/25-05
- 2. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.9: Potential Litigation: Case 22/23-02
- 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
- E. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION Board members returned to Regular Session at 7:08 PM.
- F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION Board President Smith announced no action was taken in Closed Session.
- G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Isaiah Talley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the removal of Item N.1.iii: Consideration of Approving Old Orchard Elementary Kinder and 6th Grade Field Trip to Animal Tracks Sanctuary in Agua Dulce Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Robert Vote: 5 – 0

#### I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2025 Minutes approved with amendments to Item O. The first bullet should be amended to read: *Staff to provide the Governing Board via Friday Facts the number of 6th grade students who have not mastered basic math skills.* 

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

## J. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Board member Haddoak invited the public to the upcoming Special Education Advisory Committee meeting on April 17, 2025, at 5:30 PM at the District Office;

- Board member Solomon thanked Valencia Valley Elementary for the incredible artwork displayed in the Board Room;
- Board member Solomon shared she had an enjoyable experience while attending the Walnut Street Players Theatre Program auditions at Newhall Elementary. Mrs. Solomon thanked the Rasmussen Foundation, the District, and Teachers George Chavez and Denise Sudik for their support;
- Board member Robert enjoyed participating in another reading opportunity in a classroom;
- Superintendent Hernandez wished the District community a wonderful spring break;
- Superintendent Hernandez proudly announced that three District schools have been named as 2025 California Distinguished Schools! Congratulations to Meadows Elementary, Old Orchard Elementary, and Pico Canyon Elementary for receiving this prestigious honor!

## K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

## L. PUBLIC INTEREST

#### 1. Recognition of Classified Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Office Manager Susan Necessary, who was nominated by her peers as the Pico Canyon Elementary Classified Employee of the Month.

#### M. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Removal of Items From the Consent Calendar No items were removed.

#### 2. Consideration of Approving Items on the Consent Calendar

Item approved. The Board thanked the parent organizations for their generous donations towards field trips and resources. Motion: Solomon / 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 #24/25-6
- iii. Consideration of Approving District Recurring Contracts
- iv. Consideration of Approving the Salvage Report
- 4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources
  - i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #24/25-16

# N. STAFF REPORTS

- 1. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services
  - i. Consideration of Approving Peachland Elementary School's Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)

Peachland Elementary School's SPSA has been developed by the staff and approved by the School Site Council.

Item approved. Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Talley Vote: 5 - 0

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

Pico Canyon Elementary School's SPSA has been developed by the staff and approved by the School Site Council.

Item approved. Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Robert Vote: 5 - 0

- iii. Consideration of Approving Old Orchard Elementary Kinder and 6th Grade Field Trip to Animal Tracks Sanctuary in Agua Dulce Item pulled from the Agenda.
- iv. Attendance Presentation and Consideration of Approving School Status Contract Renewal

Director of Instruction, Assessment, & Accountability Chad Rose and School Status Sr. Customer Success Manager Brenda Tapp highlighted the interventions and incentives implemented by school sites to improve attendance. These efforts have contributed to a positive trend, with attendance rates improving over the past two years.

Item approved. Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Haddoak Vote: 5 - 0

v. Presentation of Revised Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Survey Director of Instruction, Assessment, & Accountability Chad Rose and Valencia Valley School Counselor Mery McEvoy provided an update on the proposed PBIS Survey, incorporating revisions requested by the Board. The presentation outlined the steps taken to develop the survey.

Item approved. Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Talley Vote: 5 - 0

# 2. Staff Reports- Human Resources

- i. Consideration of Accepting Newhall Teachers' Association (NTA) Proposal for 2025/2026 Negotiations
   Item accepted.
   Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Talley
   Vote: 5 0
- ii. Consideration of Accepting the Newhall School District (NSD) 2025/2026 Contract Proposal for Newhall Teachers' Association (NTA) Item approved. Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert Vote: 5 - 0
- iii. Consideration of Approving 2025-2026 Parent Calendar for McGrath Elementary School

Item approved. Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Robert Vote: 5 - 0

 iv. Consideration of Approving Revised Job Descriptions for Assistant Superintendents, Elementary School Principal and Elementary School Assistant Principal Item approved with suggested amendments. Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Haddoak Vote: 5 - 0

### 3. Staff Reports-Administrative Services

i.

**Consideration of Approving Administrative Services Board Policies - First Reading** Board Policy 1250 approved with suggested edits and waived additional readings. Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert Vote: 5 - 0

Administrative Regulation 1250 approved and waived additional readings. Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley Vote: 5 - 0

Board Bylaw 9240 will be brought back for second reading.

Board Bylaw 9270 approved with suggested edits and waived additional readings. Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert 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 Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:52 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2025. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.

Rachelle Haddoak, Governing Board Clerk

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Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary