

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 Robert, Smith, Solomon, and Talley were present.

Board member Haddoak was absent.

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. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of section 54956.9) OAH Special Education Due Process Case NO. 2024071061**
2. **Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.9: Potential Litigation: Case 24/25-04**
3. **Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.9: Potential Litigation: Case 22/23-02**
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 OPEN SESSION

Board members returned to Regular Session at 7:06 PM.

F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

In closed session, the Board approved a settlement agreement in OAH Special Education Due Process Case No. 2024071061, 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 \$162,752.00, in consideration of a release of claims against the District. The roll call vote was as follows:

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 4 – 0

Roll call vote:

Robert - Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley – Aye

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Suzan Solomon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 4 – 0

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 22, 2024**

Minutes approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 4 – 0

2. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Special Meeting: State of the District of October 29, 2024

Minutes approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 4 – 0

J. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board member Robert attended the District's Entrepreneur event at McGrath Elementary and was impressed with students' ideas. Ms. Robert recommends ideas be presented to the City of Santa Clarita;
- Board members Robert and Smith attended the Meadows Elementary Veterans Day event and shared how heartwarming it was to see every grade level perform;
- Board President Solomon attended the Walnut Street Players afterschool theater program at Newhall Elementary and shared students enjoyed themselves. Ms. Solomon looks forward to seeing the program grow in the future;
- Board President Solomon visited Valencia Valley and Oak Hills Schools with Superintendent Hernandez.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stevenson Ranch Elementary sixth grade student Kenneth Ordoña and parent Kelly Venn addressed the Board about concerns over the November 5, 2024 incident at the school. Both shared their fears as students and parents and requested the Board take action to avoid future incidents.

Newhall Elementary parent Rodolfo Ortiz requested the Board look into bringing a DLI program to Newhall, improve school safety throughout the school, and prepare for the changes that may come now that President-elect, Donald Trump, has been re-elected into office.

L. PUBLIC INTEREST**1. Recognition of Classified Employees of the Month**

Congratulations to the following individuals who their peers nominated as the Classified Employees of the Month:

- Library Media Tech Lilia Gucciardi, Meadows Elementary - October 2024
- Behavior Support Specialist Andrea Ramirez, Newhall Elementary - November 2024
- Preschool Paraprofessional Patricia Flores, Newhall State Preschool, November 2024

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: Talley / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 4 – 0

Roll call vote:

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 #24/25-2**
 - iii. **Consideration of Approving District Recurring Contracts**
4. **Consent Calendar- Human Resources**
 - i. **Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #24/25-08**

N. STAFF REPORTS

1. **Staff Reports- Student Support Services**
 - i. **Consideration of Approving Programming and Maintenance of SEIS/SIS Integration Components and Services**

The Student Support Services Department needs integration services for bidirectional data transfer between the Special Education Information System (SEIS) and the Student Information System (SIS) to allow streamlining of student data and information.

Item approved.
Motion: Smith / Seconded: Talley
Vote: 4 – 0
 - ii. **Consideration of Approving 2024-2025 Master Contract with Oren R. Boxer, Ph. D., A Psychological Corporation**

The Student Support Services Department needs additional support in the specialty of a Neuropsychology Evaluation for an Independent Educational Evaluation.

Item approved.
Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith
Vote: 4 – 0
2. **Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services**
 - i. **Consideration of Approving Proposal for Climate and Culture Staff Development at McGrath Elementary School**

McGrath Elementary School seeks to establish a partnership to provide staff development focused on Restorative Practices. This initiative aims to enhance the school climate and strengthen student connections, promoting a supportive and inclusive environment for all.

Item approved.
Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley
Vote: 4 – 0
 - ii. **Consideration of Approving 6th Grade Report Card for Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Program**

With the addition of 6th grade to our Dual Language Immersion program at Old Orchard Elementary, a DLI-specific report card is needed to include essential Spanish Language Standards.

Item approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Robert
Vote: 4 – 0

3. Staff Reports-Administrative Services

i. Annual Organizational Meeting Date Set for December 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Education Code Section 35143 sets forth the requirement of each school district, community college district, and county of education to hold an organizational meeting. Section 35143 also sets forth a list of specific actions required of local boards of trustees at the annual organizational meeting.

Item approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Talley
Vote: 4 – 0

ii. Final Planning Discussion for the 2024 California School Board Association Conference

Board members discussed final plans for the 2024 California School Boards Association Conference from December 4, 2024 - December 7, 2024, in Anaheim, CA.

iii. Planning Discussion Regarding a 2025 District Open House

Board members agreed to host the 2025 District Open House on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at Oak Hills Elementary School from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. Light snacks will be provided. The event will include breakout sessions to highlight the following topics:

- The Music Program
- The Dual Language Immersion Program
- Science Curriculum
- Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK)

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley
Vote: 4 – 0

iv. Consideration of Approving Resolution #24/25-07 Regarding the Absence of Board Member Haddoak at the October 22, 2024 Board Meeting

Item approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Talley
Vote: 4 – 0

v. Consideration of Approving Resolution #24/25-08 Regarding the Absence of Board Member Haddoak at the October 29, 2024 Special Board Meeting

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley
Vote: 4 – 0

4. Staff Reports- Business Services

i. Consideration of Approving Hardware Purchase and Software Agreement with Transfinder

Transfinder is a comprehensive transportation management system that offers GPS tracking for real-time bus locations, RFID badges for student boarding, and route optimization software. It also includes a trip request system, replacing the current system and a mobile app that provides parents with live updates on bus locations and estimated arrival times. This all-in-one solution enhances safety, improves efficiency, and keeps families informed.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert
Vote: 4 – 0

5. Staff Reports- Human Resources

i. Consideration of Approving Memorandum of Understanding with the Newhall School District and Newhall Teachers Association for Evaluations 2024-2026

Item approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Robert
Vote: 4 – 0

ii. Approving Memorandum of Understanding with the Newhall School District and Newhall Teachers Association for GLAD 2024-2025

The MOU will provide a stipend for the Be Glad trainers who participate in training. Each NSD Be Glad trainer will receive different components of the stipend based on the tasks completed in training.

Item approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Talley
Vote: 4 – 0

iii. Consideration of Approving Human Resources Board Policies - First Reading

Board Policy 0410 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley
Vote: 4 – 0

Board Policy 4030 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith
Vote: 4 – 0

Administrative Policy 4030 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert
Vote: 4 – 0

Board Policy 1312.3 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Smith
Vote: 4 – 0

Administrative Policy 1312.3 approved with option 2 and waived additional readings.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Robert
Vote: 4 – 0

O. AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

- Raising the Curtain presentation

P. ADJOURN TO SECOND CLOSED SESSION

Board members resumed Closed Session at 8:04 PM to discuss previously stated closed session items.

Q. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Board Members returned to Public Session at 8:28 PM.

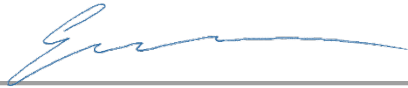
R. REPORT OUT OF SECOND CLOSED SESSION

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


S. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Solomon adjourned the meeting at 8:29 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2024. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



Ernesto Smith, Governing Board Clerk



Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary