

## MEETING MINUTES

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Smith called the Regular meeting of the Governing Board to order at 6:00 PM.

**B. ROLL CALL: Rachelle Haddoak, Donna Robert, Ernesto Smith, Suzan Solomon, Isaiah Talley**

Board members Haddoak, Robert, Smith, Solomon, and Talley were present.

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 6:01 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, Human Resources
3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Superintendent Evaluation: 2023-2024 Goals

**E. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION**

Board members returned to Regular Session at 7:02 PM.

**F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

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

**G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director of Facilities Fred Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Agenda approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 – 0

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 26, 2023

Minutes approved.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 – 0

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

- Board member Solomon thanked Old Orchard Elementary on behalf of the Board for the student art displayed in the Board Room;
- Board member Solomon participated in the Wiley Canyon and Newhall Elementary Orenda training sessions; Mrs. Solomon also attended a site visit to Meadows Elementary with Dr. Hernandez and enjoyed observing staff and students engaged;
- Board member Solomon attended the Science Night for Old Orchard, Meadows, and Pico Elementary and shared the events had great attendance;

- Board member Robert visited Old Orchard and shared how great it was to see teachers using strategies as they worked in small groups. Ms. Robert also shared it is nice to see the District's investments pay off well;
- Board members Solomon and Robert, and Dr. Hernandez attended the Boys & Girls Club Great Futures Breakfast. Ms. Robert shared she is pleased the District has partnered with Boys & Girls Club to provide after school programs for all ten sites;
- Dr. Hernandez invited the public to the Newhall Family Theatre's Saturday's Kids production of Fractured Fairytales and Thomas the Turkey on November 4th. There will be two showings at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM, and tickets are \$5;
- Dr. Hernandez thanked District administrators for all they do for their staff, students, and school community as we celebrate Week of the Administrator;
- Assistant Superintendent Amanda Montemayor welcomed newly appointed Educational Tech Program Coordinator Elizabeth Gomez to the Newhall Team!

**K. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**L. PUBLIC INTEREST****1. Presentation on Wiley Canyon's 6th Grade Field Trip to the Holocaust Museum LA**

Wiley Canyon teacher Stacie Paredes, 6th Grade parent Rosana Valadez, and 6th grade students shared a short presentation on their recent field trip to the Holocaust Museum LA. This is the first time any school in the District has visited the Museum.

**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. Board members thanked the District's parent organizations and individuals who provided donations to support various school resources, including the music program.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

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 #23/24-4****iii. Consideration of Approving District Recurring Contracts****4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources****i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #23/24-04****5. Consent Calendar - Curriculum/Instructional Services****i. Consideration of Approving Capturing Kids Hearts Contract for Pico Canyon Elementary**

- ii. **Consideration of Approving Proposed Contract Amendment to Boys & Girls Club of SCV 2023-24 ELOP Services at Meadows, Pico Canyon, Stevenson Ranch, Valencia Valley, and Oak Hills Elementary Schools**

#### **N. STAFF REPORTS**

##### **1. Staff Reports- Student Support Services**

- i. **Consideration of Approving 2023-2024 License and Service Agreement with HopSkipDrive, Inc.**

Executive Director of Student Support Services Gina Ramallo shared that the agreement will provide transportation for students who are served under the McKinney-Vento Act and reside outside of bus service areas.

Item approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 – 0

- ii. **Consideration of Approving School Psychologist Attendance to the California Association of School Psychologists Annual Convention**

Executive Director of Student Support Services Gina Ramallo shared that attendance at the annual conference will help our school psychologists embrace challenges, expand their learning, and continue to make a difference with Newhall students.

Item approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

##### **2. Staff Reports-Administrative Services**

- i. **Safety Discussions**

Superintendent Hernandez shared the District is looking for input from Board members on how best to utilize funds from a safety grant. Board members agreed there is a need to continue to add security measures throughout all school campuses and recommended staff look into estimates for additional lighting and cameras for all schools.

Recommendations for purchase will be brought to a future meeting.

- ii. **Consideration of Approving Resolution #23/24-08 Regarding the Absence of Board Member Talley at the September 26, 2023 Board Meeting**

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 – 0

- iii. **Consideration of Approving the Williams Quarterly Summary Report**

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Solomon

Vote: 5 – 0

##### **3. Staff Reports- Business Services**

- i. **Discussion on Potential New Bond Program**

Board members held discussions on potentially adding a new bond to the 2024 elections. Board members agreed the priority at this point is the consideration of whether or not the community will support a bond.

Discussions about the use of bond funds included addressing additional safety

measures, portable classroom replacement at a couple of sites, and improvements to the Annex building next to the Newhall Family Theatre.

Board members reached a consensus to move forward with hiring a polling firm to assist with the community input process. Firms will be asked to attend a future Board meeting where they will present to the Governing Board. The Board will make a final selection at that point.

**4. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services**

**i. Consideration of Approving Instructional Services Board Policies - First Reading**

Board Policy 6173.4 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 - 0

Administrative Regulation 6173.4 deemed obsolete and unnecessary.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 - 0

Board Policy 6174 approved with suggested edits and waived additional readings.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 - 0

Administrative Regulation 6174 approved with suggested edits and waived additional readings.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 - 0

**5. Staff Reports- Human Resources**

**i. Consideration of Approving Induction Pay from Educator Effectiveness Block Grant**

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Amanda Montemayor shared that the California Educator Effectiveness Block Grant states that Districts may use a portion of these funds to cover the costs of teachers participating in Teacher Induction. All NSD teachers who participated in 2022-2023 and are participating in the 2023-2024 Induction Consortium will have their tuition costs reimbursed by NSD through this grant.

Item approved.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 - 0

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

- Report on CAASPP scores

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

Board members resumed Closed Session at 8:26 PM to discuss previously stated closed session items.

**Q. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

Board Members returned to Public Session at 9:07 PM.

**R. REPORT OUT OF SECOND CLOSED SESSION**

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

**S. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:08 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2023. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



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Isaiah Talley, Governing Board Clerk



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Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary