

Meeting Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. ROLL CALL

1. **Donna Rose, Ernesto Smith, Suzan Solomon, Isaiah Talley, Brian Walters**

All Board Members were present.

All Executive 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 6:01 PM.

1. **Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee- Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release of an Employee**

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

3. **Conference with legal counsel: Anticipated litigation : Government Code sections 54954.5 (c) & 54956.9 (d)(2) & (e)(1): one possible case #21/22-01**

E. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

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

F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Board President Rose announced that in Closed Session on a motion by Board member Solomon and seconded by Board member Walters with a 5-0 vote directed the Superintendent or designee to release certificated employee ending with last digits #2394 effective July 1, 2022.

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NESP President Brenda Calendo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Walters)

Vote: 5 - 0

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 22, 2022**

Minutes approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Solomon)

Vote: 5 - 0

J. GOVERNING BOARD AND EXECUTIVE CABINET ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board member Solomon and Superintendent Pelzel participated in Read Across America at various sites last week and thanked school staff for the invitation;
- The Board conducted a moment of silence in honor of Stanford University student and former Pico Canyon Elementary student Katie Meyer who recently passed;
- Board member Solomon took a moment to recognize the people of Ukraine currently fighting for their lives and freedom, and asked we keep them in our hearts and minds.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stevenson Ranch parent Suverna Mistry reminded Board members to review an email sent regarding masking advocacy and shared she hopes the Board will continue to advocate for optional mask exemptions and enforcement policies.

L. CONSENT CALENDAR**1. Removal of Items From the Consent Calendar**

No items removed.

2. Consideration of Approving Items on the Consent Calendar

M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon- Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters - Aye

3. Consent Calendar- Business Services

i. Consideration of Approving Purchase Orders, B Warrants and Payroll Warrants

ii. Consideration of Approving Gift Report #21/22-12

iii. Consideration of Approving the Salvage Report

4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources

i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #21/22-15

5. Consent Calendar - Curriculum/Instructional Services

i. Consideration of Approving Purchase of Gr 4 Benchmark Adelante Spanish Curriculum for Dual Language Immersion Program

M. STAFF REPORTS**1. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services**

i. Presentation of RTI Reading Intervention Programs at Peachland Elementary and McGrath Elementary

Director of Instruction, Assessments and Accountability Kate Peattie provided an overview of recently published Fastbridge initial student data and the grade-level successes throughout the District. Board members asked Ms. Peattie to provide percentages related to student success outcomes.

Peachland Elementary and McGrath Elementary Administrators, Learning Support Teachers, and RTI staff shared updates on the progress with their intervention programs, including the work of their teams and the successful student outcomes they are seeing as a result of their intervention cycles.

Board members expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the WIN teams' interactions with PLCs. Members also shared how rewarding it is to hear student and grade-level successes to date and how exciting it is to see the emotional connection between staff and students. Staff were commended for the commitment and dedication to the work.

Superintendent Pelzel also expressed his gratitude for the tremendous results.

ii. Consideration of Approving Borderlan, Inc. NetRef Proposal Invoice

Learning Recovery, Instructional Technology Support Admin Chad Rose shared outcomes from a recent piloting process for a classroom management and learning analytics software designed to help teachers manage and monitor student devices and provide administrators with data to analyze EdTech ROI.

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Solomon)

Vote: 5 - 0

iii. Consideration of Approving Ratification of Dual Language Immersion Grant Writing Support

Grant application ratified.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

iv. Consideration of Approving NSD's Preschool Coordinator to attend the Conscious Discipline Institute June 19 - 25, 2022

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

2. Staff Reports- Student Support Services

i. Student Support Services 2021-2022 Mid-Year Report

Executive Director of Student Support Services Gina Ramallo and Assistant Director of Student Support Services Anna Walker updated the Governing Board and the public on activities and initiatives related to special education and student services, including recommendations from the department's recent audit.

In response to a Board member question, Ms. Ramallo shared that the department's top 3 priorities include staffing & recruiting, programming and training to meet the needs of students on the autism spectrum, and bringing in students into the Counseling Enriched Classroom (CEC) program at Old Orchard Elementary.

Board members welcomed Ms. Walker to the District. The Board also expressed their gratitude for identifying the many moving parts to build an effective program for students with special needs.

Superintendent Pelzel thanked Ms. Ramallo and Ms. Walker for making NSD their professional home and expressed his excitement for the incredible work accomplished.

3. Staff Reports- Business Services

i. Consideration of Approving Second Interim Budget Report for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Approved the Second Interim Budget Report for 2021-2022. In response to a Board member's question, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sheri Staszewski shared that she has not heard of any one-time dollar opportunities at this time.

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0

ii. Consideration of Approving Budget Guidelines for Development of FY 2022-2023

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Solomon)

Vote: 5 – 0

iii. Consideration of Approving the PARS Supplementary Retirement Plan offer for Eligible District Classified, Confidential and Management Employees

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Smith)

Vote: 5 – 0

iv. Consideration of Approving the Addendum to the Agreement with LA County Public Safety and Security Services, LLC

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0

4. Staff Reports- Human Resources

i. Consideration of Approving Resolution #21/22-18 and Memorandum of Understanding Between Newhall Employee Support Professionals and Newhall School District

Board members shared they recognize their legislative obligations, but also expressed their objection to the new practices included in Assembly Bill 438.

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0

5. Staff Reports-Administrative Services

i. Consideration of Scheduling Special Board Meeting on March 17, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Item approved with an amended start time of 7:00pm.

M/S/C- (Walters/Solomon)

Vote: 5 – 0

N. AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

- Board member elections resolution
- Discussions on revisiting masking protocols and review of new developments (April)

- Follow-up discussions on masking advocacy and possibly forming a subcommittee to address Senator Pan's proposed vaccine bill

O. ADJOURN TO CONTINUATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Board members resumed Closed Session at 9:23 PM to discuss previously stated closed session items.

P. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Board Members returned to Public Session at 11:02 PM.

Q. REPORT OUT OF SECOND CLOSED SESSION

Board President Rose announced that the Board took no action in Closed Session.

R. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Rose adjourned the meeting at 11:03 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2022. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



Board Clerk



Secretary