

Regular Board Meeting 05/09/2023 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 6:04 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 6:04 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. 2023020872
- 2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9: Potential Litigation: Case #18/19-04
- 3. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.9: Potential Litigation Case 22/23-07
- 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

#### E. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Board members returned to Regular Session at 7:07 PM.

### F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

In Closed session, the Board approved a settlement agreement in OAH Special Education Due Process Case No. 2023020872, pursuant to which the District, without admission of fault, has agreed to fund and provide specified educational services and reasonable attorneys fees collectively not to exceed \$32,650, in consideration of a release of claims against the District. The roll call vote was as follows:

M/S/C - (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0 Roll call vote: Haddoak - Aye Robert - Aye Smith – Aye Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

#### G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Newhall Elementary Student Cynthia Ramos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Robert)

Vote: 5 - 0

#### I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 25, 2023

Minutes approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

2. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 27, 2023

Minutes approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

#### J. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board member Solomon attended the beginner orchestra concerts;
- Board member Solomon attended the District's GATE Poetry Night and was blown away by the pieces submitted by our students. Mrs. Solomon would like to see this event in a grander scale next year and possibly included as part of the Arts Festival Night next year;
- Board member Solomon shared the SCV Council PTA is hosting its annual end-of-year Awards Banquet/Installation on June 5th where a few District site PTA members will be honored;
- Board member Robert attended the teacher tribute at College of the Canyons on April 28th and was delighted to share the experience with the District's honorees;
- Board members and Dr. Hernandez shared their wonderful experiences attending the Open
  House events throughout the District on May 4th. All were pleased to see the work accomplished
  by students and staff throughout the year and all sites seemed to have a wonderful turnout;
- Dr. Hernandez wished all students and staff good luck as they begin state testing this week, and thanked our teachers for always providing emotional support and high standards for our students.

#### K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Parent Rodolfo Ortiz addressed the Boards over concerns with the process of re-enrolling his son into Newhall Elementary School.

#### L. PUBLIC INTEREST

 Consideration of Approving Newhall Elementary School's Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)

Newhall Elementary Principal Jackie Tapia, Assistant Principal Jackie Booker, 6th Grade Teacher Angelica Huato Nelson, 5th grade student Cynthia Ramos, and parent Sylvia Cruz presented.

Approved the 2023/2024 Single Plan for Student Achievement for Newhall Elementary School. M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

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

Valencia Valley Elementary Principal Amy Gaudette, Resource Specialist Kelli Koogler, 6th Grade Student Ethan Harris, and PTA President Kelly Berry presented.

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

M/S/C- (Robert/Haddoak)

Vote: 5 - 0

Board President Smith called a short recess at 8:26 PM

Open session resumed at 8:31 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 - (Talley/Solomon)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak -Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

#### 3. Consent Calendar- Business Services

- Consideration of Approving Purchase Orders, B Warrants and Payroll Warrants
- ii. Consideration of Approving Gift Report #22/23-14
- iii. Consideration of Approving 2022-2023 District Recurring Contracts

#### 4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources

i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #22/23-20

#### 5. Consent Calendar- Administrative Services

i. Consideration of Approving Updates to the Peachland Elementary 6th Grade End-of-Year Pool Party

#### N. STAFF REPORTS

## 1. Staff Reports-Administrative Services

#### i. School #11 Discussions

District Consultant Dr. Marc Winger updated the Board on School #11. Five Points is now moving forward with construction of the Entrada South development located in the Saugus USD boundaries and is postponing the Homestead and Legacy developments located in NSD boundaries indefinitely. District staff was able to clear up a lot of miscommunication and misinformation, and both parties have agreed to meet twice a year in November and May as stated in the contract.

Development changes will result in declining enrollment trends as expected; however, Stevenson Ranch and Oak Hills Elementary have the space to continue to accommodate student enrollment from developments expected to be completed.

Staff and Board members thanked Dr. Winger for his support.

