

Meeting Minutes

Regular Board Meeting Agenda 11/02/2021 06:00 PM

Newhall School District 25375 Orchard Village Rd Valencia, CA 91355

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Walters called the Regular meeting of the Governing Board to order at 7:01 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Board Members Rose, Smith, Solomon and Walters were present.

Board Member Talley was absent.

All Cabinet Members were present.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no public comments.

D. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Board Members and Executive Cabinet did not hold a Closed Session.

E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director of I.T. Ken McGaffee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved.

M/S/C - (Solomon/Rose)

Vote: 4-0

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 26, 2021

Minutes approved.

M/S/C - (Solomon/Rose)

Vote: 4-0

H. GOVERNING BOARD AND EXECUTIVE CABINET ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board members Solomon and Rose visited the Peachland Elementary Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs. Both were thankful to staff for a warm welcome;
- District support team meetings kicked off last week with the McGrath and Wiley Canyon Elementary staff;
- The District is in the middle of the IBM grant process; staff is excited to improve policies and procedures throughout the District.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

 The following members of the community and parents addressed the Governing Board over concerns with mask mandates and impending vaccine mandates for elementary school-aged children. Board members were asked to make efforts to oppose government-enforced mandates:

Nancy

*Breanne

Yasemine Tekeli

*Cindy Jostin

Laura DeSesa

*Kevin Johnson

Steve Ford

* Santa R.

J. PUBLIC INTEREST

1. Governing Board Discussion on Virtual Public Comment Protocols

Board members held discussions on the role virtual public comments could play in future Governing Board meetings. Currently, participants requesting to make public comment, but are not able to attend a meeting in-person, are permitted to submit a comment by 5:00 PM the day before the meeting via a Google form. Staff then read these submitted comments.

Superintendent Pelzel shared that after consulting with the District's legal counsel, best practice is to allow for public comments in person and allow the public to continue to submit comments ahead of time to be read by staff. Brown Act policy also states that the District can authorize virtual public comments, but it must approve a resolution to move forward with the action.

NTA Co-President Hillary Hall addressed the Board and urged they pass a resolution allowing the community to participate in public comment virtually. Ms. Hall stated virtual public comment allows for increased attendance and provides a much bigger impact when the community can share their perspective.

Board members deliberated on the advantages and disadvantages of virtual public comments including:

- Impact and costs for additional staffing
- Staff and community inclusion
- Impact on decision making
- Technology needs and impact/liability
- Efficiency/best practices

Board members agreed to delay a decision in consideration of Board member Talley's absence. The Board requested staff provide statistics, including attendance numbers and comments submitted. They also requested staff explore a pre-recorded comment feature.

K. 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/Smith)

Vote: 4 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon- 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 #21/22-7
- 4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources
 - i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #21/22-08

5. Consent Calendar - Curriculum/Instructional Services

i. For Consideration of Approving the 2021-22 Document Tracking Services Licensing Agreement

L. STAFF REPORTS

Staff Reports- Student Support Services

 Consideration of Approving 2021-2022 Master Contract with Sunbelt Staffing, LLC Item approved.

M/S/C - (Rose/Solomon)

Vote: 4-0

ii. Consideration of Approving 2021-2022 Master Contract with Professional Tutors of America Inc.

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Solomon/Smith)

Vote: 4-0

2. Staff Reports- Human Resources

 Presentation on the Recommendations from the Student Support Services Audit by Diana Casato, Education Support Services Group

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Amanda Montemayor and Executive Director of Student Support Services Gina Ramallo shared the results and recommendations from AALRR consultant Diana Casato's analysis and observations of the District over a 2-week period. Ms. Casato identified 6 areas of needs that will allow for the Student Support Services Department and District to grow and evolve, and better support students, staff, and families.

In response to Board member questions, staff shared that next steps include a review of funding sources, scheduling of meetings with District stakeholders to gather feedback and build out a plan, and determining District priorities.

Board members requested staff explore additional services from Ms. Casato to assist with the implementation process.

3. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services

i. Presentation of Growth Report Model

Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Dee Jamison provided a PowerPoint presentation on a new model from the State that shows trend data on our State assessment results.

ii. Consideration of Approving First Reading of Board Policy 6120: Response to Instruction and Intervention

Policy approved and waived additional readings.

M/S/C - (Solomon/Smith)

Vote: 4-0

4. Staff Reports- Business Services

i. Consideration of Approving Resolution # 21/22-09 to Approve and Readopt Existing Trustee Area Map

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Rose/Smith)

Vote: 4-0

ii. Consideration of Approving the Purchase of Kitchen Equipment through Arrow Restaurant Equipment

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Solomon/Smith)

Vote: 4-0

iii. Consideration of Approving First Reading of Revised Board Policy 3516.5: Emergency Schedules

Policy approved and waived additional readings.

M/S/C - (Solomon/Rose)

Vote: 4-0

iv. Consideration of Approving First Reading of Revised Administrative Regulation 3516.1: Fire Drills and Fires

Policy approved and waived additional readings.

M/S/C - (Solomon/Rose)

Vote: 4-0

5. Staff Reports-Administrative Services

i. Consideration of Approving First Reading of Board Policy 2210: Administrative Discretion Regarding Board Policy

Policy approved with amendments and waived additional readings.

M/S/C - (Rose/Smith)

Vote: 4-0

M. AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

• Report on extra funding expenditures

N. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Walters adjourned the meeting at 8:51 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2021. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.

Board Clerk

Secretary