



**Regular Board Meeting Agenda**

**11/16/2021 06:00 PM**

Newhall School District  
25375 Orchard Village Rd  
Valencia, CA 91355

**Meeting Minutes**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Walters called the Regular meeting of the Governing Board to order at 6:01 PM.

**B. ROLL CALL**

- 1. Donna Rose, Ernesto Smith, Suzan Solomon, Isaiah Talley, Brian Walters**  
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 6:02 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**

**E. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION**

Board members returned to Public Session at 7:03 PM.

**F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

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

**G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director of Business and Fiscal Services Kevin Vensko led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Agenda approved.  
M/S/C – (Solomon/Talley)  
Vote: 5-0

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 2, 2021**  
Minutes approved.  
M/S/C – (Rose/Smith)  
Vote: 5-0

**J. GOVERNING BOARD AND EXECUTIVE CABINET ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Board Members Rose, Solomon and Smith shared their experiences visiting and volunteering at sites over the last two weeks. Members were delighted to tour special-ed, intervention and PE programs;
- Board President Walters attended parent/teacher conferences and shared how positive it's been to see the teachers implement educational tools approved in the last year;
- Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Amanda Montemayor commended site staff efforts as they prepare for parent/teacher conferences;
- Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Dee Jamison hosted the District's first LCAP Parent Advisory Council. Attendance was outstanding and parents were very engaged in discussions.

**K. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

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

No items removed.

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

Consent Calendar approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/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 #21/22-8****iii. Consideration of Approving Recurring Contract****4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources****i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #21/22-09****5. Consent Calendar- Student Support Services****i. Consideration of Approving Amendment of 2021-2022 Contract with Arcadia Audiometric Associates, Inc.****M. STAFF REPORTS****1. Staff Reports-Administrative Services****i. Consideration of Approving Resolution #21/22-11: Request to Governor Gavin Newsom to Reconsider or Rescind the COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate for Public and Private TK-12 Students**

Several members (13) of the public expressed their gratitude and support of the Resolution, and encouraged the Governing Board to continue to work with the community to provide a healthy, positive education for all

students.

Other members (3) of the public also addressed the Board over concerns with approving the proposed Resolution, including the safety and health of the public.

Board members shared their perspectives on the Resolution and views on a parent's right to choose.

Item approved.

M/S/C – (Talley/Solomon)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon- Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

**President Walters called for a short recess at 7:57 PM.**

**Board members reconvened to regular session at 8:06 PM.**

**ii. Follow Up Discussion on Virtual Public Comment Protocols**

At the request of the Governing Board, Superintendent Pelzel discussed the costs and legal implications involved with including virtual public comments during public Board meetings. Mr. Pelzel also shared a "hybrid" option, which would allow for virtual participants to make public comments. In order to move forward, the Board would be required to adopt a formal resolution.

After discussing the options presented and sharing individual perspectives, Board members agreed to move forward with formal resolution. They also requested staff research closed caption options for virtual participants and provide sample language that addresses technical failures and protocols on a limited public speaker time.

Superintendent Pelzel thanked Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sheri Staszewski, Director of I.T. Ken McGaffee and Executive Assistant Rosana Valadez for establishing a process to implement a virtual speaker option.

**iii. Final Planning for California School Board Association Conference**

Board and Executive Cabinet members discussed events they would like to attend while at the CSBA Education Conference in San Diego, CA.

**iv. Consideration of Approving Resolution #21/22-10 Regarding the Absence of Board Member Talley at the November 2, 2021 Board Meeting**

Item approved.

M/S/C – (Solomon/Smith)

Vote: 5-0

2. **Staff Reports- Student Support Services**
  - i. **Consideration of Approving 2021-2022 Master Contract with ATX Learning, LLC**

Item approved.  
M/S/C – (Rose/Smith)  
Vote: 5-0
  
3. **Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services**
  - i. **Presentation of the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant**

Superintendent Jeff Pelzel and Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Dee Jamison provided an overview of the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant. The one-time funding will be expended to support ten areas of focus, including professional learning focused on educator equity, quality, and effectiveness.

Board members were appreciative of the proposed plan, given the time constraints and the investment the District is making in its staff.

Although the first allocation has already been disbursed, staff will bring back a formal agenda item for Board approval.
  
  - ii. **Consideration of approving the MILE Assessments invoice from the University of Washington Center for Educational Leadership**

Item approved.  
M/S/C – (Solomon/Talley)  
Vote: 5-0
  
4. **Staff Reports- Business Services**
  - i. **COVID-19 Related Funding Update**

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sheri Staszewski and Director of Business and Fiscal Services Kevin Vensko updated the Governing Board on all COVID-19 related funding sources and planned expenditures.

Staff has been strategic in spending its most restrictive funds first to avoid forfeiting to the State. While staff is making every effort to address current needs, unforeseen updates on future expenditures could shift plans presented tonight.
  
5. **Staff Reports- Human Resources**
  - i. **Consideration of Accepting Newhall Employee Support Professionals (NESP) Proposal for 2021/2022 Negotiations**

Item approved.  
M/S/C – (Solomon/Talley)  
Vote: 5-0
  
  - ii. **Consideration of Accepting the Newhall School District (NSD) 2021/2022 Contract Proposal for Newhall Employee Support Professionals (NESP)**

Item approved.  
M/S/C – (Rose/Smith)  
Vote: 5-0
  
  - iii. **Consideration of Accepting the Newhall School District (NSD) 2021/2022 Contract Proposal for Newhall Teachers' Association (NTA)**

Item approved.  
M/S/C – (Solomon/Talley)  
Vote: 5-0

**iv. Consideration of Approving AALRR Consulting Contract for Student Support Services Department**

Item approved.  
M/S/C – (Solomon/Talley)  
Vote: 5-0

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

- CSBA Delegate Assembly Nomination
- Establishment of December 14th Board meetings:
  - Closed Session: 6:00 PM
  - Organizational Meeting: 6:30 PM
  - Regular Session: 7:00 PM

**O. ADJOURN TO CONTINUATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

There was no continuation of Closed Session.

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Walters adjourned the meeting at 9:03 PM.

The next Regular Board meeting and the annual Organizational meeting are scheduled for December 14, 2021. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. The Organizational meeting begins at 6:30 PM. Regular Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



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Board Clerk



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Secretary