Board members directed staff to continue to be diligent in pursuing the mitigation agreement to get School #11 built in a timely manner. Moving forward, all developer changes and announcements must be communicated in writing, both via email and in written documents. Staff to provide the Board with updates regularly moving forward.

## ii. Approval of Resolution #22/23-24 Declaring May 21-27, 2023 as Classified School Employee Appreciation Week

Board members expressed their appreciation for classified staff throughout the District and expressed their gratitude for making students feel safe and supported.

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Robert)

Vote: 5-0

## iii. Consideration of Approving Administrative Services Board Policies - First Reading

Board Policy 0420.4 approved and waived additional readings.

M/S/C- (Talley/Solomon)

Vote: 5-0

A motion and second were made for Administrative Regulation 0420.4, but were rescinded shortly after to amend the motion.

Administrative Regulation 0420.4 approved with suggested amendments and waived additional readings.

M/S/C- (Robert/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

Board Bylaw 9270 was approved and waived additional readings.

M/S/C- (Talley/Haddoak)

Vote: 5-0

Board Bylaw 9320 will be brought back for second reading.

### 2. Staff Reports- Student Support Services

## Consideration or Approving Resolution #22/23-23 Recognizing May 10, 2023 as National School Nurse Day

Executive Director of Student Support Services Gina Ramallo thanked District nurses Danielle Ewing, Collette Sims and Sandi Gault for their continued support of our student. Ms. Ramallo then read Resolution #22/23-24 aloud.

Board members thanked the District nurses for their support, especially throughout the pandemic.

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Haddoak/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

Board member Solomon requested to read aloud Resolution #22/23-24: Declaring May 21-27, 2023 as Classified School Employee Appreciation Week. Mrs. Solomon read the Resolution aloud.

## ii. Consideration of Approving 2023 Master Contract with Achieve Behavioral Associates Item approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Robert)

Vote: 5-0

## iii. Consideration of Approving Student Support Services Board Policy - Second Reading

Administrative Regulation 6164.4 approved and waived additional readings.

M/S/C- (Talley/Haddoak)

Vote: 5-0

#### 3. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services

#### i. Independent Study Program Presentation

Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Kate Peattie and Director of Instruction, Assessment & Accountability Chad Rose provided an update on the District's current, long-term independent study program, including the challenges to maintain the program in coming years.

# ii. Consideration of Updating Board Policy and Admin Regulation 6158: Independent Study - First Reading

In conjunction with Item N.3.i, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Kate Peattie presented revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6158: Independent Study for consideration.

Board Policy 6158 approved and waived additional readings.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

Administrative Regulation 6158 approved and waived additional readings.

M/S/C- (Robert/Haddoak)

Vote: 5-0

#### iii. Attention 2 Attendance Presentation

Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Kate Peattie presented information about the A2A attendance notification system the District uses to collect data and monitor student attendance. The program has been a beneficial tool for attendance teams to focus on support and connections with students and families to improve attendance.

Board members requested staff provide SARB referral numbers by site and SART conference attendance numbers.

## iv. Consideration of Approving Instructional Services Board Policy - Second Reading Administrative Regulation 5142 approved with amendments and waived additional readings.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

#### 4. Staff Reports- Business Services

## i. Consideration of Approving Year End Appropriation Transfers for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Item approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Robert)

Vote: 5-0

## ii. Consideration of Approving Business Services Administrative Regulation 3516.2 - Second Reading

Admin Regulation 3516.2 approved and waived additional readings.

M/S/C- (Talley/Haddoak)

Vote: 5-0

### 5. Staff Reports - Human Resources

 Consideration of Accepting Newhall Employee Support Professionals (NESP) Proposal for 2023/2024 Negotiations

Item approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

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

• Safety presentation by consultant Daniel Rodriguez on safety progress for all sites and what to look for in the new year.

### P. ADJOURN TO CONTINUATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Second Closed Session was not held.

### Q. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:56 PM. The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2023. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.

Isaiah Talley, Board Clerk

Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary