

Regular Board Meeting 11/08/2022 06:00 PM Newhall School District 25375 Orchard Village Road Valencia, CA 91355

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

## A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Rose called the Regular meeting of the Governing Board to order at 6:02 PM.

#### B. ROLL CALL

- Donna Rose, Ernesto Smith, Suzan Solomon, Isaiah Talley, Brian Walters Board members Rose, Smith, and Solomon were present. Board members Talley and Walters were absent. 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 6:03 PM.

Board member Talley arrived at 6:05 PM.

Board member Walters arrived at 6:30 PM.

- 1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee- Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint 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 7:10 PM.

- F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION Board President Rose announced that the Board took no action in Closed Session.
- G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE School Psychologist Dr. Glenda Oliva led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Agenda approved with an amendment to move up item O.2.ii to Public Interest. M/S/C- (Smith/Solomon) Vote: 5 - 0

#### I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 25, 2022 Minutes approved.
  M/S/C- (Talley/Walters) Vote: 5 – 0
- J. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - Board member Walters attended a presentation hosted by the west side school principals where the topic of social media and its impact on students and families. A second presentation will be scheduled soon and it's strongly recommended parents attend;
  - Board member Walters attended Pico Canyon's Husky Harvest recently and was appreciative of the staff and the PTA for putting on an amazing event;

- Board member Walters urged individuals who had not voted to go out and vote before the 8:00 PM deadline;
- Board member Solomon and Dr. Hernandez expressed their gratitude to our community of educators and staff for supporting our students;
- Dr. Hernandez thanked all the students and families who participated in the Tomorrow's Entrepreneur Competition (TEC). Dr. Hernandez was blown away by the level of participation and the innovative ideas our students presented.

# K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

## L. CORRESPONDENCE

## 1. 2022-23 Unaudited Actuals Letter from LACOE

Pursuant to Education Code (EC) Sections 1240(b) and 42100, the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools (County Superintendent) has completed the District's Unaudited Actuals for fiscal year 2021-22.

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sheri Staszewski clarified the reserve for economic uncertainties required to maintain the District's available reserves. Corrections will be completed by first interim.

## M. PUBLIC INTEREST

1. Presentation of Tomorrow's Entrepreneur Competition (TEC) Winner and Their Projects As part of our district-wide opportunity for students who are Gifted and Talented, high achieving, and those interested in an enrichment activity, the District held its second annual Tomorrow's Entrepreneur Competition (TEC). Students from all ten school sites, in grades 3-6 were invited to submit an innovative idea on how they would enhance their school with an idea of their creation.

Director of Instruction, Assessment, & Accountability Chad Rose introduced the first place winners from the District's ten sites and winners were allowed to share their ideas with the Governing Board and Executive Cabinet. Congratulations to the following students:

Derrek	Lopez	McGrath	4th Grade
Hannah	Kosmal	Meadows	4th Grade
Alex	Ramirez	Newhall	5th Grade
Inyoul	Hwang	OakHills	5th Grade
Gabrielle	Fischer	Old Orchard	4th Grade
Elsie	Craig-Forcum	Peachland	6th Grade
Adhiraj	De	Pico Canyon	5th Grade
Keira	Lowe	Stevenson Ranch	6th Grade
Aksiniia	Britsova	Valencia Valley	3rd Grade
Iman	Hamid	Wiley Canyon	5th Grade

Adhiraj De from Pico Canyon Elementary was named the District's grand prize winner!

### "National School Psychology Awareness Week"

Board members recognized the contributions School Psychologists bring to their profession and our students, and the difference they make. Thank you to our psychologists for helping grow the entire child and for playing a vital role in their mental health.

Item approved with revisions. M/S/C - (Walters/Solomon) Vote: 5 - 0

## N. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Removal of Items From the Consent Calendar No items were removed.
- Consideration of Approving Items on the Consent Calendar Consent calendar approved. 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 #22/23-6
  - iii. Consideration of Approving 2022-2023 District Recurring Contracts
- 4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources
  - i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #22/23-08

## O. STAFF REPORTS

- 1. Staff Reports- Business Services
  - i. One-Time Funding Discussion

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sheri Staszewski presented the balance of one-time funds as of June 30, 2022 and the multi-year plans to expend those funds. In addition, Ms. Staszewski introduced two additional sources of one-time funding, including the amount, timeline to expend, allowable expenditures and recommendations.

For the Arts, Music, Instructional Materials Block Grant staff recommends funding:

- Replacement of aging smart boards in classrooms
- Future textbook adoptions
- Risers
- Off-schedule settlement compensation for the District's bargaining units
- Equipment for the Music Department
- Professional Development for the Music Department

For the Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant staff recommends funding:

- 1 School Counselor per site
- 1 LST per site
- Increase in instructional learning time via after school enrichment programs

Board members held discussions on the District's needs and recommended District staff survey site staff for input. The Board directed staff provide a list of considerations and prioritize items.

District staff had identified the need for additional risers throughout the District and is currently working on purchasing in time for winter's school music concerts.

- ii. Consideration of Approving Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between LACOE and Newhall School District for BEST Implementation Item approved with the lump sum payment option. M/S/C - (Solomon/Talley) Vote: 5 - 0
- iii. Consideration of Approving Contract with Fagen Friedman & Fulfrost, LLP for Legal Services Item approved.

M/S/C - (Walters/Solomon) Vote: 5 - 0

- iv. Consideration of Approving Contract with West Oaks Pest Control for Bi-Monthly and Monthly Services Item approved. M/S/C - (Walters/Talley) Vote: 5 - 0
- Consideration of Approving Contract with Infinity Communications & Consulting, Inc. for Category Two E-Rate Services Item approved. M/S/C - (Solomon/Smith) Vote: 5 - 0

## 2. Staff Reports- Student Support Services

 Consideration of Approving 22-23 Master Contract with Specialized Therapy Services, Inc. Item approved. M/S/C - (Talley/Smith) Vote: 5 - 0

ii. Consideration of Approving Resolution #22/23-09 Declaring November 7-11, 2022 as "National School Psychology Awareness Week" Item moved up to the Public Interest section of the Agenda.

#### 3. Staff Reports-Administrative Services

i. Final Planning Discussion for the 2022 California School Board Association Conference

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

ii. Planning Discussion Regarding a 2023 District Open House

Board members agreed to host an in-person 2023 Open House after a hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Members tentatively agreed to host the event at Oak Hills Elementary on February 7, 2023 at 6:30 PM. Follow-up discussions will be held at a future Board meeting to discuss breakout sessions.

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

• Annual Organizational Board Meeting

# Q. ADJOURN TO CONTINUATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Board members resumed Closed Session at 8:52 PM to discuss previously stated closed session items.

## R. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Board Members returned to Public Session at 9:03 PM.

S. REPORT OUT OF SECOND CLOSED SESSION Board President Rose announced that the Board took no action in the second Closed Session.

## T. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Board Clerk

Geticia Herander Secretary